

Correspondence.

TRIP INTO NEW MEXICO.

SNOWFLAKE, Nov. 2nd, 1892.

Editor Deseret News:

On the 9th of last month a missionary party left this place on a tour through our settlements in this region, composed as follows: Jesse N. Smith, Lorenzo H. Smith, John Hunt, Jacob Hamlin, Smith D. Rogers, and Martin W. Mills, also Misses Annie Hunt and Mary Rogers. Nooned at the deserted settlement of Redhead. Called a moment at Adalville, and, taking the most direct route, reached Forest Dale at dusk.

An appointment for a meeting had been sent in, and Brother William Ellsworth had come over from Ellsworth. Convened in the new large meeting house not yet completed. Remarks by Prests. Smith and Hatch, and Elder Jacob Hamlin. About 20 families here, who have raised good crops of corn and potatoes, without irrigation, the corn averaging 80 bushels per acre. Brother Hatch having been voted in chaplain for the trip, entered upon his duties. A large band of the White Mountain Apache have their home in this valley. As they were on a drinking carouse we did not call on them.

Our party, as joined by Wm. C. McLellan, Wm. Ballard and John Saline. Nooned at Brother Wm. Follett's, near Corduroy Creek—he is farming and stock raising. His wife being very sick administered to her the ordinance for the restoration of White River. Next day passed Fort Apache at 10 a.m. Nooned at the foot of Seven Mile Hill, with some of our people who were hauling hay to the fort. Camped on Black River; a detachment of cavalry on the way from Apache to Fort Thomas, was encamped on the opposite side. A drunken soldier wandered the river and came to our camp just as we were offering prayer, but a comrade came with a horse and carried him away. The following morning the soldiers were at a loss what to do, one of the tires of their baggage wagon having come off. They offered to hire our party to haul their luggage. But Brothers Ballard and McLellan put a hoop on the wheel and set the tire so that they could use the wagon as well as before. They did not think of trying to repair the wagon. At noon we met another party of soldiers and a six mule team hauling a heavy ambulance and one lady passenger up the steep, Black Canyon.

Passed through Camp Kentig on Ash Creek, where some troops were stationed, camped on the southern slope of the valley. Next day reached the Gila River about 1 o'clock, which was about twice the size of the Provo River at a common stage. The water appeared somewhat milky, with a swampy taste. Crossing and travelling up the left bank in an easterly direction we came upon a well worn wagon road, with a axle deep. Arriving at Fort Thomas and the neighboring town of Maxey, we were met by Brothers Teeples and Dahl, counselors of Bishop Rogers, of Smithville, to which place, 12 miles farther, three of our party proceeded, the remainder camping, as the teams were tired.

The nucleus of this colony of Saints was organized at Cluff's, now Ellsworth, in April 1879, by Jesse N. Smith and L. H. Hatch. The ward now numbers something over 500 souls. Our party were welcomed right cordially, and meeting appointed at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 14th. The town is well situated on a sandy plateau sloping to the north, covered with a heavy growth of mesquite. The valley here has a width of some six or eight miles, of which the river bottom proper takes less than one-fourth part. All the farming has been done on the bottom thus far, but the soil of the uplands is believed to be good; to grub out the mesquite would be a heavy task. The brethren have performed a great amount of labor in taking out the water, long and expensive ditches having been constructed, but with their present force they cannot cultivate more than one-tenth of the land they are trying to hold. They have facilities enough for a very large population. They need a grist mill. They can get grinding done now, but one third will be taken for toll, and that is discouraging. They have not been able to build a road to the timber on the mountains and lumber

from the railroad costs \$60 per thousand.

It has been found that by keeping away from the river bottoms during the cool part of the 24 hours and by using only the well water of the town plot, which tastes better than the river water, the chills, the scourge of the Gila, can be avoided.

A tender four meetings of the Saints in Smithville and one Sunday school, also attended a meeting at St. Curtis, four miles below on the north side of the river. Also met on Saturday evening with the Priesthood of the Ward, and on Sunday evening with the Young Men's Improvement Association. Instructions were given in the Spirit suggested, and all were greatly edified. Moses Cluff has a ranch on the south side of the valley under the shadow of Graham mountain, where he raises sorghum cane of superior quality. There is too much mineral in the soil of the bottoms to raise the cane with good results. Brother Cluff is experimenting with a view to making sugar. He will probably be successful.

