

SPENCER FAMILY HOLDS REUNION

Descendants of Daniel, Hyrum and Orson Spencer Meet in Eighteenth Ward Hall.

LETTERS OF TWO BROTHERS.

Epistles of Historic Interest Penned in Early Days Read Before the Assemblage.

The Spencer family including descendants of Daniel, Hyrum and Orson Spencer held their annual reunion last night in the Eighteenth ward hall, the gathering being the largest that has yet assembled; and the program and all details being among the most enjoyable that have yet been given. The program opened with a quartet by Miss Reba Spencer, Miss Juliette C. Knowlton, C. B. Felt and J. D. Spencer, with Miss Jean Spencer accompanied, followed by a soprano solo by Miss Betty Spencer.

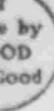
Miss Ellen C. Tibbitts sang two charming ballads, and Miss Alvira Hirst followed with a piano solo. The hit of the evening was made by three little daughters of Mrs. Ivy Clawson Greene, Mildred, Elsie and Myrtle, who sang two character songs with appropriate action to the delight of their audience. Two more selections by the first quartet finished the program, the chief feature of which was the reading of two letters written respectively by Daniel and Orson Spencer to a brother in Massachusetts shortly after they had migrated to the Salt Lake Valley. Daniel Spencer's letter bears the date and address of Oct. 5, 1848, and Orson Spencer's, Sept. 15, 1854, Cincinnati, where the writer was fulfilling a mission. These letters were preserved by the brother and came into the possession of a grandson who recently gave them into the hands of the Utah descendants. They are so much a part of the history of the time, and describe so graphically the then existing conditions, that their publication is deemed interesting to many readers of the "News." They are as follows:

Brother Grove: It having been some time since I have heard anything from you and having spent about one year in this valley I think that a few lines from me may be somewhat interesting. As you may know we have been up since our departure from Nauvoo, I shall not be as particular as I otherwise should. I will say, however, that we started on the 14th day of February, 1846, from Nauvoo by compulsion as it were, as we had no orders not to be seen at that place after the 1st of May following. The consequences of our staying if we had done so has been demonstrated by the conduct of the Indians towards our brethren who were not able to remove until that time. Immediately after we started from our homes, which were quite comfortable, the weather was quite cold and a heavy snowstorm came on, the snow falling deep. We all had to camp out, some with, and some without tents, and having to cook in the rain and snow, and to lodge on the damp ground, and our wagons which were quite exposed, you will see the we were much exposed, in consequence of which Catharine, Orson's wife, lost her life, as did many Spencer and D. Hendrix's wife, many others suffering much then, and death and disease being fastened upon others which showed when we arrived at Council Bluffs, or what we called Winter Quarters, for our people were numbered during the next winter. When we left we had not time to dispose of our land or property, and as our means to start with was small, we concluded to return and dispose of our houses and land for something to aid us in our journey. Accordingly Brothers Hiram and Claudius went back to sell our farms and houses, and they succeeded in getting out about \$1000 for small part of their value principally having to sell them for only a few hundred dollars each, and we had to travel near Francisco for a gold mine from which we had procured several thousand dollars in a few days, getting from \$2 to \$200 per day; common wages worth \$50 per day. This mine is no doubt the richest in North America, or almost anywhere else. I have written but a small part of what I wish, but as my paper is all occupied, I must close, and will let you to write me again in respect of this. Direct your letter to Great Salt Lake valley, Salt Lake City, by way of Austin's Postoffice, Atchison county, near Huneker's Ferry, Missouri. If you have anything from Gunnison country since the death of Electa write us as we have nothing since. My best wishes to you and all the little ones. I should be pleased to see you at this time, but I do not expect it as we could not visit us at Nauvoo—I shall not expect it here. DANIEL SPENCER.

Cincinnati Sept. 15, 1854. To Brother Spencer Esq. Dear Brother: You will perhaps be surprised to discover my whereabouts about 100 miles from the city in which you are now. I am 40 head of cattle at the place the Indians, and other causes on the 18th January, 1854, we started for the Rocky Mountains, in company with about 600 wagons, all that could fit that season. Brother Hiram's family and our own had about 60 head of cattle, and we had to make all the necessary provisions for one year. We took a westerly course in the Platte river, travelling on a level bottom from our wagon train 10 miles in width, plenty of feed

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Important Convention Will Meet In This City October 15 To Discuss Matter.

DELEGATES ARE NAMED.

State Superintendent A. C. Nelson Appoints Representative Citizens to Perfect Plans for Undertaking.

but little wood, and most of the country abounding in nut-trees and buffalo, the latter quite numerous, and much so, that many of the woods of those would afford timber, that our teams could haul. Being tame, they served us for meat of the best kind. We continued up this river about 450 miles to what is called Fort John of Larimie on the Laramie River. Our travel was upon the north side of the Platte, a distance of about one-half of the river, and very good. After we arrived at the fort we left the Platte and came into the mountainous country; feed and timber were scarce, as were also buffalo. We continued a westerly course until we arrived at what is called Fort Bridger, passing over the Rocky mountains and deep ravines, and going through the timber country. This is an Indian trading house occupied by a man by the name of Bridger, who says he has been here about 18 years, has many Indians about him and pretends to have much power over them. From there we left what is called the California trail and bore more to the south, travelled about 100 miles and came into the valley of the Salt Lake all in good health and spirits. Having spent about four months in the sun, arrived the 23rd of September, not losing a hoof of cattle or horses during our journey. But this was not the case with many others—many cattle were lost on our journey.

