

heavenly communication, put far little on that which is called revelation. I do not consider that the administration of angels, or the witnessing of heavenly visions, or the manifestation of the gifts and graces that have been manifested is any greater in me than the hearing of the still small voice, the inspiration of the Holy Ghost. Because that will deceive no man; that teaches you from step to step, from one degree to another until you learn the principles of inspiration and revelation to me. I have never, in my experience as a Latter-day Saint, known to fail. Whenever that still, small voice of the spirit has spoken to me and I have listened to it and obeyed its warning voice, it has proven the power of life unto me. I would not here to-day, in fact I would have been in the spirit world many years ago. I have not abided by the whisperings of the still small voice of the spirit to me. It has taught me a great deal during my life; and I have learned to look upon one of the strongest evidences of the existence of an overruling and divine Providence, the still small voice of God—the inspiration of the Holy Ghost, even that spirit which enlightens every man that cometh into the world. If I were to say that I never received in the flesh the administration of angels, I would not be speaking the truth; if I were to say that I had never been wrapped in heavenly vision, I would not be telling the truth; but whatever divine manifestations I have had in my day, as I before said, regard the whisperings of the still small voice as the strongest evidence that God ever gave to me, and I look upon it as a sure guide to man.

Now, brethren and sisters, let us be our religion. This is a common saying, but it is the very best advice I can give you. And here let me ask, who among us can comprehend it? Who can comprehend our religion? Who can comprehend the relationship that we sustain to God and to the heavens? Who can comprehend the work that has been laid upon our shoulders to carry on? I do not think that any of us can fully comprehend it, to say the least; neither do I think that the mind of man can conceive of what it has ever entered into our hearts what lies in store for the Latter-day Saints who are faithful to the end of their work, and who are valiant in the testimony of Jesus even unto death. But then we will all know, and then we will comprehend what we cannot understand here in this mortal state. And it is wisdom in that man in the flesh should count out from the knowledge of certain things pertaining to his future. We are placed here in this condition that we may be proven. I prove you, says the Lord, when you will abide in my covenant unto death, or not; if you do abide in my covenant, you are worthy of me. The Prophet Joseph Smith understood this, and is why he was so reconciled when he was called upon by the voice of violence and murder to seal testimony with his blood, which he did. He finished his work and gone hence; and when I get through I would like to go where he and where my brethren have whose lives have been spent in claiming and helping to establish the glorious and saving truths of the everlasting gospel, and finally to the presence and glory of Heavenly Father. I know, though, if my desire ever be realized that I have got to keep the same which has given them the same.

May God to bless you, and to fill you with the spirit of your calling, your labors may be approved and accepted of Him, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

EASTERN ARIZONA STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Eastern Arizona Stake, convened at Holbrook, June 25th and 26th, 1881, at 10 a. m. Present on the stand, Jesse Smith and Counselors, with many others of the Priesthood.

Meeting called to order by Counselor L. H. Hatch. President Smith made a few opening remarks, stating that Apostles Erastus Snow and Brigham Young had been expected to meet with us this morning; they had been detained, but would probably be with us to-morrow. The morning was occupied in receiving reports from the Bishops of the various wards, which were favorable;

a marked improvement being discernible among the Saints.

2 p. m.

Bishops D. K. Udall and P. J. Christofferson reported the St. John and Round Valley Wards, after which the meeting was addressed by Elders M. P. Romney, Bloomfield, L. M. Savage and Llewellyn Harris upon a variety of interesting and important topics, the latter giving a short sketch of his mission among the Lamanites.

At 6 p. m. there was a meeting of the Priesthood, at which Apostle Erastus Snow (who, with Apostle Brigham Young, had just arrived) laid before the Saints the importance of establishing a Co-operative Mercantile Institution at Holbrook, for the benefit of the Saints in this County.

Sunday, June 26th, 10 a. m.

The statistical report of the Stake was read, also the report of the Relief Societies of the Stake, after which Apostle Erastus Snow delivered an interesting and instructive discourse upon the subject of the "image" as spoken of by Daniel, handling the subject in a very interesting manner.

2 p. m.

