

STRONG SERMONS AT TABERNACLE

President Joseph F. Smith and
Elder George Albert Smith
The Speakers.

ON INTERESTING SUBJECTS.

Remarkable Changes in Religious
Thought Since the Advent of Mor-
monism Into the World.

Elder George Albert Smith, of the council of the apostles, and President Joseph F. Smith were the speakers at the tabernacle yesterday afternoon, the former speaking briefly in recital of a visit recently made by him to the eastern and southern states missions of the Church, and President Smith delivering a lengthy discourse on the changes that have occurred in religious thought since the restoration of the gospel 76 years ago. Both speakers were listened to with the greatest attention by a congregation larger than is usually seen at the tabernacle, except on special occasions.

President John R. Winder presided over the services, which were opened by the choir singing the hymn "Mortals Awake." President William McLachlan, of the Pioneer Stake, offered the invocation, followed by the singing of "Come Let Us Anew Our Journey Pursue," by the choir and congregation.

FIRST SPEAKER.

Elder George Albert Smith said that since meeting last with the saints who assemble for worship in the tabernacle, he had visited many parts of the country, particularly the eastern and southern states, in company with Elder B. H. Roberts. Among the saints there he had found prevailing the same sweet spirit of peace and good will that characterize the lives of the saints at home. Though as yet comparatively few have accepted the gospel of the Latter-day Saints, yet there are millions of honest people who are seeking to know the will of the Father, and the few who have named the name of Christ are but the nucleus of the hosts that will in time be brought to a knowledge of the truth.

Elder Smith said that he found the missionaries who are laboring in the fields visited by him as being men and women of faith and faithfulness. He admired the willingness with which they made sacrifices in order to be ambassadors of light and truth, as well as the persistency shown by them in bringing their message before the people. The zeal displayed was winning the praise of men, who, while not professing a belief in the doctrines taught by the Latter-day Saints, are compelled to recognize favorably the manner in which the Latter-day Saints seek to spread a knowledge of the principles in which they believe.

Many doctrines taught by the "Mormon" people are receiving attention from well meaning men and women, said the speaker. While not recognizing the name, they are beginning to believe and practice some of the most vital precepts of Mormonism. Little by little truth is being stamped upon the public mind.

Never had there been a more favorable time for disseminating the truths of the Gospel than at the present time, observed Elder Smith. A spirit of inquiry was found among the people more apparent than in times past. Speakers and writers are discussing doctrines that a few years before would have been considered heresy. During his visit to many minded persons had offered money for the hiring of halls, in which the elders might state their views on religious subjects. Some who had doubted the charity of other denominations had been convinced by the lives of the Mormon people that they had naught in their hearts but love and good will for mankind.

PRESIDENT SMITH.

President Joseph F. Smith said that as it was not often that he had the opportunity of meeting with the saints and friends in the tabernacle, he thought it proper to say a few words on the present occasion. He felt thankful for the most favorable report brought by Elder George Albert Smith from the eastern and southern states. Similar good tidings had been received from members of the quorum of Apostles and presidents of the first council of seventy who had visited the conferences in the northern, northwestern and California missions. There is everything to encourage and but little to discourage in the present state of prosperity of the people, both at home and abroad. If the world is not growing better in a moral sense, if peace on earth is not becoming more apparent, it may be safely said, declared the speaker, that the world is moving forward and its inhabitants are progressing.

In retrospect over a period of 70 years, President Smith said that many present before him could remember theories and dogmas taught almost universally which today were scarcely heard. They might still be in the creeds of some of the churches, but few persons are found who teach or believe them. For instance, three quarters of a century ago it was taught that the canon of Scripture was full, that the heavens were sealed, and that there was only left for the people of latter days God's handlings with His belief obtained at the time that Joseph Smith was called and began his mission in the world. It proclaimed that the canon of Scripture was not full and that the Father did not disregard His children on the earth. Soon after this proclamation, spiritualism, spirit-rapping and various other forms of beliefs began to flood the world. Even the clergy began investigation of the

THE CLOSING YEAR.

