

C. Rich are EN ROUTE to the Cahone pass. George A. Smith is presiding at Iron county. The mission of the twelve apostles now abroad, is to all nations, kindreds, tongues, and people, upon the face of the whole earth; and whenever and wherever the Lord shall open a door for their admission, they will scatter the seed, and, if needs be, will leave wise men to gather the harvest; being guided, directed, and counselled in all their movements by the principle of revelation, and the Holy Ghost dwelling within them; and may the God of Abraham and Joseph help them on their missions, for verily they will not have time to preach to all nations before all flesh will be seized with fear and trembling in view of those things which the Almighty is about to bring to pass, for the wickedness of man is great before Him, and the earth He will purify by fire.

There has been more sickness in the valley, this spring, than usual, and several deaths; though the people in the other valleys have been well generally. We know of no reason why this valley is not as healthy in its location and character as any other, but as this is the place for the first arrival of the Saints, a greater proportion of the infirm stop here, where they can more readily procure the comforts of life, while the hardier portion go forward to newer settlements; and a great portion of the sickness in our midst arises from the seeds of disease and death sown in the system, while tarrying and passing through the aguish regions of the western States. Sickness here is generally of short duration, and ends speedily in health or death. The families of the elders who are on foreign missions, are in usual health at this time.

The saints in their gathering should never forget to gather and bring all choice seeds, for here is the place for them to grow and be useful; a large quantity of orange, and other seeds suitable for hedges, through which wire may be passed to make fence, are much needed at this time. Bring all the lath and shingle nails you can, also glass, wire no. 9, raw cotton, cotton yarn, machinery, and domestics.

Amid all the revolutions that are taking place among the nations, the elders will ever pursue an undeviating course in being subject to the government wherever they may be, and sustain the same by all their precepts to the saints, having nothing to do with political questions which engender strife, remembering that the weapons of their warfare are not carnal but spiritual, and that the gospel which they preach is not of man but from heaven; and if they persecute you beyond measure in one city, country, or kingdom, leave the testimony which Jesus has given for a witness unto your father in heaven, that you are free from their blood, and flee to other cities, countries, or kingdoms where they will receive you and believe your testimony.

During the early part of the last session of the General Assembly of Deseret, the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was incorporated into a body politic, in accordance with the general principles of incorporation, given by christian governments to religious societies, with power to choose a trustee in trust and assistant trustees to hold the property, and manage the financial affairs of the church for its benefit and convenience; and during the present general conference Presi-

dent Brigham Young was unanimously and legally elected trustee in trust of the church, and Edward Hunter assistant trustee, and presiding bishop.

Should the way open for any of the scattered saints (except such as we have before counselled to tarry where they are,) to ship direct to San Diego, in California, they will do so, and from thence they can work their passage to the settlement about to be formed by Bros. Lyman and Rich in that vicinity, and from thence to this place.

May grace, mercy, peace, and prosperity be multiplied unto all the Saints, in the name of Jesus: amen.

BRIGHAM YOUNG,  
HEBER C. KIMBALL,  
WILLARD RICHARDS.

G. S. L. City, Deseret, April 7, 1851.

## DESERET NEWS.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 1851.

APRIL 8.—The February mail from Independence, arrived on the 3d inst. We have seen the New York Herald to the 18th of January, and Occidental Messenger of the 1st of February. The most important item we have discovered is the three cent postage bill; a synopsis of which may be found in this paper, the publication of which has been deferred three days, to receive the "Fifth General Epistle of the Presidency." Our time has been too much occupied with public matters, to give much attention to this sheet.

Many brethren arrived from a distance, on Saturday, to ~~the~~ conference, and in the evening the Bowery was filled to overflowing, by attendants on the Concert, which, we understand, was one of the happiest efforts of our Band. Saturday night and Sunday morning were accompanied by a heavy rain, and conference was adjourned till Monday. A heavy frost on Sunday night, or rather a freeze. The snow has fallen four feet deep in some of the canyons the past week.

Yesterday was very pleasant. Conference opened at 10 a. m., President Kimball presiding; Pres't. Young's health not permitting him to be present, though convalescent, and at intermission taking an airing in his carriage in front of the Bowery. The Bowery was filled during the a. m. exercise, and hundreds out of doors. In the afternoon, the benches were removed to the south yard, which was filled, and the street adjoining to a great distance. Such an assembly of Saints has not been seen before

in the mountains in these latter days. The spirit of the assembly during the day was cheering, and great union was manifest in every move.

In making out the quarterly returns for the post office for last quarter, the income of the office was six dollars per month, which did not pay for a third part of the wood burnt while attending to the business; we therefore suggest that our brethren will pre-pay their letters, so that it will help keep up the office. The mail that went out on the 1st inst. had 800 letters, which, together with the business appertaining to the office, took two clerks night and day to get it ready, and the paid-for letters did not amount to eight dollars.

Our next paper may be expected next week as usual.

The election of city officers yesterday, resulted in the choice of the previous incumbents of Mayor, Aldermen, and Counselors, except Dr. Dunyon and B. Clapp, resigned; and Enoch Reese and Robert Pierce were chosen in their place.

### SPECIAL MESSAGE,

To the General Assembly of the State of Deseret.

GENTLEMEN:—Whereas, the Congress of the United States passed an Act Sept. 9, 1850, and received the approval of the President to "establish a Territorial Government for Utah," and made appropriations for erecting public buildings for said Territory, &c.; the appointments under said law also having been made, official announcement of which has not as yet been received, but are shortly expected; sufficient intelligence, however, has been received to justify us in preparing for the adoption and organization of the new Government under said Act.

I have therefore thought proper to suggest to you, previous to your final adjournment, the propriety of making such arrangements, as in wisdom you may consider necessary, in view of the aforesaid Act of Congress; that as little inconvenience as possible may arise in the change of governmental affairs, and in relation to the organization of the Territorial Government, for erecting public buildings for said Territory, &c.

And now, upon the dissolving of this Legislature, permit me to add, the industry and unanimity which have ever characterized your efforts, and contributed so much to the pre-eminent success of this Government, will, in all future time, be a source of gratification to all; and whatever may be the career and destiny of this young, but growing Republic, we can ever carry with us the proud satisfaction of having erected, established, and maintained a peaceful, quiet, yet ener-