

DEDICATION OF THE KAY'S WARD MEETING HOUSE.

We are indebted to Elder Geo. D. Watt, for a report of the proceedings at the dedication of the fine building recently erected, for public worship, at Kay's Ward, on Saturday and Sunday last. Three of the twelve Apostles—John Taylor, Geo. A. Smith and Wilford Woodruff—were present, together with a large concourse of the priesthood and members of the Church.

On Saturday forenoon, the meeting was called to order by Bishop Christopher Layton; Elder Woodruff prayed, and Elder Geo. A. Smith delivered a very interesting discourse on the circumstances of the people. Elder H. W. Miller, of Farmington, dismissed the meeting by prayer. The afternoon meeting was opened with prayer by Elder Geo. D. Watt, and Elder Woodruff addressed the congregation in a very edifying manner; after which, Elder Taylor congratulated the Bishop and people on the success that crowned their labors in the erection of a comfortable Meeting House, and anticipated the time in seeing other great improvements in Kay's Ward.

Mr. John Thornley and lady, and Mr. Wm Beezley, sang "Hard Times come again no more," after which, the Choir sang, and the meeting was dismissed by Elder H. C. Haight.

After the opening of the meeting, on Sunday forenoon, Elder Geo. A. Smith offered the following:

DEDICATION PRAYER.

Our Father who art in Heaven, we present ourselves before Thee this morning within the enclosure of these walls, in the name of Jesus Christ, for the purpose of dedicating unto Thee this building which has been erected by Thy people of this ward, as a house of worship, a house of prayer, a house of instruction, a house wherein to praise and glorify Thy Holy Name. Thou hast seen the labors of the inhabitants of this ward, and the labors of Thy servant, (Christopher Layton) who has been called to preside over them; and the results of their exertions in building a goodly habitation for the worship of Thy great and Holy Name. Help us to perform this dedication with hearts united in faith and diligence before Thee, that in all humility we may present this habitation unto Thee as an offering that may be sacred and holy for Thy worship, and for the instruction of Thy people.

We dedicate unto Thee the lot or parcel of ground which has been set apart for this building, and for those buildings and improvements which may hereafter be connected therewith, that it may be holy, that the light of Thy countenance may shine upon it, that no evil thing may dwell upon it; but that it may constantly be a blessing unto Thy people, being set apart for Thy worship and for Thy work in this ward according to the design of Thy people in selecting it.

We dedicate unto Thee, O God our Heavenly Father, the portion of ground which is overshadowed by this house that has been erected to Thy name; also the stones in the foundations thereof which underlie and bear up this structure. We dedicate unto Thee the basement story, and the apartments therein contained, that they may be sacred to the use for which they were formed, and we bless and set apart unto Thee all the materials of which it is composed that it may abide in strength for Thy service, that Thy blessing may be upon it continually from this time hereafter. We dedicate unto Thee the sunburnt brick with the mortar that cements them together; of which the upper story of this house is composed, that they may not waste away but increase in strength to maintain an enclosure in which Thy people may rejoice while they are engaged in the worship of Thee, O God of Israel, and let Thy spirit constantly be upon the walls of this mansion to stay the progress of decay until they have fulfilled the purpose for which they have been built.

We dedicate unto Thee the timbers, boards and shingles which sustain, cover, and compose the floors, and roof of this Thine house, together with all the bolts, nails and fastenings of iron, which strengthen, tie, and bind the whole together, also the glass and frames which hold it, with the paints, varnish, oils, and furnishings which have been used in finishing and adorning this house. We also dedicate unto Thee the pulpit, seats, tables and conveniences which are provided to be used in this building for the comfort of Thy people who shall assemble here to worship in Thy name; and we pray Thee to preserve the whole structure from the violence of the elements, that it may not be devoured by fire or submerged by water, and may Thine enemies, and the enemies of Thy people, never have dominion over it; but let it remain a mansion for Thy peace to dwell in so long as the perishable materials of which it is composed are permitted to endure.

