

sels of God, whether we see benefit in them or not. If we will be obedient we shall realize all that we anticipate. I feel grateful when I see the people manifest a desire to serve the Lord in the way they are counseled, to cultivate the earth instead of being influenced by the god of this world, the gold and the silver. Have they, when they embraced the gospel and came to this country, considered that they had sacrificed all their comforts and conveniences; that we would have to go into the mountains and dwell in caves and dens, and dress in skins of wild animals, and our music would be the howlings of wolves and other wild beasts? Now, when I see the Saints well enough dressed to go to meeting in any of the cities of the world, and then go to their good houses and sit at their tables covered with an abundance of the finest beef and mutton and vegetables and fruits that can be found in any country. I think how wonderfully God has blessed His people and provided for them in the dispensations of His providences. The speaker referred to the hospitality shown by the people of Goshen and the lack of improvement in that place, with the expressed desire to do better in this latter respect indicated by the arch bearing the motto "we shall," in answer to the President's suggestion of naming the place "Shall I," as referred to in a previous letter; and exhorted the people to seek wisdom, and faithfully abide the counsels of the Priesthood, that they may enjoy the promised blessings.

Meeting dismissed for half an hour by Elder E. T. Benson.

1 p. m.

Prayer by Elder F. D. Richards.

Elder E. T. Benson:—It is often the case that men get discouraged when they are short of means to progress upon. To all such I will say, if they will rise up in the name of the Lord they will be astonished at the great things they can accomplish. This is a religion of progression from the time we enter into the Church to the end of our earthly career. We expect to go on from faith to faith and from grace to grace. By thus going onward and doing as we are told we shall be blessed and prospered in all that we do. Let all disunion and unfaithfulness pass away, and do not let us cast away a brother because we think he is guilty of some weakness; we should find out whether the Lord fellowships that man or not, before we withdraw our fellowship from him. As long as the Lord fellowships a man we may fellowship him. Let us exercise the same feeling and spirit of kindness to one another when Pres. B. Young is away as when he is here, that we may enjoy the Spirit of God constantly. Take a course to build up your brother and you build up yourselves. Uphold and sustain your bishops and every officer in his order, and consolidate yourselves from that point until you are one in all things. Let us be true, brethren and sisters, in the gospel, and have the affection for each other that exists among the members of a loving family, that if one member suffers all suffer with him, and if one member is blessed all rejoice with him. Let us be like little children, willing to be led, that we may obtain all we desire in righteousness.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon:—We cannot measure the great purposes of God, but our best course is to faithfully obey Him. There is no other course for the Latter-day Saints to take and be happy than that pointed out by the servants of God, then they have a claim upon Him for His protection and blessings. We must bring our wills and desires into subjection to His will. This is the path of safety and prosperity to us as a people. We have evidence given unto us continually that faithfulness to God is the best and most profitable course we can pursue. The wicked cannot understand how it is that we can be controlled and see that it is to our interest not to dig for the gold and silver which they imagine is all around us. They believe they can understand how it is that we leave our homes and come to this wilderness to serve God, and they call it a delusion. We walk in higher paths, which the light of their experience fails to see. We can look down upon them and understand them thoroughly. Yet we fail to comprehend fully the purposes of God our Father without the light of the Holy Spirit. By yielding to the guidance of the Holy Priesthood, we go on from step to step, until we are led into the presence of God. It is not necessary that we should fight against God and His authority on the earth to show our independence. The gentiles talk about one man's exercising power over this people, and sneer at it. I thank God they have reason to so sneer, and I trust in the future they will have more

reason to sneer, that the mind of God will be the mind of the people throughout these valleys and throughout the earth.

Elder F. D. Richards:—If we were to take into account where we were and what we were twenty years ago, we could easily see that there is now a wonderful change in our circumstances and condition. What changes may we then not expect in time to come, when the kingdom of God will roll on with ten-fold more power and rapidity? Now is the time in which we should treasure up the droppings of the word of life, that wherever we are in the future we may be found with a fund of knowledge that will make us a blessing to all over whom we extend an influence. The speaker referred to the force of habit in learning to use tobacco. [Here the President referred to the habit of introducing grunts and coughs, etc., by individuals while speaking.] The speaker continued: Let us try and get into the habit of keeping the law of God, of keeping the Sabbath holy, and in attending to our prayers in the season thereof. Habits are easily formed, but they are not so easily overcome when they are formed.

We sometimes hear Saints speak with regret that they have not passed through some of the persecutions, as if any have missed some blessings. Our trials are now whether we will be obedient to the counsels of the Lord through His servants. Those who overcome will attain to all the blessings God has promised to the faithful; while those who are disobedient will be removed from the society of the righteous, and be made subject to greater trials for their disobedience than the Saints have ever suffered, or ever will suffer.

