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Stephen Mott Is Summoned.

Stephen Mott one of the first settlers of American Fork answered a final summons early last Saturday morning, after a well spent and useful life, being in his eighty-fifth year, of which fifty-five years has been passed in this city. The funeral services were held in Science hall Monday afternoon. The stand and pulpit was beautifully decorated for the occasion. The Old F. I. S. choir opened the service by singing "Rest on the Hillside." Washburn Chipman was the first speaker, he spoke of incidents in the early life of deceased. The Leffler family quartet then sang "When the Angels Have Lifted the Veil." The next two speakers being George Cunningham and Wm Grant.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

BY ELY J. CLAYSON

In the early part of the 19th century there lived in LaSalle County, Canada, a sturdy pioneer couple, Hyrum and Elizabeth Kuapp Mott. On the seventh day of May, 1822, was born to them their first child Stephen, the subject of this sketch, and the eldest of a family of five sons and two daughters. His boyhood days were spent with his parents in the real pioneer life of Canada, where they remained until he was nineteen years of age.

At that time 1841, he removed with his father's family to Nauvoo, Illinois, his father, mother, and one brother having previously joined the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

At Nauvoo they remained, sharing the varied experiences and trials of the Latter Day Saints, till the general exodus of the Saints from that place in 1846, when they crossed the Mississippi river, and settled with many others of the exiles in Des Moines, Iowa.

Here they remained until 1852, when they crossed the plains with ox teams in Warren Smith's company, arriving in Utah September 15th of the same year and settling in American Fork, where Bro Stephen Mott (famously known as "Uncle Steve") has made his home till the time of his death, Saturday, August 4, 1906.

A few years after settling in American Fork Bro. Mott became a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and was shortly afterwards sent to company with Stephen Chipman Sr. and William Henry Chipman to help build Deer Creek, a provision station for the emigrants between the Missouri river and Salt Lake Valley. From this mission they were called to return just previous to the arrival of Johnson's Army in Utah.

During his life Bro. Mott has married three wives: Melissa Smith in 1850, Alice Thornton in 1856; and Mary Stoddard in 1862, all of whom survive him. The no children have been born to either of his wives, they have raised three; sisters Fannie Chipman and Louisa R. Miller and Bro Albert Sager Mott from infancy to man and womanhood, and have assisted in the rearing of others notably among the Bishop Warren B. Smith. It can truly be said of Bro. Mott that he was a "Father to the fatherless" and a friend to those in need.

He remained a member of the Church until the time of his death, and has ever been ready with his means and advice to assist the unfortunate, as well as to advance the interests of the community financially and morally. Besides the wives and children named, a host of relatives remain to mourn the loss of one of the pioneers of our fair city.

From the Mission Field

Elder Sam Grant Writes Interesting Letter of California.

Sacramento, Cal. Aug. 4, 1906. W. D. Lovelace, Editor Citizen. Dear Brother: Thinking the many readers of the Citizen would be pleased to hear from this part of the Lord's vineyard, I will endeavor to write you briefly. There are four elders laboring here in Sacramento, namely, James A. Hymas of Liberty, Idaho, P. A. Nelson of La Jara, Colo. Thomas Cottam of St. George and myself. We all seem to be enjoying the spirit of our mission. Our conference president, Elder Arthur T. McCarty gave us a very pleasant visit last week, staying on Sunday with us. We were all at San Francisco during

the earthquake and fire and gained an experience that cannot be bought for money, and one that I think we will not forget; have been laboring here ever since.

There are a great many churches here, and the greater part of the people take some interest in some kind of religion. We hold two or three meetings every week, and hold Sunday services in Unity Hall on 1st between 7th and 8th Sts. We also hold prayer and testimony meetings every Wednesday evening, at the homes of Saints, very often friends come in and attend our services. We treat among the people two days in each week and visit orphans and Saints the remainder.

