

VISIT SITE OF THE GARDEN OF EDEN

Trenton, Mo., June 29.—The following is a clipping from the North Missouriian of Gallatin. It shows the feeling of the people in that part of the country so well known by the Latter-day Saints, and their great interest in it, as well as all of the traveling elders.

Mr. Britton, who wrote the article, is one of the leading men of the met and a first class attorney and he met all of the elders he mentions, and got acquainted with them and he said he was the first he had had the privilege of meeting in 18 years.

Mr. Britton has also in his care three or four sets of the papers made out for the arrest of the Prophet Joseph Smith and other leading elders in 1838-9, as well as the disposition of them, (the cases).

We all read the "News" with a great deal of interest and are thankful to have such a reliable source from which to obtain the current events of the world.

JOHN A. CROSBY, Esq., Arizona.

ADAM-ONDI-AHMAN.

Rollin J. Britton Accompanies Mormon Elders to Historic Mound.

It has been the proud boast of many a resident of Gallatin and of Davies county, that this vicinity was originally the Garden of Eden, and some references have always been made to the Prophet Joseph Smith, who, it is claimed, came to this place in 1838. Once upon a time the Chicago Inter-Ocean admitted editorially that Gallatin was built in the Garden of Eden, and added, "the old town hasn't changed any since then."

But all of this is wrong—Gallatin nor Davies county was never within the confines of the Garden of Eden. The Prophet Joseph Smith never so declared, and Adam-ondi-Ahman, the place to which all true Mormons come, is not the "grave of Father Adam."

It is strange how much of error creeps into the minds of those who prefer rumor to knowledge. Knowledge requires investigation and effort makes us tired.

But knowledge is always worth all it costs and in this case, and that the region now known as Jackson county, Mo., was once within the confines of the Garden of Eden. That when Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden, they came to this place, that part of the beautiful valley of Grand river now known as the environs of Gallatin and dwell. (It strikes the average Missourian as a better place anyway.) And sometimes prior to his death, perhaps, it was only a short time, Adam, the progenitor of the human race, gathered his family around him—on that beautiful hilltop, now three and a half miles north of the Gallatin, where, overlooking that wonderful valley and the river down below, he erected an altar, offered sacrifice and blessed his family, and the name of the place was Adam-ondi-Ahman. The place where Adam blessed his family, and that is perhaps about the correct version of what was revealed to the prophet.

Each year faithful members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints make pilgrimage to the sacred spot. They come from Utah and places in the far west and they come from everywhere. They love the beautiful hill with its rock strewn top, where the altar was. They go to gather the blooms from the cactus that grows wild on its sides, and the cactus nowhere else in this part of Missouri.

They look upon the old cabin of Lyman Wight with admiration and they sing the songs of Adam-ondi-Ahman as they sing.

On Monday, June 22, 1908, had you been at the sacred hill, you would have heard the voices of seventeen Mormon elders, uplifted in sacred song. They were:

Conference President George V. Harris of Salem, Idaho, and Elders James S. Crane, of Draper, Utah; Joseph B. Bailey, of Summit, Utah; Herdell J. Bartholomew, of St. George, Utah; David S. Berry, of Cedar Fork, Utah; Alma Williams, of Emery, Utah; J. T. Brown, of Thatcher, Arizona; John A. Crosby, of Esq., Arizona; John A. McDonald, of Esq., Utah; S. R. Bennion, of Vernal, Idaho; Fred H. Campbell, of Weston, Idaho; B. P. Bingham, of Cornish, Utah; John A. Robinson, of Salt Lake City, Utah; J. W. Hancey, of Hyde Park, Utah; T. Roy Jackson, of Ayon, Utah; Amos Wood, of Spanish Fork, Utah; Moses P. Moffit, of Smoot, Wyoming.

And while they sang of "Adam-ondi-Ahman" you would have heard carried away by the fervor and faith to the time when the Prophet Joseph Smith trod that ground—the world at war with him and his little band of faithful followers. And the fact would have dawned upon you that since the time of the prophet, more than a million souls have believed on him and every one of that vast army have been saved.

That Jesus is the Christ. That faith must be followed by repentance. And that repentance must be followed by obedience to "by their fruits ye shall know them."

They have also believed that baptism by immersion is essential to salvation.

And they have also believed: "That in the spring of the year of our Lord, 1829, the Father and the Son appeared to Joseph Smith in a glorious vision, called him by name and instructed him."

Thereafter heavenly angels visited him and revealed the principles of the gospel, restored the authority of the high priesthood, and the organization of the Church of Jesus Christ in its fullness and perfection.