This valley is about 25 by 50 miles, and contains quite rich soil, and is made ground for the wash of the hills, which are quite high on all sides and covered with perpetual snow. It is extremely well watered with good water and plenty of mill sites. About two miles from this place is a warm spring bursting up from beneath a mountain, the water being warm enough to boil an egg in a few seconds.

A meeting has been called for Oct. 15, at which time plans will be more thoroughly discussed. Representative men and women from various parts of the state have been named as delegates to the gathering, as follows:

American Fork, S. L. Chipman, Bear River City, David Holmgren; Beaver, Charles Wolfenden; Bingham Canyon, E. M. Abbot; Brigham, George C. Stott; Ogden, John Foster, Cedar, J. F. Foster; Charleston, Alva Murdock; Clarkston, Thomas Godfrey; Coeur d'Alene, Frank Evans; Corinne, W. R. Ferry; Elkhorn, Charles Jensen; Emery, Senator Brinkerhoff; Ephraim, George Christensen; Escalante, J. B. Porter; Eureka, Gus Heimbold; Fairview, Peter Sundwall; Farmington, Amasa Lyman; Fillmore, J. Frank D. Wagstaff; Fillmore, J. Frank D. Wagstaff; Fillmore, Stephen Love; Fountain Green, N. P. Agard; Garland, W. D. Lewis; Glenwood, A. T. Oldroyd; Grangeville, Eugene G. Wood; Green River, Len McCarty; Gunnison, William Metcalfe; Heber, Joseph Mordock; Huntington, D. C. Woodward; Huntsville, Angus E. McKay; Hyde Park, George Bryan; Iron, E. J. Hart; Jackson, Andrew Johnson; Ketchum, LeGrand Woolley; Kanab, John Watts; Kaycee, Senator Barnes; Letham, John Y. Smith; Lewiston, Hazen Merrill; Logan, Logan David Roberts; Joseph Howell, D. C. Jensen; Mantti, P. P. Dyreng; Mendon, A. H. Richards; Midway, George Bryan; Milford; John Whiting; Millville, James P. Olesy; Minerva, W. H. Gardner; Moab, Mrs. Miller; Monroe, George Morrison; Moroni, E. Anderson; Murey, Ruben Miller; G. M. Mumford; D. F. Cahoon; Nephi, George C. Whittemore; Newton, Amos R. E. Clark; Ogden, John D. McKey; Fred J. Kiesel, W. M. McKendrick; Orangeville, Ben Luke; Paragould, J. P. Ipsom; Paradise, Mrs. Oldham; Park City, J. Martin; Parowan, W. C. Brown; Payson, Melvin Wilson; Pleasant Grove, Emma Larson; Price, Reuben Miller; Providence, F. C. Bassett; Provo, Lafayette Hollbrook; J. W. Knight, Edward Hinckley; Randolph, Richard Jackson; Remond, Martin Jensen; Richfield, Henry Hayes; Richmond, J. W. Fink; St. George, Ed. Swanson; Springville, W. H. Gardner; Sulphur, Peter F. Peterson; Tabiona, D. H. Christensen; Mrs. C. Kinney; Byron Cummings, J. Mont; Perry A. C. Nelson; Sandy, W. W. Wilson; Santquin, W. L. Openahs; Sepulchre, Orvil L. Thompson; Scofield; George Thomas; Spanish Fork, Heber Jex; Spring City, John S. Bain; Springville, Dr. Fred Durr; St. George, John T. Brown; Mrs. Barbara Ulmer; Tracy, H. H. Hilton; Vernon; Aragon, Jr.; Wellington, R. A. Thayne; Westerville, Evan Owens; Willard, Heuvel Nebeker.

MURRAY INDEPENDENTS.

Full City Ticket Placed in Field to Compete With Citizens.

The independent party of Murray met in convention last evening, and nominated a full ticket for city offices to compete for honors with the Citizens' ticket.

John P. Cahoon received the nomination for mayor by acclamation, and in response to a call made a speech.

Recorder, W. B. Erickson, treasurer, William Bishop; attorney, D. W. Moffatt; marshal, Michael Morris; Justice of the peace, Joseph Ulmer.

In a political contest between Ulmer and C. E. Banks for the nomination of justice, but Ulmer won out. There were no contests in the other nominations.

June near San Francisco (Cal.). It is now a long time since I have written to you. You will perhaps be surprised to discover my whereabouts about 100 miles from the city in which you are now. So far as I am concerned, I expect to call in all the thousands of British and foreign tourists as soon and fast as I can make reasonable provision for their employment. At an early period I intend to publish a weekly paper. The wars and commotions of the day are such that I expect to find a market for people on this side of the great waters as soon as possible. We have also other gathering places in the states, viz: St. Louis, New York City, San

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