We have made two country trips this summer and expect to make two more. Elder Neilson and I spent a very pleasant week at Auburn we had good success and feel satisfied in our labors. We haven't as yet made any baptisms this summer but expect to make two next week. Sacramento has been visited several times and we are now working on the outskirts, on the east, and have a nice walk of about four miles every day we tract. There used to be a Sacramento conference but was joined to the San Francisco conference about five or six years ago. And since a great many of the Saints have moved away some to Utah and some to other parts of California. There are only about eighteen or twenty families of Saints here now, but they are all strong in the faith and treat the elders very kindly. We have had several outings this summer and had some real enjoyable times. Pioneer day, a number of the Saints and we elders about twenty five in number, took a ride up the Sacramento river about eight or nine miles in a gasoline launch we stopped at a spot where the grass was green and lots of shade trees, and spent a very enjoyable day in games, boating, bathing and fishing and also had a nice lunch. We saw one of the large hot fluids of California and had the privilege of picking figs from the trees and eating them.

We have many friends here and are still making more, we oftentimes hear the people talk of the great tabernacle which the good people in Utah build say of the readers of the Citizen happen in Sacramento we would be pleased to have them call on us, we can be found at 417 O. -P. I always enjoy reading the Citizen and look forward to its arrival each week. Will close with kind regards and best wishes to yourself and my friends I remain your brother in the Gospel, Elder S. F. Grant

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Alpine Stake Conference Held at Alpine

Apostle Richards of Salt Lake and Professors Brimhall Hinkley of B. Y. U. Give Interesting Talk.

The twenty-second conference of the Alpine stake of Zion convened at Alpine at 10 a. m. Saturday. There were present of the general authorities Apostle George F. Richards, the stake president, a fair representation of high counselors, and a small congregation of Saints.

President S. L. Chipman presided. The Alpine choir furnished the singing. Meeting was opened by the choir and congregation singing "Praise to the man who communed with Jehovah."

Prayer was offered by Elder Timothy McCarty. President S. L. Chipman made some opening remarks. Expressed thanks to the bishop and people of Alpine for the accommodations furnished for this occasion. The stake presidency are united, and the high council and bishopric are united with them. The auxiliary organizations are active and doing good work. Felt that the moral and social conditions of the stake are scarcely what they should be. The Sabbath is not observed as it ought to be.

The rest of the forenoon was spent in hearing reports and in an address by Apostle George F. Richards. Singing from page of hymn book 95. Benediction by Patriarch Henry Moyle.

Second session convened in meeting house at 2 p. m. with a better attendance. Meeting opened by the choir and congregation singing from page 6 of the hymn book.

Prayer was offered by Elias A. Bushman. President A. J. Evans endorsed the marks of previous speakers and thankful for the blessings the pouring out upon His people.

The paying of tithing and the observance of observing all of God's commandments. We should observe fast day and our fast day donations.

Bishop A. L. Cullimore gave report of the London ward. Same as being in good condition. The choir rendered an excellent report of his ward.

New meeting houses for the increase of members. The choir rendered an excellent report of his ward.

Meeting was opened by the choir singing "Israel, Israel, God is calling." Prayer was offered by Patriarch Wm. Clarke.

Assistant Superintendent J. W. Walker reported Sunday schools of stake to be in good working order. There are 15 schools, 3,873 pupils between the age of 4 and 20 years in stake 2,676 enrolled, 747 officers and teachers. The officers and teachers average attendance is 75 per cent., of pupils 85 per cent; 89 per cent of the officers and teachers, and 88 per cent of the pupils keep the word of wisdom, and 94 per cent of the officers and teachers pay tithing.

Heber E. Robinson of American Fork First ward spoke briefly of his experiences in the East the last four years, where he had been studying medicine. Admonished the Saints to keep the Sabbath day holy.

Bishop James T. Gardner of American Fork First ward and Bishop S. L. Swenson of Pleasant Grove gave statistical reports of their wards and reported their general condition.

The choir sang an anthem. Rebecca Standing reported relief societies to be in excellent condition and doing a great deal of good work.

Apostle Richards occupied the rest of the session. Singing from page 146. Benediction by Wm. M. Bromley. Fourth session began at 2 p. m. Meeting was opened by the choir singing from page of hymn book 88.

Prayer was offered by Bishop Eli Bennett. President Geo. H. Brimhall and E. S. Hinkley of the B. Y. University were present at this session.

President Jas. H. Clarke spoke on admonishing the parents to carefully watch over their children. Sister Sina Chipman related her experiences while on her visit to Europe. Choir sang, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

President Geo. H. Brimhall delivered a very forceful and impressive oration on the principles of the gospel. The general and local authorities were presented and unanimously sustained.