After the opening exercises and administering of the sacrament, the report of the Sabbath schools was read; the general and local authorities of the Stake, also the home and Indian missionaries were presented and sustained by the unanimous vote of the conference.

President Smith and Apostle Brigham Young made some excellent remarks upon our temporal as well as spiritual duties, showing the necessity of the Saints doing their own business and of being self-supporting. After which the conference was adjourned until the last Saturday and Sunday in September next, to convene at Snowflake.

At 7 p. m. there was a meeting held at Snowflake for the further considering of the subject of starting a co-operative mercantile institution, at which Apostles Erastus Snow and Brigham Young made some valuable and interesting remarks.

Much good instruction and exhortation were given by the brethren during the conference, which will have their desired effects in the future lives of the Saints.

JOSEPH FISH, Clerk.

MILLARD STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of Millard Stake of Zion was held in the Bowery in Fillmore City, Saturday and Sunday, July 2d and 3d, 1881.

Present—Of the Apostles, F. M. Lyman and John H. Smith; the Presidency of the Stake, and the Bishops or other representatives from every ward in the Stake.

Saturday, 10 a. m.

After the usual devotional exercises,

Apostle F. M. Lyman said: We have met in conference together to receive instruction and information from the servants of God. It is proper on such occasions for the President to make the opening remarks and report the condition of the Stake over which he presides, the feelings of himself, his counselors and the various officers of the Priesthood; and next, the Bishops should report their wards; said reports should be correct and truthful.

Prest. I. N. Hinckley then reported that he had no fault to find with his counselors nor any of the rest of the brethren that were working with him in the ministry; could find more fault with himself than anyone else; thought himself and his associates in the Priesthood had the interests of the people at heart, etc.

After which, Bishop D. Thompson, of Scipio, Bishop D. R. Stevens, of Holden, Bishop Peter Anderson, of Oak Creek, Counselor H. Dewsnup, of Deseret, and Bishop H. B. Bennett, of Meadow Creek, all reported their wards in a good condition.

In the afternoon Bishops J. D. Smith of Fillmore and A. A. Kimball of Kanosh, gave good reports of their wards, at the same time giving their views on certain subjects afterwards more fully explained by the Apostles.

Prest. J. V. Robison made a few remarks and asked questions on the law of Tithing.

Apostle F. M. Lyman read the revelation on Tithing in the Doctrine and Covenants page 332, and spoke in a clear and pointed manner on the subject.

In regard to adultery, he said, that when young people are overtaken in that sin, they should be forgiven for the first offense, provided, that they acknowledge their sin, ask forgiveness and are rebaptized; but if a married man who has had his endowments in the House of God, commit adultery, he should be cut off from the Church. Parents should warn their children against the sin of adultery, as lost virtue can never be regained, and it is far better for them to suffer any kind of death than to fall in to that sin.

At 6 p. m. the Priesthood met in the bowery pursuant to a call of the visiting Apostles and received many and valuable instructions and explanations on various subjects.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Bishop B. Bennett of Frisco, Beaver Stake was called and spoke a short time, referring to the fact that a ward organization had been effected a few days ago by the Apostles Lyman and Smith in that place.

Prest. Edward V. Partridge spoke of the perfection of the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. No need of the Saints going to law one against another, as the Church organization has all the remedies requisite for the settlement thereof.

Prest. Joseph Robison referred to the law on Celestial Marriage, and said he understood that it is impossible for man or woman to be fully proven except by that law.

Apostle John H. Smith referred to some of the labors of himself and Bro. Lyman since they visited us last. Spoke also of the unceasing labors of the other members of the Quorum of the Twelve and the First Presidency, each according to his health and strength. Said each Stake organization was like a little community in itself, so that the constant presence of the Apostles is not necessary.

In the afternoon the Sacrament was administered, the General Authorities of the Church and the Presidency of Millard Stake were presented by J. H. Smith and the Local Authorities by E. Partridge; all were unanimously sustained.