Left our kind friends Monday afternoon. Eight miles brought us to Safford, the county seat of Graham county. Further on camped at the bend of the ditch near a Mexican freight train, where whiskey seemed to be very plentiful. Soon passed Solomonville; the following morning, also San Jose, and taking a southerly course, leaving the river and valley on our left, a ceded by a somewhat heavy grade to a mountainous and rocky region. Twenty-eight miles brought us to Ash Springs, where we camped with Mexicans; next day, eight miles further on came to the river, about half as large as where we left it, having received between the two points the San Francisco from the north. Crossing we came upon a well beaten road, meeting heavy ox trains hauling coke from the Southern Pacific Railroad to the mining town of Clifton, situated farther down the river near the mouth of the San Francisco.

We were now in the Middle Gila Valley thickly strewn with ranches and soon came to a stone by the roadside marking the boundary line between Arizona and New Mexico. The valley was wide, the stream less sluggish than farther down, the water bright and sparkling, the bottom beautifully timbered the soil apparently very fertile, and still there seemed a lack of thrift. This was explained when we learned the chills were prevailing. Met some 14 mule teams loaded with timber for mining and building purposes. Every traveler we saw carried a rifle to defend himself against Indians and cowboys, the latter rather the worse.

Continued up the valley about 16 miles, recrossed to the south side and again ascended the uplands thirty miles in an easterly direction brought us to Burro Springs a beautiful ranch near the top of the Burro Mountains, bought water for our animals. We were now in the heart of a mining country, they told us of mines in all directions, the ores carrying galena, silver and gold and assaying all the way from \$40 to \$25,000 per ton. The road here, turned sharply towards the river descended from the mountains to the upper part of Mangus Valley. We were near the continental divide as twelve miles further would have reached Silver City, which we were told, lay just beyond the summit of the Rocky Mountains. We turned down the valley to the northwest and twenty miles further again came to the Gila River running through a fine open valley, but the settlers by their pale faces and listless movements gave unmistakable evidence that chills abounded. Our route crossed the river and continued northwest up the valley of Duck Creek, where lie the famous White Horse ranch, which, we were informed, was lately sold for \$120,000.

Again ascending to higher land we crossed a divide to Williams Valley, on the San Francisco fork where we found the small community of Saints known as the Pleasanton Branch. Held three meetings and attended Sunday School. The Pleasanton Ward of the eastern Arizona Stake was organized and Brother Wm. C. McLellan was ordained its Bishop. The soil of this little valley is wonderfully fertile producing the best corn the writer has ever seen west of the Rocky Mountains.

It was deemed advisable that Elder Jacob Hamlin remove to this place, and in connection with Elder Geo. C. Williams, preach the Gospel in the regions roundabout. Bro. Williams, familiarly known as the

Parson, he having affiliated for a long time in the Baptist Church, kindly volunteered to show us our road through the mountains to Bush Valley. Continued up the San Francisco for several miles, occasionally crossing points of the mountains on each side. Passed through the small mining town of Alma, in Keller Valley, and nooned near the village of Glorieta, here we left the river and traveling over a difficult road, descended to the Silicey moonlight down the meanest hill on record. The canyon of the Silicey was beautifully studded with slender cottonwoods, sycamore and alder trees. One of the brethren saw a large bear near our camp.

The following day reached the San Francisco at noon, at Baca's, and crossing left it on our left hand, camping for the night on the Tuleños, a tributary of the San Francisco from the east. Here turning west up Apache Creek, our route brought us to the noted Apache hill. The Parson rode ahead and killed a turkey. Ascended the hill and reached a ranch occupied by a cattle company from Texas. Next day passed the small Mexican town of Las Lintas and through the Las Valley, the latter unoccupied, but a splendid place for a settlement. Next day arrived at Bush Valley and held meeting at 2 o'clock and again in the evening. Here the facilities for grazing are unsurpassed, the land being very rich, but being high in the mountains the season is short.