Released since last quarterly conference: Joseph F. Pulley, Leo T. Shelley and Martin Hansen. Home missionaries James M. Anderson, first assistant superintendent Sunday schools; Zina Forbes, corresponding secretary and treasurer; James Kirkham, chorister; Edward Southwick, member of the board; Stephen W. Ross, James Peterson, Jas. H. Walker stake superintendent; my fellow laborers.

Anthem by choir. Benediction by Emil Anderson. Conference adjourned for three months.

To Do Dry Farming.

In the past two weeks many of our citizens have become greatly enthused with the dry farming possibilities of Cedar Valley. Congress has recently passed a measure throwing open for selection the Ft. Cretenden Military reserve which takes in a greater part of this valley. Lehi as well as this city is taking up this land, and the plans now being talked up, are to purchase a large steam plow to break up and work the land, as has been proven the greatest success in raising dry land grain is through plowing the land at a great depth, which could not be done so economically with horses and sulky plows.

About twenty men from here visited Cedar Valley the first of the week, and on Wednesday the following citizens visited the State land office at Salt Lake and each filed on a 160 acre homestead: James T. Gardner, S. L. Chipman, James H. Clark, F. D. Cassidy, John H. Davis, Tim McCarty, Ole Anderson, Virgil Groo, Amon Shelly, Eli J. Clayton, E. B. Hawkins, John R. Hindley, Sam Stark and Oliver Sjoestedt.

There will probably be many more from this city take up a homestead next week, as there is no doubt in the minds of those who have visited the land, that a good crop of dry land grain can be grown.

How Did He Get Out of the Box?

"Cunning" (Bob Cunningham) is simply a wonder in the expression of those who witnessed his scientific ballbearing exhibition in the opera house Thursday night. A volunteer committee from the audience, consisting of J. W. Storrs, John Peters, J. O. Adams, Ed. Hunter, Wm. Eismor, Fred Wright Jr. Jesse S. Miner and W. D. Lovelace went on the stage to expose his tricks. Despite all efforts of tying handcuffs, shackles and chains "Cunning" was not long in getting out of the steel cage or free from the ropes advertised as the "Bird Degree," although the handcuffs and shackles were furnished by the committee and belonged to the city police force and the county sheriff; nothing could hold him. The thing that worried the committee most was how he got out of a 2x2x3 feet dry goods box into which he had been securely fastened. The box was examined and found to be an ordinary box such as goods are shipped in every day. Cunningham oil oiled in the box and by a great effort was able to double up so the top could be rolled on, which was done by Fred Wright, John Adams then bound the box securely with a rope.

In just five minutes from the time the box was covered Cunningham was out and as far as the committee could see not a nail had been disturbed, it will had the rope tied as Mr Adams had left it.

Camp Life. Editor Citizen— I thought perhaps you would like just a little canyon news for we have a regular string of villages up here and manipulate things in a very business like and society fashion, as follows:

The newly begun vein at the Pacific is looking fine. New work is being manipulated at the Bog.

The Whirlwind as everybody knows is looking up. The prospectors, miners and visitors pronounce a big thing for American Fork canyon someday, and a day not far distant.

James Chipman Jr and his company called at camp Jackson Sunday on their way to the Dutchman.

Misses Liza and Dorothy Chipman entertained at the "Bower Beautiful" Tuesday evening. Campfire games and an appropriate program were enjoyed, light refreshments were served at nine o'clock. The brightest campfire that the canyon has seen in years set the whole quick ablaze.

Dr Holden pronounces good times for the Dutchman. The Misses Summerville are visiting their brother at the Pacific. "Neighbor" thinks the bathing in the mountain stream. J. J. J. and his brother "Fritz" have spent some time in working their claim the miners say they are fine "pickers."

Mr and Mrs Len Jackson were guests at camp Jackson, Sunday. Mr Holden gave a fage party Wednesday.

Dr. Noyes and Christensen are the guests at Camp De La Sprite and "Bower Beautiful" the back end of this week.

A CAMPER.

92 IN THE SHADE, SAYS THE WEATHER MAN.
This will require the wearing of lighter Dress Goods. We have a limited stock of Summer Dress Goods which must go this month, regardless of cost and profits to us. Our counters must be cleared to make room for Fall goods.
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