

work has gone forth with a rapidity and impetus that has been irresistible, and there is no power able to stand against it. It has gone forward to the fulfillment of all that has been spoken thus far concerning it, that is as far as we have gone. And the people have received the Holy Ghost, they have been filled with it, they have been filled with the spirit of revelation. The same spirit of revelation that Moses had, concerning which God speaks through the Prophet Joseph Smith, has rested upon men that have held the keys of this kingdom, whether it was during President Young's life or at the present time—that same spirit of revelation rests upon him who holds the presidency as senior apostle in the midst of the people of God. The apostles of this church have all the authority, they have all the keys, and it is within the purview of their office and calling to have all the spirit of revelation necessary to lead this people into the presence of the Lamb in the celestial kingdom of our God.

I have desired to say this much, because I have felt at times there was a feeling among some people that there was not that manifestation of power, neither was there that authority wielded by the men who preside over this church and kingdom that should be.

But it is the truth, that the same spirit of revelation that rested upon Moses, and which enabled him to lead the children of Israel through the Red Sea, rests upon the servants of God in the midst of this people, and you will find it so to your entire satisfaction if you will listen to their counsels and be guided by them. Does God reveal himself to his servants now? I know he does. The same spirit that rested upon Joseph—the same spirit that rested upon Moses, I know it is in the midst of the Latter-day Saints—precisely the same spirit. But then we are a nation of Gentiles. We who have come here, what are we? We are called from all the Gentile nations. The promises are not made to us that are made to people who are the unmixed descendants of Israel. In many respects, when they come into the covenant and are baptized, and the power of God rests upon them, you will see a different work than what you see at the present time. It is just as much as we, with our Gentile traditions—an inheritance we have received from our fathers, which have come down through generations—it is as much as many of us can do, with all the power we can exercise, to remain in the Church.

I was speaking with Brother Simpson Molen this evening, who, as you know has lately returned from a mission to the Sandwich Islands. It is now 29 years since the gospel was introduced to the people of that country. I labored there for four or five years, and was the first to preach the gospel to them in their language in this generation. During my experience among that people, a red skinned race, I never knew a man, because of transgression or anything else, after he received the truth—I never knew one of them to turn around and fight this cause in the manner that we witness men doing among our race. How is it with the Gentiles, the race of which we are a part? When a man gets a testimony from God and falls into transgression he is almost immediately seized with the spirit of murder. He wants to shed the blood of innocence. He wants to kill the servants of God, is full of bitterness and hatred, and seeks to find vent for his wicked passions. We have seen this spirit manifested in our history among our own race. But here is a people who receive strong testimonies concerning the gospel, and from all that I can learn there has not been an instance of a man's turning around and bitterly fighting this work. There seems to be a natural receptiveness about them to receive the truth. The Indians will be the same in my opinion. You will find the same peculiarity, you will find them ready to receive the truth, and they will cleave to the truth. It is difficult for the Gentiles to receive the truth. It will be easier for them, because unto them are the promises. I look for a very different condition of things when these races come into the church and are brought into the covenant. I expect then to see the work accomplished by a power that we do not witness just now. But it is not because something is lacking in the organization or in the authority of the priesthood. We have, as I have said, all that is necessary, and we have this spirit of which I have spoken and which is alluded to in

this revelation—the same spirit of revelation which reveals to us that which we should do and the course we should take in order to please the Lord and in order to build up his kingdom, and this Church will always be led by that authority from this time henceforth until Christ himself shall come to preside over us and be our king.

My brethren and sisters, if you want more revelation, here is the principle upon which to obtain it. Are you entitled to it? Yes, every one of you—the same spirit of revelation that Moses had, the same spirit that all the prophets and apostles had, it is your privilege, it is my privilege, it is the privilege of every man and woman who possesses the gospel to receive the spirit of God, the Holy Ghost, to have that same spirit resting upon him and upon her, and the more we seek after it and cherish it the more we will have.

My time is exhausted. I pray God to bless us and fill us continually with the light of that spirit, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

### READ IT EVERYBODY.

Editors Deseret News:

At the September term of the county court of Summit County, a petition was presented by Mr. Newman, agent for the U. P. R. R., asking for the abandonment of the wagon road in Silver Creek Canyon. The court passed a resolution temporarily abandoning said wagon road during the time of the grading of the Summit County Railroad in said canyon, and not to exceed six months, with an agreement with said agent that the wagon road should be restored to the acceptance of the County Road Commissioner, with sufficient safeguards at the exposed points for the protection of life and property.