Recrossed the territorial line into Arizona, as we entered the valley sent forward an appointment and held meeting at Nutria at 11 a.m. This place is much improved, a commodious and beautiful school house having been built also a number of very good private houses. They have, however, unfortunately not built on the town site indicated by Pre-t Erastus Snow. Reached Round Valley at dusk, Sunday, Oct. 29th. Held meeting at 10 a.m. in the Upper Town, where the Amity Ward was organized and Bro. Almon N. Holton was ordained Bishop, and A. V. Greer and David W. Johnson his Counselors. Here Brothers McLellan, Ballard, and Mills turned off to Forest Dale and here also was the residence of Bro. Hamlin. Held meeting at 2 p.m. and at the Lower town, in the Alma Ward where Bro. J. L. Robinson was set apart as Second Counselor to the Bishop.

Next day reached St. Johns and held evening meeting, also next morning at 10 a.m. Arrived same evening at Erastus, and held meeting. Here next day, having travelled 510 miles.

Respectfully,
JESSE N. SMITH,
LORENZO H. HATCH.

THE REMAINS OF JAMES HOMER FOUND.

TAYLOR, Apache Co., U. T., November 5th, 1892.

Editor Deseret News:

About eight months past I wrote concerning the young James Homer, who was lost in a snow storm at Phoenix Park on the 13th of January, 1892. No trace of him could be found; three trials were made during the winter. October 31st, 1892, Brother William Johnson, who resides at Woodruff, was herding sheep for W. J. Flake, in the vicinity of the Park, when he ran upon the remains of the lost Snowflake. Word was sent to Snowflake on the first of November, when three brethren from Snowflake and three from Taylor started for his remains; they arrived on the second just before dark. As per request he came to his death from freezing. He was found some five miles east of Nelson Beebe's ranch house.

He left the above place with Daniel Kemp for the purpose of killing some turkeys; the young men separated in a heavy snow storm. Brother Kemp arrived safely to the ranch and reported the loss of Brother Homer. John Hatch describes the body as lying on its back, head to the south, head lying on his right arm, the left arm being under his left hip. He had on drawers, pants an overall, two shirts and a miner's over-shirt. He had broken off some cedar wood and some dry bark; he had evidently been trying to make a fire, and had taken out of his pocket a cap box with seven caps, a nail and a brass button. His knife was open in his left pocket; he was evidently looking for matches. His gun was not found, nor his shotgun. His hat was also missing.

His remains were brought in a coffin to Snowflake, where the inquest was held on the 4th inst. and was buried in the Snowflake cemetery on Saturday the 4th. He had a pocket book in which there was an order for a cow on Hilar, given by C. C. Curtis. It was known that he had this order with him when he was lost. The knife, pocket box, etc., were left with the justice of the peace of Snowflake, W. D. Hartchner. Brother Homer's brothers are living in Provo City. He was an orphan. I think he has one sister at Provo.

Please publish this for the benefit of his many friends. He was about 22 years old.

Your brother,
L. H. HATCH.

WASATCH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The twenty-first Quarterly Conference of the Wasatch Stake of Zion convened at Heber City on the 4th day of November, 1892, President Abram Hatch, presiding. Present, of the Twelve Apostles, George Teasdale and Heber J. Grant; Patriarch Thomas Hicken. The High Council of the Stake, the Bishops of Wards and their counselors, and a large number of brethren and sisters.

The Conference opened with singing and prayer.

President Hatch expressed his thankfulness for the very favorable circumstances under which we had met together. Introduced the two brethren of the Twelve who had come to visit us for the first time, and stated that he believed that the Bishops and counselors throughout the Stake were trying to do right. The Bishops and Presidents were called on to report those over whom they preside, which they did, representing them as striving to live in accordance with the principles of the Gospel.

Before the close of the forenoon services, Apostle Teasdale addressed the conference, touching upon the doctrine of predestination, our knowledge of the truths of the Gospel, how we obtain that knowledge, etc. If we are truly converted we will forsake all evil habits and go on unto perfection; explained what was required of us previous to baptism: the laying on of hands and partaking of the sacrament.

In the afternoon a few reports were made, after which Apostle Heber J. Grant addressed the conference in a very spirited manner; spoke of the necessity of exemplifying before our children, not to allow them to associate with drunkards and profane persons; charged man parents with neglect in teaching their children properly. Believed the Lord will do exactly as He agrees; and will bless those who put their trust in Him. Explained the difference between the plurality system and the practices of the world. Those who condemn and rail about the doctrine of plurality the most are not pure themselves.