Apostle F. M. Lyman then addressed the people, and although he complained of his lungs feeling tired on account of so much speaking on this trip, he spoke at considerable length and with much power on various subjects, viz: Priesthood and the different callings and positions in the Church, Celestial Marriage and sealing by the "Holy Spirit of Promise." To marry more than one wife in the flesh is the crowning trial, without which a man never can fully learn to know his wife nor the wife her husband, and if anyone flatters himself that he can slide along and avoid that trial, and yet obtain the highest glory in the kingdom of God, he deceives himself. He also warned the brethren of the Priesthood against misusing their authority, and read from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, page 336, "Many are called but few are chosen, etc."

Apostle John H. Smith, endorsed all that Brother Lyman had said, and made some further remarks on Celestial Marriage, Prayer, etc.

Conference was then adjourned till October 1st and 2nd, 1881, and the Saints scattered to their several places of abode, pondering and rejoicing over the many good things they had heard.

C. ANDERSON, Clerk.

DISTRICT COUNCIL CONVENTION.

COALVILLE, Summit County,

July 11, 1881.

By an act of the Legislative Assembly, approved Feb. 20, 1880, the counties of Summit, Morgan, Wasatch and Uintah were associated together forming one council district, and delegates from their respective counties met in convention at Coalville, Summit County, July 11th, at one o'clock p. m.

Hon. Abram Hatch, of Wasatch County, called the meeting to order.

On motion of S. Francis, Abram Hatch was appointed temporary chairman, and Robert Salmon, Secretary.

Alma Eldridge moved that the chair appoint a committee of three on credentials.

The chair appointed Alma Eldridge, S. Francis and Thos. S. Watson said committee.

The committee retired to examine credentials. During the absence of the committee a speech was delivered by one of the citizens present.

The committee returned and made the following report:

Your committee on credentials find the following named gentleman entitled to sit as delegates in this convention:

Hon. Abram Hatch and Thos. S. Watson, Esq., of Wasatch and Uintah Counties; Samuel F. Attwood, Esq., John M. Malan, Esq., Alma Eldridge, Esq., J. C. Roundy, Esq., and Charles Richens, Esq., of Summit County; S. Francis, Esq., and Jos. R. Foster, Esq., of Morgan County.

Respectfully submitted,
ALMA ELDRIDGE,
Chairman.

Report accepted and committee discharged.

On motion of Alma Eldridge, the temporary organization was made permanent.

Roll call, and all members answered present.

The chairman stated the object of the convention and announced that the convention was now ready to proceed to the nomination of Councilor to the Legislative Assembly.

On motion of Charles Richens the Hon. W. W. Cluff, of Coalville, Summit County was nominated for Councilor to the Legislative Assembly.

The chairman suggested that a District Central Committee be appointed, whose duties in the council district should be similar to the duties of Central Committees in the counties.

On motion of A. Eldridge, the Chairman of the Central Committees of the respective counties in the district were appointed a District Central Committee, and the Chairman of the Summit County Central Committee be the chairman of said District Committee.

It was made the duty of said District Committee to call conventions to meet at Coalville whenever any vacancy occur by death, resignation or otherwise, or when our political interests may require it, and to apportion one delegate for every one thousand inhabitants in the district.

On motion of S. Francis, a vote of thanks was given to the hon. chairman for so ably and impartially discharging the duties pertaining to the chair.

The proceedings of the convention were wholly unanimous.

S. Francis moved that a copy of the minutes be sent to the DESERT NEWS, Salt Lake Herald and Park City Record.

The convention adjourned subject to the call of the District Central Committee.

ABRAM HATCH, Chairman.
R. SALMON, Secretary.

RICH COUNTY CONVENTION.

RANDOLPH, Rich Co., Utah,
July 9th, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

According to previous arrangement, we had our county convention on the above date.

On motion, W. H. Lee, of Woodruff, was appointed temporary chairman and Edwin Spencer temporary secretary.

The chairman then appointed Joseph Kimball, Archibald McKinnon, and George A. Peart a committee on credentials. The following are those that presented credentials: W. H. Lee and Samuel Brierson, for Woodruff; Jens Nelson, Saleratus Creek; Archibald McKinnon, George A. Peart and Edwin Spencer, Randolph; Ira Nebeker and Hugh Findley, Laketown; Joseph Kimball and George Judd, Meadowville; Robert Calder and Wolcott Cook, Garden City. Motioned that the credentials of the above named persons be accepted. Carried.