By reference to section 477 Compiled Laws of Utah Territory it will be seen that a railroad company may construct their road along streets and highways.

Said section also provides that such company shall restore streets and highways. Every sane person knows that a railroad cannot be constructed along a highway without destroying its usefulness for wagons.

It may be argued that no person shall obstruct highways; but under the provisions of the act referred to, they may be almost totally obstructed. It provides that they may be destroyed, but must be restored. Of necessity there must be an interval of time between destroying and restoring.

The court considered the situation well and the danger to life and property, in traveling in a narrow canyon while blasting was being done at almost every point along the road, also the detention that would attend the travel until teams would accumulate in trains, the ill will that would arise in consequence thereof, and the very weighty reason, that as much or more loading could be taken over the road in Three Mile Canyon by the same team as could be taken over the road in Silver Creek Canyon, while it would be in an unavoidably broken condition, during the grading of the railroad. There would be no danger nor detention to the travel while passing over the road in Three Mile upon which the railroad company had expended nearly a thousand dollars in making repairs.

The distance in going to or from Salt Lake City to Coalville, would only be increased about one mile and a half. With these considerations and in good faith the County Court acted.

Now I ask, what has the public lost that was in the power of the court to prevent? Again, what has been gained? No doubt a saving of life and property, and some persons have perhaps been saved from the gallows, which might have been their doom, had they been exposed to the strife that would have arisen between them and the graders if they had continued to travel in Silver Creek canyon.

We have also a permanent improvement on the very useful road in Three Mile. Regardless of these conditions the tongue of scandal and misrepresentation has not been slow to do its work in maligning the County Court for its action. Some have stated that this is the reason of the scarcity of coal in Salt Lake City, others that the Court was bought by Jay Gould, had been bribed, had received presents of carriages, as a consideration, etc. Professed philanthropists, lovers of their fellows, and some

leading men in their wards, who, if they ever did do their duties like men, failed not to be censured by the ignorant, have joined to herald these reports abroad, and some, I am told, say they have the proof to establish the perfidy of the Court. That man, be he whom he may, who has truths in his possession that would prove the perfidy of a public servant, or convict him of malfeasance in office, and does not put those truths to their proper use, but locks them up in his bosom, becomes, to a greater or less degree, accessory after the fact, and ceases to be a public benefactor, being worthy only of the scorn and contempt of the community in which he resides.

Hoping you will give room in your valuable paper for these statements, I am very respectfully,  
WARD E. PACK.

### Correspondence.

Southward.

The numerous friends of Brother W. N. Fife in the north, will be glad to learn the following particulars of his journey southward:

PANGUITCH, Nov. 24, 1880.

Editor Deseret News:

We arrived here to-day at 3 o'clock p. m., all well, and my teams are looking better than when we left home. I have taken great care of them, which is an important matter with me. In every place I have camped I have found friends, many I have not seen for 20 years. They learned from your good pen I was coming, and they were on the lookout. So far we have had pleasant weather. Had I started two weeks sooner I would have been in severe weather, but through a kind Providence I was kept back that time. The people on the Sevier told me, two weeks previous to my coming was the coldest weather they have seen for seven years. I saw as I moved along, the river and streams are frozen up. I must say in behalf of the people south they are a kind people. I have been informed from different parties the roads in the south were very bad, but I must say there is great credit due them for

their labor on the roads. On my way I called on the King Family, who reside at Kingston; they established the United Order at that place. Myself and company were invited to take breakfast with them, 75 people sitting to eat at the same time. Good order and a kind feeling prevails among them, the Bishop, Wm. King, is a man of experience, and is a hard worker. They have got a saw mill doing good business, also a grist mill and tannery in operation. Their next move is to get machinery to work up their wool into cloth. They have got a blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, etc. They will soon become a self-supporting people, which is a great thing. At Panguitch I am fitting up for the trip to my destination, in the shape of grain. Panguitch is a business place; there are three number one saw mills, which supply the country round with good lumber, there is no end to the firewood around this place. I start from here to-morrow with the company, over the Rim of the Basin, for our destination. As I move along I will write you. Kind regards to all. I remain your Brother, etc.,  
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