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## EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

### PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

AMERICAN FORK, Sept. 16, '68

EIGHT o'clock a.m. was the hour appointed by President Young for himself and company to start to-day on the preaching tour to Sanpete County and the intermediate settlements. The company consisted of Presidents B. Young, D. H. Wells of the First Presidency, Elders W. Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon of the Twelve Apostles, Presidents Jos. Young and John Van Cott of the Seventies, and Elders Joseph W. Young, A. Milton Musser, John Squires, Thos. Taylor, Geo. Dunford, Orson Arnold and D. H. Wells, Jr. The drive between the city and American Fork was very leisurely made. The heat was oppressive and there was not a breath of air to alleviate it or to carry off the dust until we passed Draper. Then a breeze sprung up, and the remainder of the drive was comparatively cool and agreeable. After passing the point of the mountain the company was met by an escort of cavalry, under the command of Col. Washburn Chipman and Maj. B. W. Driggs. As we entered American Fork we were welcomed by the children who were drawn up by the side of the road, dressed in holiday attire and bearing banners with appropriate inscriptions. With the hospitable foresight which characterizes Bishop L. E. Harrington, we found dinner waiting for us, after partaking of which we repaired to the bowery where the people were assembled. There was a numerous turnout from Lehi and Pleasant Grove, who, with the residents of this place, made a large congregation.

#### THE MEETING

Was addressed by Presidents Wells and Joseph Young, Elder Geo. Q. Cannon and President B. Young. The course which, as Latter-day Saints, we must take to sustain ourselves and build up the Zion of God was dwelt upon in great plainness. A contrast was drawn between the feelings which we had when driven from Nauvoo and came to Salt Lake Valley, and those which many had at the present time. Then we craved, as none but those who had suffered as we had from the cruel persecutions of mobs could crave, a land where we could dwell far removed from their society and influence. This we had obtained; but after the lapse of prosperous years this feeling had seemed to pass away, and many were welcoming with outstretched arms, and encouraging by the expenditure of their means, the hostile elements among us which had proved so destructive to our peace in years that were past. The prosperity which many have enjoyed have blinded them to their true interests, and they perceive not the danger with which they are menaced. An appointment was made for an

#### EVENING MEETING.

The people assembled at the meeting house at 6.30 p.m. It was crowded to overflowing. This meeting, like that of the afternoon, was very spirited, and excellent instruction and counsel were given. An impression has been made, we trust, upon the peoples' minds here which will not soon be eradicated, and we shall be disappointed if the seed sown does not bear excellent fruit. The speakers this evening were Elders Wilford Woodruff, John Van Cott and Joseph W. Young.

#### THE CROPS.

Wheat, barley and oats were not sown so extensively as usual. Seed grain was scarce. There is but a light yield of these cereals, many of the fields having been entirely destroyed by the grasshoppers. Potatoes and corn give promise at present of good crops; hay has also turned out very fair.

We leave in the morning for Pleasant Grove and Provo.

PROVO CITY, Sept. 17, 1868.

The sky has been overshadowed with clouds to-day which, with a good breeze, has made the traveling cool and pleasant. Bidding good bye to Bishop Harrington, and Bro. Edward Robinson, whose kind hospitality to President Wells and ourself had rendered our stay through the night very agreeable, the company started, preceded by a mounted escort from Pleasant Grove under the command of Major B. W. Driggs. We reached the last named place a few minutes before 10 a.m., and stepped from our carriage, into the meeting house, where we found the people assembled. Elder Wilford Woodruff and Presidents Joseph Young, D. H. Wells and B. Young addressed the people on the one great subject, which has been dominant in every mind and formed the theme of every discourse since we started, of sustaining ourselves and not our enemies. The people listened attentively, and there is reason to hope that what has been said will not be thrown away upon them.

#### THE GARDENS OF PLEASANT GROVE

Have escaped the destructive visitation of the grasshoppers, as the tempting display of fine fruit on the front of the speakers' desk in the meeting house to-day bore ample evidence. The gardens and orchards here remind us of those of Grantsville.

Leaving Pleasant Grove the drive across the Provo bench was quickly made, and it tested the mettle of the steeds of the escort, which we found awaiting us on the bench under the command of Major Jas. Daniels, accompanied also by Gen. W. B. Pace, to keep up with us.

#### PROVO

Ranks as the second city, in point of population and importance, in the Territory. It must, eventually, become the seat of great manufacturing interests. Its water power is immense. Under the present active administration of affairs here these advantages will, when the right time comes, be put to use. The bridge across the Provo is a substantial structure of considerable length built on piles. But it had a narrow escape during high water this Summer from destruction; the washing out of one bent probably saved it. We found it much pleasanter crossing on it than the usual mode of fording the stream.