The engraved plates of the Book of Mormon were given to him by the Angel Moroni. These he translated by the gift and power of God. Utah, T. Roy Jackson, of Ayon, Utah; Amos Wood, of Spanish Fork, Utah; Moses P. Moffit, of Smoot, Wyoming.

He devoted his life to the establishment of the church and sealed his testimony with his blood.

The 17 elders here last Monday were an interesting lot of earnest young men—serving the Master with the zeal of their faith. Missionaries without compensation; paying their own expenses and devoting at least two years of their lives each to the good of their cause.

They were much interested in the historic things that belong to their Church history here and enjoyed an afternoon with Mr. S. P. Cox, the only man now living here who dates back to the Mormon times in Grand river valley, whose tales of meeting with the thousands of Mormons who crossed the plains to Utah in 1850, when the major

was a soldier in the Mexican service, proved very interesting. Photographer W. F. Shultz went to "Adam-ondi-Ahman" and made numerous pictures for them. The photographer and his picture comes up in a prominent way amidst the others. He shall certainly be known hereafter, not as "Junior" but as "Elder" Brosius.

NORTHERN STATES MISSION NOTES

Chicago, Ill., July 3.—Pres. Charles Broadbent sends the following from a letter to the prophet, dated June 29, 1908. We had a fine day and a large crowd of people were on the banks of Lake Knorr, at 2 o'clock, the appointed time, to witness the baptism. We held an excellent meeting with these people and feel that much good will result from the same. The crowd in general was respectful and attentive. Elders in the law had made boasts that they would be there only to create confusion and break up the meeting. There, as we expected, were disturbing spirits to some extent, though they enjoyed a little sport from those who assembled that they went away without having accomplished their purpose and we hope that even they received some good seeds that will eventually give growth to the church.

W. L. Jensen officiated in the baptism of the following named ten persons: Perry Harry Tucker, Emma Tucker, Harry Dewey, Tucker, William Sanderson, Lyle Mayer, Edna A. Mayer, Eva Alva Mayer, Emma A. Mayer, Verlie Mae Mayer, Zella Belle Mayer. All were confirmed members of the church. The elders here are well and feel that success is crowning their efforts.

Ira A. Pace of the Eastern Iowa conference writes: Monday June 22, company A, the Iowa town of Guttenberg, situated on the banks of the Mississippi, to wend their way to McGregor, there to hold conference the following Saturday and Sunday. News of the coming of the company, which might have been partly destroyed that city. Before changing our appointments Elder Green made a personal visit to the city. He found that over 2000 people had gathered there, and that the city was in a state of excitement. As it was impossible to hold our meetings here, Monona, a beautiful railroad and farming town, was selected as the place of meeting. The company, which had been destroyed nearly all the barley and oats and much of the corn of this section, the farmers were glad to provide for us and all the elders report a week of successful meetings. The company, which had been destroyed nearly all the barley and oats and much of the corn of this section, the farmers were glad to provide for us and all the elders report a week of successful meetings.

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ELDER CHARLES F. NIELSON.

DAVIS STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Davis stake was held in the Clearfield ward on Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28. The speakers on Saturday were Elders John Henry Smith of the council of twelve apostles on both days and Elder Seymour B. Young of the first council of seventy on Sunday. The speakers on Sunday were Elders Joseph H. Grant, James A. Eldredge, and Joseph H. Smith. The company, which had been destroyed nearly all the barley and oats and much of the corn of this section, the farmers were glad to provide for us and all the elders report a week of successful meetings.

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Elder Brudner spoke of the indifference of the pleasure-seeking people in Luzern, among which he labors.

Elders L. Tanner and Jos. A. Luthy spoke of the necessity of not only preaching the gospel but also to live it and thought that such new tracts as suggested by Elder Roberts would be of great help to them also in the French language, as they labor among the French people.

Elders E. T. Cannon, J. E. Harrison, J. H. Kinke, J. Schmitz, E. P. Oldham and J. A. Spencer reported their labors respectively. They all spoke of the need of a church organ in the French language is felt by the elders and saints. The following elders gave reports, and expressed their feelings:

Word of Wisdom, the new revelation, Muhlestein, Smith, Kirkham, Lindsay, Bayer, Parsons, Taylor, Bleak, Clawson, F. M. Whitney, Frederick, Fuhrman, Hunsaker, Billeter and Kunz, all of whom spoke of the needs in their respective fields of labor.

Elder Seymour Wells spoke of the need of elders using good judgment. The following day, Sunday three well attended meetings were held, and the elders had a splendid opportunity to explain the gospel to many strangers.