On Sunday morning the house was crowded to excess at an early hour.

Elder A. Wootton, superintendent of district schools, reported quite an increase in the interest taken in regard to education, but a lack of good and efficient teachers was very much felt.

Apostle Teasdale referred to the complaint made in regard to a want of teachers in the Sabbath schools. Considered it a reproach upon the High Priests and the Seventies. Had known the leading men in some of the stakes to act as teachers and superintendents of Sabbath schools. Hoped that no complaint would ever again be made in that direction. Spoke on the subject of tithing, and of the reward that will follow obedience to the law.

In the afternoon the sacrament was partaken of. The General and Local Authorities were unanimously sustained. Apostle H. J. Grant spoke of the necessity of our being faithful in all things and of going to the house of the Lord and doing the work that is our privilege to do there. Referred to cleanliness, having pure and clean tabernacles that the Spirit of God may dwell therein. Spoke of our duties in the cause of education, in regard to voting, keeping the Word of Wisdom, and ministering to the sick. We need not think we have a clear passport to heaven because we keep one law; we must obey the whole law if we want to be sure of an exaltation. If matters not what our enemies do if we keep the commandments of God, they cannot injure us.

President Hatch called upon a

number of Elders that were requested to act as Home Missionaries. Expressed his pleasure at hearing the instruction given during the Conference. Thanked the visiting brethren and the choir, with all those who assisted in making the Conference a pleasant one. Benediction by Patriarch Hicken. The assembly returned to their homes feeling amply repaid for the time spent in meeting together.

CHARLES SHELTON, Clerk.

ELECTION RETURNS.

The following are the returns of the election of November 7th, as received by the Canvassing Board. The returns of a few precincts that appeared in the News are not in this list, while several in the outlying districts have not been received at all by any parties, so far as we are aware:

BEAVER COUNTY.

Precinct	Caine	Van Zile
Star, Poll No. 1.....	19	23
" " 2.....	—	12
Frisco.....	9	34
Carbonate.....	—	33
Grampian.....	—	27
Bever.....	333	70
Minersville.....	38	8
Adamsville.....	41	2
Greenville.....	49	4
Cave Mine.....	3	13
Total.....	542	286

BOX ELDER

Box Elder.....	380	14
Princeton.....	15	2
Malad.....	—	74
Terrace.....	1	37
Rear River.....	77	—
Kelton.....	6	13
Willard.....	141	8
Deweyville.....	41	9
Manitou.....	78	1
Portage.....	58	3
Plymouth.....	14	2
Crane Creek.....	78	1
Curlew.....	26	3
Park Valley.....	26	—
Total.....	945	162

CACHE COUNTY.

Millville.....	79	—
Logan.....	617	48
Providence.....	80	1
Paradise.....	116	—
Smithfield.....	238	8
Peterson.....	11	—
Wellsville.....	205	1
Mendon.....	140	—
Clarkston.....	73	1
Benson.....	31	8
Newton.....	46	—
Hyrum.....	203	5
Hyde Park.....	67	—
Rice Mond.....	179	2
Lewiston.....	116	2
Trenton.....	25	4
Total.....	2226	80

DAVIS COUNTY.

Kaysville.....	284	20
West Bountiful.....	50	—
Farminston.....	153	15
Centerville.....	84	12
South Bountiful.....	91	5
East Bountiful.....	185	24
South Hooper.....	61	12
South Weber.....	36	17
Total.....	944	105

EMERY COUNTY.

Pricefield.....	13	10
Price.....	20	—
Castle Dale.....	84	—
Moab.....	14	5
Huntington.....	50	—
Ferron.....	68	—
Total.....	249	15

GARFIELD COUNTY.

Escalante.....	68	—
Altonville.....	25	—
Panguitch.....	129	5
Hillsdale.....	15	—
Total.....	237	5

IRON COUNTY.

Cedar.....	157	—
Parowan.....	157	20
Kanarra.....	44	—
Paragonah.....	57	—
Summit.....	17	2
Total.....	432	22

JUAB COUNTY.

Nephi.....	393	8
Pintle.....	2	60
Levan.....	84	5
Mona.....	54	—
Total.....	533	73