There are some valuable improvements being made in Provo. The residence purchased by President Young has been beautifully embellished since its occupancy by him, and it is now one of the most elegant establishments in the Territory. Punch has an old cartoon in which Lord Palmerston is caricatured for his advocacy of stucco to buildings; but if its application in England is attended with any of the charming effects that we witness in the President's residence here, then Palmerston's taste must have been fully vindicated. A handsome barn, including carriage house, stabling and granary, 35 feet by 45 feet, is in process of erection, by President Young, contiguous. Our enterprising ex-Mayor—Bishop A. O. Smoot—is building a concrete house on the lot on the opposite corner east of the President's which is within seven feet of the level. We examined the work and it is of the most substantial character. When finished it will be a commodious and pleasant dwelling place. The Bishop is decidedly in favor of concrete as a building material. It costs, he thinks, only about 15 per cent. more than adobies and is infinitely stronger and more durable. On another corner lot of the square is a handsome new residence of our friend Bro. A. F. MacDonald. Its basement is concrete and the upper portion brick. Though enclosed under a roof it is not sufficiently finished to be occupied. The variety in style which we see in these buildings give us some idea what our people will do in the erection of tasteful dwellings when their means will admit of the outlay. A fine new brick store adorns another corner lot, which from its exterior we should conclude was nearly if not quite completed. We are informed that it is the property of H. W. Lawrence, Esq. We have not had time to visit other parts of the city; but we are convinced that the spirit of improvement is here, and that Provo is bound to maintain her rank as second to Salt Lake City.

#### THE MEETING HOUSE OF PROVO.

Description has been exhausted by letter writers last year in setting forth the beauties of this building. It is, without exception, the finest meeting

house in the Territory. Its interior resembles the finest class of Presbyterian meeting houses down East, and in standing in its pulpit and looking on the congregation it brought vividly back to our recollection the feelings that we used to have, when we made our debut in public as a "Mormon" elder, in standing in such places.

#### THE MEETINGS.

This afternoon Elders George Q. Cannon and Presidents D. H. Wells and Joseph Young addressed the congregation. In the evening Elders Wilford Woodruff, Geo. Q. Cannon, Joseph W. Young and A. O. Smoot spoke to the assembly. A solemn feeling has pervaded these meetings, and the Elders have been inspired to speak in tones of earnest warning unto the Saints. A similar spirit to that which possessed the Elders during the reformation of 1856 has been felt to a greater extent in the meetings which have been held this trip than on any previous occasion that we have known since that time. Those who have spoken have compared it to a fire in their bones and their utterances have been soul-stirring and convincing. What effect they will have upon the people remains to be seen; but I mistake very much the character of our people if a great change is not visible after this in their policy and course.

#### THE PROVO CHOIR

Is under the leadership of Bro. Jas. Daniels, and its singing is of a very superior character. The organ is presided over by Mrs. Adolphus H. Noon, whose performing, with the charming singing, has an inspiring effect on both congregation and speakers.

As I write the rain is pouring down in torrents, accompanied by vivid flashes of lightning and heavy peals of thunder.

To-morrow we meet with the people of Springville at 10 a.m.; with those of Spanish Fork at 2 p.m., and at Payson, where we stop the night, at 7 p.m.

PAYSON, Sept. 18, 1868.

While at Provo yesterday we were strongly pressed by Bro. Daniel Graves to call at his place at the edge of the city and examine his graper. We did so, and were much gratified at the success he has had in producing grapes. He has a seedling, which he has produced from an Isabella, that has attained an astonishing growth for its age, and is a very prolific bearer. The fruit is musk-flavored and has a larger berry than the Isabella. His California vines are loaded with fruit, some of the clusters being remarkably large, and it is likely that he will be able to gather at least two tons of grapes from them. His vineyard and garden are on land that has been deemed worthless by many, and he tells of this with no little pride when he exhibits his productions. It is certainly encouraging to see such results as he is working out, attending the cultivation of land so unpromising as his was when he took it up. We do not know what the capabilities of our soil are yet, and it is not too much to expect that, before many years elapse, bench land, that is now considered valueless except for grazing purposes, will be covered with fruitful vineyards.