Pres. B. Young spoke a few minutes. Meeting dismissed by Geo. Q. Cannon.

Elder Erastus Snow joined the company at Cedar.

At half past three o'clock we started for Parowan, and arrived there between five and six. At early candle light the people assembled, and meeting was opened by Elder Samuel Smith.

Elder F. D. Richards:—Commandments have been given us which if we will obey, will ennoble us and exalt us to the presence of God. A wonderful change has taken place in our condition. We are removed from the wickedness of the world, in a great measure, and we are greatly blessed of the Lord. Whatever our weaknesses we have the privilege of seeking unto the Lord, and we are enabled to lay hold on His promises and receive grace for grace and sanctify ourselves before Him. It is a blessing beyond all price and one for which we should seek to make some just return, thus to be made acquainted with the power of God and have His word committed to us in earthly vessels. There is nothing too great for this people to accomplish that the Lord requires at their hands. He will always assist us to carry out His will and purposes. We have yet much to do. We have not attained to that degree of perfection and power but what we deeply feel our inability to perform the will of God without the assistance of His Holy Spirit. Many have had labors laid upon them that appeared impossible to accomplish, but when they have sought to the Lord He has always assisted them to overcome and accomplish all that it was His will they should perform. We should seek at all times, in prosperity and in adversity, the aid and strength of the Almighty, for we shall need His help as we continue to progress, as long as time shall last and eternity endure. We are brought out here to sanctify ourselves, and cleanse ourselves of the works of the gentiles. We are here to be tried, as the new ship is tried at sea, and if we continually practice holiness before the Lord, and be full of integrity in our trials, we shall be considered fit for the master's use. The experience we are now passing through may be a key to our success in the future; hence, like the honey bee, obtaining sweets from every flower, we should profit by every circumstance of our lives. He exhorted the people to be self-reliant and prepared for every duty they might be called to perform.

Elder E. T. Benson:—We are told if ever we have a heaven it is to begin here. I do not know that there is any of us here this evening that is really safe from making shipwreck of faith, without a strict obedience to the gospel and the counsel's of God's servants. It will not do for us to be slothful, but we must rise up and do the will of the Father, and not our own will. God has sent His servants here to guide us. I cannot say it any better than to say that we are here to do the will of the prophet of God; for in this we do the will of our Father who is in heaven. The Lord blesses us and has given us these

mountain homes; and we have peace, union and prosperity here. We do not want you here in Parowan to become stereotyped, but to progress and do what the President told you under that bowery. It is our privilege to be cheerful and happy, and to eat our bread with singleness of heart, rejoicing in the Lord.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon:—The gospel is adapted to the wants of all men; and every man and woman who become obedient to it can go on increasing until they become like the Lord Jesus Christ. This is a peculiarity not belonging to any system among men. When men embrace the gospel they receive a spirit that gives them a knowledge of life here and hereafter. The same principles which are taught to us now are the same which Jesus taught and by which he was exalted. They are of heavenly origin. They may be taught to us by mortal men surrounded with weakness, but they are pure; and if we are obedient to them we can attain to perfection and dwell with God. The circumstances we are now passing through, are to prepare us with resurrected bodies to come into the presence of God. We can see these effects now in a limited degree. The people are approximating to that heavenly condition necessary for the reception of Jesus Christ at His coming. There is no want of our nature left unsatisfied by the gospel, and as continued wants manifest themselves in our progress the gospel will satisfy them.

Meeting dismissed by Elder Lorenzo Snow, after which the retiring congregation was serenaded by the Parowan brass band.

Sep. 23.

The President requested the company to start out this morning when they were ready, and not wait for him; some few started on ahead of him for Beaver, and the whole company arrived there in the course of the afternoon. We noticed Elder A. Lyman here to-day.

BEAVER.

Sunday, Sep. 24.

At 10 o'clock we met in the bowery. Meeting opened by Elder L. Snow.

Elder W. Woodruff:—We say we meet together to worship the Lord and to do a great many things for Him; but we meet together for our own benefit. The Lord has obtained His glory and we have not; and He has placed us in this life to obtain our exaltation. This is what we are striving to obtain, and why we meet to worship God. I do not know that we can do anything for the Lord, only to be obedient to His will; and if we are obedient it is for our own benefit. When we build school-houses and meeting-houses, it is for ourselves we build them. If we plant orchards and vineyards they are for ourselves; and all we do in the great work of God in these last days is to obtain salvation in the presence of the Lord. If we are counseled to cease from evil, it is for our own benefit. We have offered the nations the gospel and they have rejected it. Does it injure us? No; it injures them; for they are under condemnation for refusing that which is for their own good. We have embraced the gospel, and we are blessed with peace and comfort and consolation; we have had the benefit of it in this life and it will bestow upon us eternal life in the world to come. You cannot make a wicked man happy by giving him property and riches. There is no people on the earth that enjoys so much happiness as we do. We have had hard labor, and with it the spirit of peace, and we rejoice in the principles of eternal life. Our minds change as do the appearance of our faces. If we had a picture of our minds, as they were a few years ago, and were to compare it with them now we would see a decided advancement in knowledge.