On motion, the temporary organization was made permanent. Judge George Osmond and Justice Stukie, of Bloomington, Idaho, were present. Judge Osmond said he was glad to be present with the delegates, and hoped they would be united in making the nominations, and that they would be satisfactory to the people, etc.

The chairman then appointed the following persons as a nominating committee: Ira Nebeker, Joseph Kimball, Archibald McKinnon, Robert Calder and Jens Nelson.

During the absence of the committee Judge Lee and Hugh Findley were called upon for a political speech. After the committee had been absent about half an hour they returned and reported the following nominations: Wm. H. Lee was the

unanimous choice of the nominating committee for representative to the Legislature; selectman, Ira Nebeker; sheriff, Anson Call; surveyor, George Judd; treasurer, George A. Peart; county superintendent of district schools, Hugh Findley. On motion the above names were carried unanimously. Joseph Kimball was elected delegate to attend the district convention at Logan, Cache Valley, July 28, 1881.

Resolved that the proceedings of this convention be published in the DESERT NEWS and the Bear Lake Democrat. Adjourned sine die.

EDWIN SPENCER, Sec'y.

Correspondence.

ST. JOHN, July 2d, 1881.

Editor Deseret News:

Since last writing, I have visited Snowflake, attending conference on the 25th and 26th of June. Leaving St. John on the 23d, in company with Bishops D. K. Udell and Christopherson, we journeyed 20 miles down the Little Colorado to Brother Thomas Greer's, who at present lays on a bed of sickness. On the journey we passed through the "meadows," a fine tract of hay land about eight miles below St. John. It is a beautiful spot of earth, level as a house floor, land rich and black, good deep soil. At some time not far in the future I think good crops will be grown on this land without irrigation.

Brother Greer is located in a very beautiful valley, hundreds of acres of as good land as the world produces (so it appears at least); only lacks water, and wells can be sunk 12 feet deep to very fair water. I think at some time, wind mills and pumps will be used for irrigating purposes, as the water is plentiful 12 feet below the surface.

Next day journeyed over beautiful rolling hills, covered with cedar trees and luxuriant grass, and on Saturday, at noon, arrived at Snowflake, a very beautiful valley, nearly round in shape, the townsite well located and the inhabitants kind, hospitable and entertaining. It would be invidious to name persons, as they all follow the example of their worthy Bp. John Hunt.

Conference was held in Taylor, three miles above Snowflake. Bad judgment has been manifested in locating this town, it is low in the centre of their fields and on both sides of Silver Creek. It ought to be moved before permanent improvements are made. The surroundings are good.

On our return we passed through Choncho, a beautiful location for a small town, the land excellent, the range for stock good.

Wells have been recently dug in St. John, and the best quality of water obtained, so that no complaint in regard to water need be made in the future, as we are no longer dependent on the Little Colorado for drinking water.

Our town site is still improving. Several small houses are in course of erection, as well as a fine commodious bowery, in which we expect to celebrate the nation's birthday; also a flagstaff was erected on the public square yesterday afternoon, about 70 feet high. A flag will be unfurled to the gentle breeze on the morning of the 4th, 14 x 21 feet. All are busy making banners, mottoes, etc.

During Conference a central co-operative store was organized to do business at Holbrook on the line of the railroad, in the interests of this and the Sunset Stake. All the local co-operative stores are expected to do their business through this store, which will be a great benefit to this county. J. N. Smith, president; Lot Smith, vice president, and nine Bishops directors. They expect to commence doing business immediately. All the people in this part of Arizona should take part and help this good work. Apostles E. Snow and Brigham Young counseled this movement.

Apostle Snow will meet with the Indian missionaries in St. John on the first Saturday in August; general meeting Sunday following.

The health of the people here is excellent, the crops fair and the prospect for good, comfortable homes is good.

The District Court meets here next week, some important suits in regard to water rights and election matters are expected to come up. The decision in these cases I will duly report as they are of general interest.

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