Last night's rain has made the roads quite muddy in places; but all nature looks gay and smiling from its effects. Unlike rain that we usually have at this season of the year it has been warm and has not been followed by that chilling weather which is hurtful to late crops. There is but little change in the temperature of to-day from that of yesterday. The effect upon corn, sugar cane and fruit will be most excellent, and should this pleasant weather continue we will have a heavier crop of corn throughout this county, and Salt Lake and Davis counties, and probably other counties, than we have ever had in this country in any one season. The grasshoppers have injured

#### THE CROPS

In the settlements of this county; but not near so much as might have been expected from their numbers early in the season. The people will have enough wheat to furnish them with bread and to spare, and that which they have we hope they will, after paying their debts, have prudence and care enough to save and store away. This season's experience should not be forgotten, and no man that has any claim upon common sense will be induced to part with his grain and run such another risk as the great majority of the people have this year.

#### ARRIVAL AT SPRINGVILLE.

Captain Elmer Taylor, at the head of a mounted escort, met us about three

miles out of Springville and escorted us to the meeting. The schools with their banners were drawn up to welcome the company, and they made a fine appearance. The meeting was held in the bowery, being more roomy than the meeting house, which we noticed was being plastered, and when finished will make a fine and convenient building for the purpose for which it is intended.

#### THE MEETING.

The absence of men in the congregation here was quite perceptible. They are off to the Railroad. Excellent remarks on the topics which have been dwelt on at other places were made here by Presidents B. Young and D. H. Wells, Elder Woodruff and President Joseph Young. The people were evidently interested, for though there was a thunder storm during the meeting and the rain fell very briskly for awhile, the people never flinched nor suffered their attention to be diverted from the remarks of the speakers. The stand was decorated with very superior specimens of fruit, apples, peaches, plums, etc. Bishop Aaron Johnson had prepared dinner, hoping to induce the company to partake; but though some of them might not have objected, to dine here was not in the programme, so immediately after the meeting we stepped into our carriages and were whirled away to

#### SPANISH FORK.

The usual escort met us while we were en route, but I neglected to obtain the commander's name. When we turned into the Main street, the sight which greeted us was an exceedingly pleasant one. Across the street was stretched a cord with banners suspended on it, conspicuous among which were the Stars and Stripes, and in the centre hung the word WELCOME. Under these nearly the entire population of the place, adults and juveniles, were drawn up on each side of the road. As the company passed slowly between them the children sung Sister Eliza R. Snow's song:

In our lovely Deseret, where the Saints of God have met,  
There's a multitude of children all around:  
They are generous and brave—they have precious souls to save,  
They must listen, and obey the gospel sound.

#### CHORUS.

Hark! hark! hark! 'Tis children's music  
Children's voices, O how sweet  
When in innocence and love, like the angels  
Up above,  
They, with happy hearts and cheerful faces  
Meet.

That the children may live long, and be beautiful and strong,  
Tea and coffee and tobacco they despise,  
Drink no liquor and they eat but very little meat,  
They are seeking to be great and good and wise.

#### CHORUS.

They should be instructed young, how to watch  
and guard the tongue,  
And their tempers train, and evil passions bind:  
They should always be polite and treat everybody right,  
And in every place be affable and kind.

#### CHORUS.

They must not forget to pray, night and morning, every day,  
For the Lord to keep them safe from every ill  
And assist them to do right, that with all their mind and might  
They may love Him, and may learn to do His will.

#### CHORUS.

#### THE MEETING.

The large meeting house was soon crowded with people, and a very spirited time was enjoyed in addressing them. The speakers were: Elders George Q. Cannon, John Van Cott, Joseph W. Young and President B. Young. From the meeting we were invited to the hall which is used for social purposes, where we were seated at a bountifully-supplied table. The food was abundant, in great variety, well-cooked and of excellent quality, and those who waited upon us vied with each other in making us feel at home. While we were partaking of the repast the choir, under the direction of Bro. Wm. Jones, sang glees and other pieces, and Bro. Joseph Randall favored us with a song "The Laughing, Fat Man." Under the direction of Bishop A. K. Thurber, Spanish Fork is likely to become a thriving, flourishing place.

## ITEMS.

#### FROM THURSDAY'S DAILY.

GONE EAST.—F. T. Perris, Esq., firm of Cronyn & Perris, went East this morning on business. "Fred" is a live, energetic, honorable business man, who gives the most complete satisfaction to all with whom he may have business transactions. We wish him a pleasant and successful trip and safe return.

MOODY.—An overcast sky intimates that we may have a change of weather soon. This morning was close and sultry. This afternoon a smart shower of rain.

PRESIDENT B. YOUNG and party left American Fork this morning at 9.30 and reached Pro-