'Tis midnight's holy hour—and silence now
Is brooding, like a gentle spirit, o'er
The still and pulseless world. Hark! on the winds
The bell's deep tones are swelling; 'tis the knell
Of the departed year. No funeral train
Is sweeping past; yet, on the stream and wood,
With melancholy light, the moonbeams rest.
Like a pale, spotless shroud; the air is stirred,
As by a mourner's sigh; and on yon cloud,
That floats so still and placidly through heaven,
The spirits of the seasons seem to stand,
Young Spring, bright Summer, Autumn's solemn form,
And Winter, with his aged locks, and breathe
In mournful cadences, that come abroad
Like the far windharp's wild and touching wail,
A melancholy dirge o'er the dead year.
Gone from the earth forever. 'Tis a time
For memory and for tears. Within the deep,
Still chambers of the heart, a specter dim,
Whose tones are like the Wizard voice of Time
Heard from the tomb of ages, points its cold
And solemn finger to the beautiful
And holy visions that have passed away,
And left no shadow of their loveliness
On the dead waste of life. That specter lifts
The coffin-lid of hope, and joy, and love,
And, bending mournfully above the pale
Sweet forms that slumber there, scatters dead flowers
O'er what has passed to nothingness. The year
Has gone, and with it, many a glorious throng
Of happy dreams. Its mark is on each brow,
Its shadow in each heart. In its swift course
It waved its scepter o'er the beautiful,
And they are not. It laid its pallid hand
Upon the strong man, and the haughty form
Is fallen, and the flashing eye is dim,
It trod the hall of revelry, where throng'd
The bright and joyous, and the careful wail
Of stricken ones is heard, where erst the song
And reckless shout resounded. It passed o'er
The battle plain, where sword and spear and shield
Flash'd in the light of midday—and the strength
Of scathed hosts is shiver'd, and the grass,
Green from the soil of carnage, waves above
The crush'd and mouldering skeleton. It came
And faded like a wreath of mist at eve;
Yet, ere it melted in the viewless air,
It herded its millions to their home
In the dim land of dreams. Remorseless Time—
Fierce spirit of the glass and scythe—what power
Can stay him in his silent course, or melt
His iron heart to pity? Oh, still on
He presses, and forever. The proud bird,
The condor of the Andes, that can soar
Through heaven's unfathomable depths, or brave
The fury of the northern hurricane,
And bathe his plumage in the thunder's home,
Furls his broad wings at nightfall, and sinks down
To rest upon the mountain crag—But Time
Knows not the weight of sleep or weariness,
And night's deep darkness has no chain to bind
His rushing pinion. Revolutions sweep
O'er earth, like troubled vision o'er the breast
Of dreaming sorrow; cities rise and sink
Like bubbles on the water; fiery isles
Spring, blazing, from the ocean, and go back
To their mysterious caverns; mountains rear
To heaven their bald and blacken'd cliffs, and bow
Their tall heads to the plain; new empires rise
Gathering the strength of hoary centuries,
And rush down like the Alpine avalanche,
Startling the nations; and the very stars,
You bright and burning blazons of God,
Glitter awhile in their eternal depths,
And, like the Pleiades, loveliest of their train,
Shoot from their glorious spheres, and pass away
To sparkle in the trackless void—yet Time—
Time the tomb-builder, holds his fierce career,
Dark, stern, all pitiless, and pauses not
Amid the mighty wrecks that strew his path,
To sit and muse, like other conquerors,
Upon the fearful ruin he has wrought!

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NAYLOR'S GUARD REPORT.

It is Made to Governor Cutler and Recommended a Higher Salary.

The biennial report of Adjutant General Ray C. Naylor, covering the past two years of the National guard, is in the hands of Gov. Cutler, having been filed on Saturday. The report reviews the strength of the various organizations, showing that the guard as a whole, is stronger now than two years ago, by 103 enlisted men, and has two officers less than it had at that time.

A number of recommendations are made, the principal one of which is that the salary of the adjutant general be raised to \$2,400 and that a competent military authority be engaged to spend his whole time in service of the guard. Armory funds are commented on with the recommendation that an armory be built instead of rented, and that grounds for this purpose be purchased by the state. The appropriation called for the next two years is \$51,400.

Attached to the reports are exhibits of reports made to the adjutant general by Col. Lund, the commander at various encampments during the two years, and a report from the chief quartermaster on the equipment on hand.

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PADEN GIVES REVIEW

Of the Distinguished People Who Have Died During the Year.

Rev. Dr. Paden gave a review last evening in the Presbyterian church of the distinguished people who died during the year. In the course of his remarks Dr. Paden said:

The voice of mortality and immortality has been heard not alone by many of the world's prominent lights, but by hosts of others. In your own homes there have been losses, the song of the wind has been heard there. It has left the feeling of loneliness and sorrow. The departed are no more to us for they have gone. There is a comfort in being remembered; yet how quickly we forget. There is by far a greater comfort in leaving behind a moral, righteous heritage. We should strive to accomplish great good while we are here and thereby leave behind us more than a mere memory, which is soon to be forgotten. To die and be forgotten is a sad condition. Let us hearts cry out for something more permanent.

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INJURED MAN DEAD.