Bless abundantly the Bishop of this ward and his brethren, who in the liberality of their souls have come forth nobly and contributed liberally to raise this house of worship. May their hands always be full of the choice things of these ancient mountains and valleys, and their minds always be filled with the

knowledge of God, by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit; bless them in their basket and in their store, in their flocks and in their herds, in their wives and in their children and all over which Thou hast made them stewards; give them ability and means to continue their labors in this region of country until they shall accomplish all that is in their hearts to do, and a beautiful city shall be reared around this house according to the designs of Thy servants.

Let Thy blessing rest upon Thy servant Brigham. We pray Thee, O Lord, to deliver him from the power of his enemies; may he live long, and remain free to lead and guide Thy people, and may no power be successful in injuring his person or the persons of those who pertain to him, or in curtailing their liberty. And may Thy blessings be on Zion continually. We also remember before Thee Thy servant Heber C. Kimball; give him bodily strength, and mental power, wisdom and ability to perform the duties required of him in the First Presidency of the church, as a counselor, and a comforter to Thy servant Brigham. Restore Thy servant Daniel H. Wells to perfect health and strength; give him great wisdom and ability to build up Thy kingdom on the earth, and may he continue to be a wise counselor and a staunch support to Thy servants Brigham and Heber.

May Thy spirit be more abundantly poured out upon each member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles of the church; may they have health, strength and understanding to go forth and build up Thy Zion according to Thy requirements in the last days, and make their wisdom and experience a blessing to Thy saints. Bless the Seventies of Thy church, and with them every faithful servant of Thine throughout every department of Thy priesthood, and may Zion arise and put on her beautiful garments, and stretch forth her curtains, extend her habitations, and strengthen her stakes and lengthen her cord; gather out from the midst of Thy people hypocrites, workers of iniquity and those who love and make a lie.

We remember before Thee those who seek the destruction of Thy servant Brigham; let Thy hand be heavy upon them, and let shame and disgrace cover all those who seek the destruction of Zion. May the principles of the Constitution of the United States be maintained, and let Thy hand be heavy upon all those who seek their destruction and the destruction of Thy people, and may Thy blessing be upon all those who desire to extend the principles of peace and liberty, and the blessings that are held out to all people in the institutions of our country.

Remember Thine Elders who are in Great Britain, Scandinavia, Switzerland, Italy, or wherever they are laboring on the face of the whole earth, may Thy faithful servants ever have joy in the light of Thy countenance, and power to gather from the four corners of the earth the honest in heart; and wilt Thou open the way that all those who would aid in building up Thy kingdom may have opportunity to do so; and control Thou the wealth of all nations in such a way as to bring about the deliverance of all the poor, needy, oppressed and trodden-down of mankind who desire to build up Zion in the last days.

We remember before Thee the Lamanites, bring them to the knowledge of their fathers, and incline their hearts towards Thee; let Thy spirit rest upon them to prepare them for the fulfillment of all that has been prophesied concerning them by Thine ancient prophets, that in due season they may be redeemed from bondage and claim the blessings which have been promised them through their fathers.

Bless all Thy Saints throughout the valleys of these mountains, and hasten the day when Thy people shall build a temple, a holy house in the center stake of Zion, where Thou wilt place Thy name and upon which Thy power shall rest; preparatory to these events bless all the endeavors of Thy servants in causing Thine armies to become exceedingly great, and to become sanctified before Thee, that they may be fair as the sun and clear as the moon and terrible to the enemies of truth. Let Thy blessings rest upon the exertions of Thy people to build a temple in Great Salt Lake City to Thy name; stir them up to diligence in contributing to this work, that those who labor on it may be provided with food and clothing convenient for them, that their hearts may be cheered and comforted while they are performing this great work, that it may be sanctified to Thee from the foundation to the finishing thereof, and that no power may ever prevail against it; and may all those who seek to desecrate it, or the foundations thereof, be destroyed and scattered to the four winds.

Smile upon this worshipping congregation, who have assembled to dedicate this building, may Thy peace rest upon them, and may this house which they have built be holy unto Thee, may it never be defiled, and when Thy people shall assemble therein to worship Thee with humble and contrite hearts, then bless them with the light of Thy countenance and the presence of Thine holy angels.

