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It is the Priesthood that has brought us to these blessings. It is the Priesthood that has made our existence in this valley that I do not in my feelings give credit for, under God, to the Priesthood. Do we have peace in our hearts? Do we have peace in our families? Do we have good order throughout these mountains? Yes, we have, and it is the Priesthood that God has inspired to lead the people. This good order is due to the Priesthood. We cannot give any credit to the people, however much they might be inclined to do we have had Judges here; we have had Governors here, some of these men have been men of great wisdom and truth give them credit for any of the blessings we enjoy, on the contrary many of them have been men of great wickedness, they have had the power they would have destroyed our peace and introduced a strife and dissension among the people. It is the Priesthood of it in his heart; when that comes there will be no power upon the people, and the Priesthood will take it except the organization which God has given to us. We have shown our capacity for self-government ever since we came here, and we have shown that we had government except that which we have framed. We have had our own laws, we have made our own laws and make our own laws. We have had Governors who have fought our laws even when our Legislature would not pass them. So that when we have to-day in the shape of government is due to ourselves. We have had a Governor here in Latter-day Saints under God. If we have maintained order and peace in Salt Lake City it is because of the Priesthood, and the man that presided him in his office, controlling and guiding the people all the day long to the peace and happiness of the

Well, courage is a quality that this people have always manifested. They have submitted to wrongs, it is true, but their having done so is no indication of a want of courage. On the contrary, at many times an evidence of the highest and the purest and the best courage, to be willing to suffer wrong rather than to do wrong. It is a quality approved of to resist it, and these qualities in the struggle that lies before us will tell. You find a people who are frugal, who are temperate, who are industrious, who are unselfish, who are loving, and who increased, we do, and they will make their mark on the earth. Such qualities always did tell in the struggle for the rights of man from the earliest days. The nations that have possessed the qualities which our people possess have always been the nations that have prospered. It is the nations that have been the nations that have won their way to power and have compelled admiration even from their enemies. These qualities we possess, and we mean to cultivate them. We mean to make our children in these virtues. We mean to make them a virtuous people above everything else. That is the only way to make a nation free of sin and corruption, when women are in the society of men. I want to see it in the company of our young men, in any place and under any circumstances, in the darkest hours and in the most unprotected situations, that they will be as pure as anything wrong from the opposite sex is concerned. I would like to see men punished with death—who are guilty of a law that should be put in force against any man who ruins woman—than that there ever should be a time in which women are the victims of wrongs of this character, when a riot and unchecked. Virtue lies at the foundation of individual and national greatness. No man can amount to much who is not a virtuous man. He who is not in his virtue, I do not care who he is. He may be as talented as Lucifer; but if he is not a virtuous man his greatness is as the greatness of the lioness at the foundation of greatness. We mean to promote it and encourage it in the rising generation. In order that the rising generation should have it, the mothers must have it, and feel its importance and the fathers also. And then we must teach all those other virtues that belong to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Our religion is a religion adapted to every circumstance of life. It will carry it with us every day. It is not like our Sunday clothes—it is to be worn all day, every day, and every way on earth. It is a religion that is adapted to every

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