

# THE EVENING NEWS.

Friday, December 3, 1899.

**MINUTES OF CONFERENCE.**  
For the Southern Mission, held in St. George, Nov. 5th, 6th and 7th, 1899.

**ELDER ERASTUS SNOW presiding.**

Friday, Nov. 5, 10 a. m.

Meeting called to order by President Henry Herriman.

After singing and prayer, Elder Marius Ensign expressed gratitude for the privilege of returning safely from his recent mission to Europe, and related some of his experience while there.

President E. Snow related the Navajo Indian news of the past week and stated the measures that had been adopted to oppose the Navajos.

Benediction by President E. Snow. 2 p. m.

Singing and prayer.

Bishop William Snow spoke of the providences of the Lord in the past, and said they taught that when evil appeared about to descend upon the Latter-day Saints, the power of the Almighty had intervened and had overruled all things for the good of the people and for the advancement of His cause. He concluded by advising the people to increase the productions of home industries.

Elder Jesse W. Crosby, jr., recently returned from a mission to the Southern States, related some of his missionary experience.

President Snow related some of the proceedings of the Semi-Annual Conference at Salt Lake City. He spoke of the happy influences of the gospel in developing the noblest powers of man; and concluded by testifying that the Latter-day Saints as a whole are increasing in faith, integrity and self-control.

Adjourned to 10 a. m. November 6th.

Benediction.

November 6th., 10 a. m.

Conference called to order by Elder Jos. W. Young.

After singing and prayer,

Elder John E. Pace, recently from a mission to England, bore his testimony to the truth of the gospel and exhorted the Saints to be prayerful and seek for the light of truth.

Bishop James Leithhead gave an account of matters upon the Muddy. Said that the average of wheat per acre, under favorable circumstances, is 25 bushels. This season crops were light generally, owing to the drought. St. Thomas contains a population of about 200 souls, the majority of whom feel like remaining there until otherwise ordered.

Bishop Meliah Hatch gave a good report of the condition of the people. He said the people as a general thing, sustained their own co-operative movements.

President Henry Herriman exhorted the people to increased faithfulness. God's power had always been manifest in the defense of the Latter-day Saints; but to triumph, they must in the strength of the Lord, seek continually for the light of the Holy Spirit.

Elder Joseph W. Young spoke of the influence and power of the gospel among the Latter-day Saints. He spoke of the condition of the settlers on the Muddy and testified that those who had sought after the spirit of their mission and had walked in the fear of the Lord had sustained themselves in food and clothing. He strongly advocated that we make use of the facilities within our reach, and thus make ourselves prosperous and happy.

President E. Snow said he desired the Saints to be fed with spiritual food, that in the strength of the Lord they may increase in might and power. He spoke of the persistent and continued efforts of the wicked to annoy and persecute the workers of righteousness. He spoke at considerable length on our spiritual existence before we came here, our mortal career now that we are here, and of our existence hereafter. He also spoke of the personages of the Father and of the Son and on the office work of the Holy Ghost, and concluded by showing forth the necessity of continued revelation from God.

Saturday, 3 p. m.  
School of the Prophets met, and among other business the following resolution was passed: Resolved unani- mously, that we sustain the Presidency and Bishops of the Southern Mission in calling in question the fellowship of men, who absent themselves from this mission without leave, or for changing their location, or leaving the mission without the approval of their leaders.

Sunday, Nov. 7th, 10 a. m.

Singing and prayer.

Elder D. H. Cannon spoke on the necessity of walking in obedience to the counsel of the Lord and on the necessity of entering more extensively on the practice of home manufactures.

Elder J. G. Bleak rehearsed some of the teachings of the General Conference.

Elder J. W. Young read from the 118th page of the Book of Mormon and made some remarks on the history of David and Solomon and on plural marriage.

Pres. Snow continued remarks on the last passage read from the Book of Mormon, relating to the 2000 young men. He compared the effects of plural marriage among this people with the effects of monogamy in the world, and concluded by reading the section relating to marriage from the Book of Doctrine and Covenants and made remarks thereon, repeating the explanation given by President Young at the General Conference in Salt Lake City.

2 p. m.

Meeting opened with singing and prayer, when Bp. Wm. Snow expressed his gratification at meeting with the Saints in Conference and related some of his experience in the Church.

Pres. E. Snow said it was now necessary that we should transact some local business, such as more completely organizing this stake of Zion and presenting our general and local authorities.

The general authorities of the Church were then unanimously sustained.

**LOCAL AUTHORITIES.**

E. Snow, President of the Southern Mission.

Joseph W. Young, President of this Stake of Zion; Robert Gardner and Jas. G. Bleak as Counselors.

Members of the High Council:—W. E. Dodge, John O. Angus, T. B. Birch, Wm. Ensign, E. W. Ensign, J. H. Miles, John B. Young, Marius Ensign, Joseph Birch, Jesse Wm. Crosby Jr., Richard Bentley and Miles P. Romney.

Wm. Fawcett, acting President of the High Priests, and Walter Granger, President of the Elders' quorum.  
Daniel D. McArthur, Presiding Bishop of St. George; Wm. Carter and David H. Cannon, his Counselors.  
David Milne, Bishop of the First Ward, St. George; Henry Eyring, Bishop of the Second Ward, St. George; Walter Granger, Bishop of the Third Ward, St. George; Nathaniel Ashby, Bishop of the Fourth Ward, St. George, and H. J. Platt and Mahouri Snow, his Counselors.

Some objections having been raised to Walter Granger as Bishop of the Third Ward, the matter will be reconsidered by the members of that Ward.

Bishops and Presiding High Priests:—Edward Bunker, Santa Clara; Joshua T. Willis, Tokerville; John Parker, Virgin City; Charles N. Smith, Rockville; L. W. Roundy, Kanarra; W. D. Pace, Harmony; R. S. Robinson, Pinto; Wm. Snow, Pine Valley; Meliah, Hatch, Eagleville and Spring Valley Settlements; Jas. Leithhead, on the Muddy and Junction City; Henry Lunt, Cedar.

President E. Snow proposed that Hebron and Clover Valley be coupled and made a Ward, and that Geo. H. Crosby be Bishop. Sustained unanimously.

Port Hamblin and the iron works in Little Pinto will be united with Pinto Ward.

President Snow said he accepted the resignation of Bishop Stringham and proposed that Harrisburg and Leeds be attached to Toquerville.

Wm. F. Butler was appointed a mission to the States.

John W. Freeman to take charge of Washington, and Adolphus R. Whitehead to be counsellor and assistant.

Henry Eyring, president of the priests' quorum; Jno. Larson, president of the teachers' quorum; Ephraim Wilson, president of the deacons' quorum; Jas. G. Bleak as clerk and historian of the Southern Mission; Wm. G. Perkins, of St. George, as a patriarch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints.

On motion of Bishop R. S. Robinson, Robert Richey, of Little Pinto, was cut off the church for unbelief.

President E. Snow exhorted the brethren to keep up their day schools, Sunday schools, relief societies and fast days, blessed the people and dismissed the conference by imploring the blessings of Heaven and earth upon the people and their labors in this land.

Conference adjourned until the first Friday in May next.

JAMES G. BLEAK,

Clerk of the Southern Mission.

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