Hear, O hear this our petition and prayer which we offer unto Thee, for we do it in the simplicity of our hearts, praying Thee to accept this house as an offering to Thy name at the hands of Thy servants who have contributed to build it, and this blessing we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer: Amen.

By the request of Elder John Taylor, Elder Watt read the sixth chapter of the 2d Book of Chronicles; after which, Elder Taylor occupied the forenoon in the delivery of one of his cheering, instructive and interesting discourses.

The meeting was afterwards dismissed by Bishop John W. Hess of Farmington. In the afternoon, Elder Woodruff opened the meeting, when Elder G. A. Smith addressed the congregation upon the education of our children, exposing abuses and suggesting improvements in the general manner adopted by teachers, and in the conveniences and furniture of the school-room; he also dwelt upon the classification of labor, paying tithing and building temples and cities; after which, Bishop Wm. R. Smith of Centerville made a few remarks.

"Hard times come again no more," was again sung, when Elder Woodruff gave a recapitulation of the teachings and principles which had been laid before the congregation during the two days meeting. After "The Poets' Farewell" was sung by Mr. John Thornley and lady, Mrs. William Beezley and G. D. Watt, Bishop Layton concluded the services by tendering his thanks to his brethren who had assisted in the dedication, and also expressed his gratitude to the people of his Ward for the readiness and liberality they had manifested in contributing towards the erection of their new meeting house. Elder G. D. Watt dismissed the meeting.

Kay's Ward new meeting house will comfortably seat about nine hundred people, it is eighty-five feet long by forty feet wide inside, and its probable cost is twenty thousand dollars.

G. D. WATT, Reporter.

NEVADA.—From all accounts, dame Fortune seems to be lavishing, with a prodigal hand, her favors upon our western neighbors. The older mining districts of Nevada were exceedingly satisfactory to the possessors of claims, and those who wanted to be owners up to a short time since—now there is a perfect stampede to Reese River. The Virginia City Bulletin says:—

"The news from Reese River, Smoky Valley, Cortez, Washington, and adjoining districts, is quite exciting. Numberless new ledges are being discovered, and new towns are springing up as if by magic. Four mills are now constantly running at Austin and Clifton, and one on Big Creek Canon, and all crushing rock that pays extraordinarily rich. The value of ground in all these districts has advanced enormously within the past six weeks, with a decidedly upward tendency. There is a perfect stream of people rushing in from all quarters."

The Nevada Journal says: "The exodus to Nevada Territory continues as great as ever—the lateness of the season making no perceptible difference in the rush. Reese River is all the cry now. Humboldt, with its immense leads seems to be forgotten, and the few quartz mills in it are deserted, and from every part of California and Nevada Territory adventurers are wending their way to Lander county."

Among the prospective millionaires, we find conspicuous the name of our former telegraphic friend W. I. Muncy, recently of this city.

A large field of sulphur has been discovered in Lassen Meadows, at the foot of Humboldt canon. As far as it is now traced, it covers some sixty acres, and is from one to three feet thick. The top is composed of a peculiar kind of crust. One company owns one hundred and sixty acres of what is supposed to be all sulphur. Three-fourths of it belongs to parties in Carson City, and one-fourth to parties in Humboldt City. The acid manufactories that are starting in Nevada Territory intend using this sulphur.

The Hon. H. P. Benne, Delegate in Congress from Colorado, who passed through this City about a month ago, does not seem to have been able to satisfy the citizens of Virginia with his selection of Carson for the location of the mint of Nevada Territory. The Virginians will seek from next Congress an amendment of the law to substitute Virginia for Carson. The building will probably be erected next summer, for which Congress has appropriated \$100,000.

General Wright, the commander of the Department of the Pacific, on a recent visit to Fort Churchill, reviewed the troops there and complimented everybody very highly. The troops were highly proficient drill, and "there was no better conducted Fort on the Pacific Coast." A few political prisoners had the general's attention, and Third Duty Sergeant—Rattle-nake Dick, who had been reduced to the ranks, for having a rather large muss with his wife, was discharged from the service without pay or bounty for the past. On the 7th instant, twenty-six teams left Folsom for the Fort, with 65,000 pounds of stores, ordnance, etc. They were to bring horse equipments for four companies (400 men), a battery of mountain howitzers, sabers, revolvers, shells, etc.

