

keenly and selfishly regret the occasion for such a call. But political issues are unworthy to be considered in connection with such a demand upon our humanity. The needed relief for the people of Camas Prairie should be forthcoming.

SMALL-SOULED AND PETTY.

EVERY now and again, in the sessions of the City Council some jack-anapes, exhilarated with the presumed importance of his official inflation, forgetting his liability to be suddenly plunged into the juice of his normal insignificance, jerks out some insulting reflection in relation to the methods of the city government of the past.

These "smart Alecks" are either prompted by a coxcombic desire to create an impression of their own greatness compared with the alleged incapacity of their predecessors, or they are too advanced in idiocy to comprehend that methods which would be beneficent and applicable now would have been imprudent and even impossible in years gone by. A person who does not understand that new conditions require new modes of administration has not sense enough to preside over a poultry yard, to say nothing about doing business for an important municipal corporation.

Now, we make it a rule never to precipitate an initiatory assault, but occasionally we try to take a hand in an aggressive polemic defense, and if certain upstart members of the Council keep on manifesting their utter lack of official courtesy to their predecessors in office, who are not in a position to defend themselves, we will be compelled to wield a Faber in their behalf, by exhibiting the fact that the insinuations would be more consistently engaged in sawing small wood than in their present official occupation. We do not anticipate any special difficulty in performing this feat, Men, if they can be so designated, who are always looking backward in search of opportunities for throwing mud over their shoulders, are not of the genuine stamp and constantly afford plenty of material to enable the observer to show up their smallness.

STAKE CONFERENCES.

Appointments for Quarterly Conferences until October, 1890.

Juab Stake—Saturday and Sunday, April 19th and 20th, 1890, and Saturday and Sunday, July 19th and 20th, 1890.

Weber and Cassia Stakes—Sunday and Monday, April 20th and 21st, 1890, and Sunday and Monday, July 20th and 21st, 1890.

Box Elder, Tooele and Oneida Stakes—Sunday and Monday, April 27th and 28th, 1890, and Sunday and Monday, July 27th and 28th, 1890.

Wasatch Stake—Saturday and Sunday, May 3rd and 4th, 1890, and Saturday and Sunday, August 2nd and 3rd, 1890.

Cache Stake—Sunday and Monday, May 4th and 5th, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, August 3rd and 4th, 1890.

Summit Stake—Saturday and Sunday, May 10th and 11th, 1890; and Saturday and Sunday, August 9th and 10th, 1890.

Bear Lake, Emery and Uintah Stakes—Sunday and Monday, May 11th and 12th, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, August 10th and 11th, 1890.

Sanpete Stake—Saturday and Sunday, May 17th and 18th, 1890; and Saturday and Sunday, August 16th and 17th, 1890.

San Luis, Morgan and Bannock Stakes—Sunday and Monday, May 18th and 19th, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, August 17th and 18th, 1890.

San Juan Stake—Saturday and Sunday, May 24th, and 25th, 1890; and Saturday and Sunday, August 23rd and 24th, 1890.

Millard and Sevier Stakes—Sunday and Monday, May 25th and 26th, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, August 24th and 25th, 1890.

Utah and Snowflake Stakes—Sunday and Monday, June 1st and 2nd, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, August 31st and September 1st, 1890.

Panguitch and Davis Stakes—Saturday and Sunday, June 7th and 8th, 1890; and Saturday and Sunday, September 6th and 7th, 1890.

Kanab and St. John Stakes—Sunday and Monday, June 8th and 9th, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, September 7th and 8th, 1890.

St. George, Malad and St. Joseph Stakes—Sunday and Monday, June 15th and 16th, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, September 14th and 15th, 1890.

Parowan, Beaver and Maricopa Stakes—Sunday and Monday, June 22nd and 23rd, 1890; and Sunday and Monday, September 21st and 22nd, 1890.

FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS,
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DISCOURSE

Delivered by President Wilford Woodruff, at the General Conference, held in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, Sunday morning, April 8, 1890.

[REPORTED BY ARTHUR WINTER.]

I feel that every heart in this congregation should be filled with gratitude to God for the blessings we enjoy this morning, that so many of us have the privilege of meeting in this Tabernacle in peace and quietude to worship God.

I want to say to this large assembly that the President of the Church, or his Counselors, or the Twelve Apostles, or any other man who dwells in the flesh, has no power in and of himself to instruct or edify the Latter-day Saints; he can only do so by the power and blessings of Almighty God. In this respect I am as weak as the least member of this Church and Kingdom. We are all dependent upon the Lord; and I feel this morning that I stand in need, not only of the faith and prayers of the Latter-day Saints, but of the blessings of God and the Holy Spirit to assist me to declare unto the Latter-day Saints the word of the Lord.

I will say another thing. The Saints of God in every age of the world—prophets, apostles and revelators—have been in such a position that they have had no chance to be lifted up in the pride of their hearts, or to boast of their power and strength to do the work of God among the children of men. Every man who was acquainted with Joseph Smith and those who followed him, knows full well that this was their condition while they dwelt among us. Joseph Smith was a humble man. He was one of the weak instruments in the hands of God. He was raised up in this last dispensation and fulness of times to lay the foundation of this great Church on the earth. He was taught by the administration of an angel from heaven. He knew full well that his strength lay in God and not in himself. That is our condition at the present time. We have no chance to be lifted up in the pride of our hearts with regard to the position we occupy. If the President of the Church or either of his Counselors or of the Apostles, or any other man, feels in his heart that God cannot do without him, and that he is especially important in order to carry on the work of the Lord, he stands upon slippery ground. I heard Joseph Smith say that Oliver Cowdery, who was the second Apostle in this Church, said to him, "If I leave this Church it will fall." Said he, "Oliver, you try it." Oliver tried it. He fell; but the Kingdom of God did not. I have been acquainted with other Apostles in my day and time who felt that the Lord could not do without them; but the Lord got along with His work without them. I say to all men—Jew and Gentile, great and small, rich and poor—that the Lord Almighty has power within Himself, and is not dependent upon any man, to carry on His