The Long Sleep Comes to Oscar Tripp, Smelter Explosion Victim.

Oscar Tripp, who was frightfully burned at Murray Friday morning in the converter explosion at the Highland Boy smelter, died last night. Since the accident he has been in the Murray general hospital, and despite the fact that the doctors pronounced his case as without hope, he continued to make a desperate fight against the inevitable and for a time there was a slight hope that he would recover. He lived for over 50 hours before finally passing away, being alive when the funeral services were held over the remains of Oscar Wahlén and Thomas P. Tripp, two other victims of the Granite smelter house Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Tripp was frightfully burned about the face and arms, remained unconscious most of the time after the accident until his death. Mr. Wahlén died a few hours after the disaster. Mr. Fox passed away Sunday morning after a period of intense suffering.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theater—Tonight sees the first presentation of "Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall" in which Miss Alberta Gallatin is starring. A New Year's matinee will be given tomorrow afternoon.

The two performances of the "Sultan of Sulu" Saturday afternoon and evening, drew heavy audiences and the turn out at night was especially large. The show this year is as lively as ever, but it must be said that the principals fall far below their predecessors. The life and snap, allied with the good looks of many of the girls, are about the only remaining recommendations "The Sultan of Sulu" possesses. It would seem almost time for managers to call a halt in the practice of putting out inferior

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WHY BUTTER IS HIGH.

Much speculation is indulged in about the fact that, with all the supposed great increase in creameries, the price of butter still holds up. Those who speculate forget two or three things.—That the cow is the source of the butter supply, not the creamery.

Second—That the more dense the cow population becomes in any section, the less proportion of heifer calves are raised.

Third—That the increase in milk consumption has been so great that a very large share of the cows of the country have been diverted from butter-making to that business.

Fourth—That the increase of cows in this country is only about 2 per cent yearly, so it takes about 29 years to double the cow population.

Fifth—That the progress of dairy ideas among farmers is teaching them to weed out the unprofitable cows, thus reducing very perceptibly the milk supply for unprofitable butter-making.

Sixth—That the percentage of increase of population is much greater than the percentage of increase in cows, while the consumption of milk and butter per capita has been steadily on the increase. All things tend

people who travel on the reputation of the originals. It is equally time to register a protest against the rattle bang fashion in which such musical works as his are rendered, without any regard to sense, or any attempt to have the words of the songs and choruses understood. In these two respects the present company was a most grievous offender. Very few of those who took part in the cast deserve special mention.

Orpheum—With all of the acts, save one, already in town, the prospects for a good opening at the Orpheum tonight are good. The missing one is Mme. Slapoffski, the Russian soprano, who is due to arrive from Chicago this afternoon on the Los Angeles limited. Charles F. Semon, "the narrow fellow," is the headliner.

Grand—Tonight the southern romance entitled "As Told in the Hills," will be given; a special New Year's matinee will be presented tomorrow afternoon.

Lyric—The sensational melodrama entitled "A Fight for a Fortune," goes at the Lyric this evening with a matinee tomorrow.

PRESS CLUB MEETING.

Committee Appointed to Arrange for Publication of Literary Works.

The Utah Woman's Press club met Saturday evening at the Templeton building in the offices of Mrs. Emmeline B. Wells, and appointed a committee consisting of Mrs. Mary F. Kelly and Dr. Ellis R. Shippey to arrange for the publication of literary works of members of the club, as the organization has writers of marked ability, whose literary efforts will compare favorably with the best of eastern writers. There was also a program which included a paper on "The True Spirit of Christmas Giving," also a poem by Mrs. Lydia A. Alder on "Bethlehem." An Ancient Legend of the Native, by Mrs. Mary Francis, and an original poem by Mrs. Ruth M. Fox. The next meeting of the club will be held on the last Saturday in January.

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ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.

Old Man Believed to Have Shot Two Men a Year Ago.

Butte, Mont., Dec. 30.—A special from Helena to the Miner says: Word has been received here that an old man has been arrested at Clancy on suspicion of having shot Arpin and DeWitt, two Helena telegraphers, a year ago, after dynamiting the Harris quarry at Montana City, and the Chestnut quarry at Clancy; of shooting at Mr. Harris recently a short distance east of Helena, and more recently of having shot at another Helena man.

A few days ago Michael Foley accidentally stumbled upon the cabin in a place where it would never be discovered by persons searching for it. During the past year glimpses were caught of the old man, but he always slunk away. The day before Christmas he entered Chestnut's store at Clancy and secured provisions for which he did not pay. He was greatly surprised to learn the next day that Chestnut had been shot and never heard of it. Last night the old man was taken to Boulder, where he will be examined as to his sanity.

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