Major Kirkham, attached to the General's staff had met with a very serious accident at Carson City. He was stopping at the White House, and on re-irring to his room at night in an upper story, by mistake he opened a

door leading to a stairway, which as yet exists only in the mind of the builder. Before he had discovered his mistake he had taken an irrevocable step and was precipitated headlong to the ground a distance of fifteen feet. He was very badly bruised, but it was thought no bones were broken, and unless he has received some internal injury he will probably soon recover.

COLORADO.—The Denver press seem to be dissatisfied with the operations of certain unnamed persons who have been wireworking for the purpose of transferring a regiment of soldiers from Colorado to Utah, under the representation that there were too many troops in the former and not enough in the latter place. The Rocky Mountain News, in discussing the subject, says:

"No unprejudiced, well informed person, knowing the present condition of things in our Territory, will say that we have a single soldier too many. Indians are threatening; right here are the greatest inducements for a rebel raid, or the smouldering fire of secession may break out at any moment if vigilance is relaxed. To guarantee security, all the military force in the Territory should remain here. Utah, on the contrary, has been for some time past, and is now, very quiet.—Col. Connor has conquered a peace with the Indians, and we hear not the slightest whisper of trouble from any other source. We do not imagine that any is anticipated. At any rate, there are full as many troops in Utah as in Colorado, and there are certainly no more important interests to be guarded there than here."

The claims of the two Territories are very freely discussed from the Editor's point of view, and Colorado is set down as one of the most important possessions of the Government while Utah is good for nothing and something less; finally, the Editor concludes:

"We believe that the representations referred to have been made and urged by interested parties—probably by men belonging to Colorado—who expect to secure contracts consequent upon the removal of troops. Perhaps they are figuring for the transportation, or for freighting supplies to them afterward. There can be no other object except a mercenary one in some shape or other. The soldiers are not needed in Utah, and they are needed in Colorado. Such being the case, we hope that not one will be moved."

The Denver Editor is pretty correct on the condition of affairs in both Utah and Colorado, so far as troops and the need of them are concerned in these places. When he knows as much as we do, he will find that the contractors are not all in Colorado. Eh?

NEBRASKA.—The Omaha, Weekly Nebraskan furnishes us with a very lengthy statement made by Judge Cyrus Tator, from the scaffold upon which he was executed, on the 28th ult., about two miles from Omaha, on the spot where he was charged with murdering Isaac H. Neff. The statement is remarkable for one thing—the uncertainty of human evidence. He read his "statement" in a clear and distinct voice and asserted his innocence of the crime, and his entire ignorance of the whole transaction with almost his last breath. One of our citizens was the strongest evidence against him, as he avers to have purchased from Tator six yoke of cattle belonging to the murdered man. Tator denies ever having seen that witness till he was on trial for the murder.

Tator is represented to have been successively a member of the bar in New York State; a Judge and member of the Legislature in Kansas; a Free Soiler there; a husband and a father. His motive for the murder, if he were the guilty party, was the possession of Neff's property, a paltry sum of five or six hundred dollars.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S LETTER TO GENERAL GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, }
WASHINGTON, July 13, 1863, }

MAJOR GENERAL GRANT:—

MY DEAR GENERAL—I do not remember that you and I ever met personally. I write this now as a grateful acknowledgment for the almost inestimable service you have done the country. I wish to say a word further. When you first reached the vicinity of Vicksburg I thought you should do what you finally did—march the troops across the neck, run the batteries with the transports, and thus go below, and I never had any faith, except a general hope that you knew better than I, that the Yazoo Pass expedition and the like could succeed. When you got below and took Port Gibson, Grand Gulf and vicinity, I thought you should go down the river and join General Banks; and when you turned northward, east of the Big Black, I feared it was a mistake. I now wish to make the personal acknowledgment that you were right and I was wrong. A. LINCOLN.