We have been taught by our early traditions that the Lord has nothing to do with temporal things. This is a mistake. The world and its fulness are all temporal; and the Lord made them. This is a temporal kingdom, and must occupy a power on the earth. Whenever a Bishop is placed over a people, and he enjoys the spirit of his calling, his counsels to that people will be right; and the people should sustain that man, and they will be blessed in so doing. Pres. Young has labored for years to get the people to have a correct understanding with regard to temporal things. We have formerly sold our grain for naught; but within the last year or two it has been worth something; and if we would be counseled in all things we would be blessed more abundantly, temporally and spiritually; and this course would lead us to the possession of eternal life.

Ezra T. Benson:—I have thought this morning upon our traditions, and the fashions that have been introduced into

the midst of the Saints. They come from the wicked nations of the earth. If you read the summary of instructions given to the Saints north by Pres. B. Young, published in the DESERET NEWS, you will see the necessity urged of improvement in these things. I cannot give any reason why we should not make our own fashions and follow them, that is studying our own convenience, and cultivating prudence and economy. Any fashion that is brought from the outside world some will adopt to their own manifest injury in many ways. We wish to introduce the principle of self-sustenance for our own progress. The man that will sustain the principle of self-sustenance will get rich. If we take this course it will keep our means within ourselves and we shall cease to build up interests foreign from the kingdom of God. Let us make our own fashions and sustain ourselves; for Babylon will fall, and all they that trust in her will perish with her. He advised the producing and making of everything among ourselves which we require, that we are instructed to produce and manufacture.

Respectfully,

G. D. WATT.

#### SEXTON'S REPORT.

G. S. L. City Sexton's Report, for the month ending September 30th, 1865.

Adults	4
Children	22 26

Males	18
Females	8 26

#### CAUSES OF DEATH AS REPORTED.

Diarrhoea	6
Still born	4
Inflammation lungs and bowels	3
Consumption	2
Typhoid fever	2
Canker	2
Conjestion	2
Brain fever	1
Water on the brain	1
Killed by accident	1
Abscess	1
Suicide	1 26

Brought from country places for interment	3
Resident citizens	23

Total	26
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JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

#### ABSTRACT

Of Meteorological Observations for the month of Sep. 1865, at G. S. L. City, Utah, by W. W. Phelps.

#### MONTHLY MEAN:

Barometer out of repair.

Monthly Mean.		Thermometer open air.	
7 a. m.	2 p. m.	9 p. m.	
56°	75°	64°	
Monthly Mean.		Thermometer Dry Bulb.	
7 a. m.	2 p. m.	9 p. m.	
66°	70°	65°	

The highest and lowest ranges of the Thermometer, during the month, in the open air, were

Max. 85° Min. 35°

The rain water and melted snow measured 1.500, which is an inch and a half over the whole surface. Prospects fair for vegetation; and should the fall continue moist and warm, we had a happy year to come.

#### MONTHLY JOURNAL.

1. Cloudy and windy.
2. Rained at 4 a.m. Partially clear.
3. Clear and cold.
4. do do
5. do do
6. A.m. clear; p.m. some cloudy.
7. Cloudy and windy.
8. do do
9. A.m. snowy; p.m. flying clouds.
10. Clear.
11. do
12. Cloudy with a little sunshine.
13. Clear and pleasant.
14. do do
15. A.m. hazy; p.m. clear.
16. Mostly clear.
17. do do
18. do do
19. A.m. hazy; p.m. clear and warm.
20. Cloudy morning; then clear.
21. Clear.
22. do
23. do
24. do
25. do
26. do
27. do
28. do
29. do
30. do

THERE was a walking match at the Illinois State Fair between two men, each with an artificial leg. The first mile was made in 12 minutes 20 seconds, and on the last score of the second mile one of the men gave out, and the victor made his two miles in 19 minutes. They were employed in two rival establishments for making wooden legs.

To show the gigantic scale on which the war supplies were obtained, there remains on hand in one item 1,500,000 pairs of new shoes. The Quartermaster's Department have already sold 80,000 horses and mules, which have produced upwards of six million dollars.