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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

CONFERENCE AT PARIS.—Elder George Osmond sends us the minutes of a Conference of the Saints, held at Paris, Rich county, on Saturday and Sunday, the 25th and 26th ult.:

On Saturday, 10 a. m., the congregation was called to order by President C. C. Rich, singing by the united choir of Paris and Bloomington, prayer by Bishop Wm. Budge. After stating that the object of the Conference was to impart instruction and to transact business for the benefit of all, President Rich called upon the presidents to represent their branches.

Elder William H. Lee represented Woodruff. He said it numbered 22 families and 138 souls. They had completed a good school house. The people paid their tithing and were diligent in attending to their other duties. They were living on the confines between Saints and Gentiles and were maintaining their integrity and secured the confidence of the business men among the Gentiles more by that course than they would by copying their bad habits. He thought the progress of the Kingdom of God was more impeded by inside disobedience and opposition than outside pressure.

Elder Wm. Howard represented Randolph, in the absence of Elder Randolph Stewart. He said the feelings of the people were first-rate, and they had the spirit of improvement, as their good school-house and other works would testify. They numbered about one hundred families, and had good schools.

Elder Ira Nebeker, of Lake Town, said the people there were, with few exceptions, trying to live their religion. They had a good school, but he was not posted in statistics.

Fish Haven was represented by letter from Elder Hugh Findlay, who was detained at home by sickness. He reported a good spirit among the people and a day and Sunday school well attended.

Elder N. Wilhelmson represented St. Charles. He said they had a Sunday school there, and enjoyed a good spirit in their meetings, and the people were trying to live their religion.

Elder George Osmond represented Bloomington. There were fifty-four families there with a full average of children. They had two live day schools and a Sunday school, and the people were generally striving to live their religion.

Paris was represented by Elder Henry Horn, who reported the people diligent in attending meetings, although he thought some were prompter at dances and theatres. They had three day schools and one Sunday school, all well attended.

Elder N. Edleson represented Ovid. He thought the people were improving. They numbered about thirty families, and were without schools at present, but were expecting to start one soon.

Elder John Cozzens represented Montpelier. He said the reports of the teachers showed that the people were striving to live their religion. They numbered about seventy families and had two day schools. They had Sunday meetings, and elders' and seventies' meetings through the week.

The settlements of Meadowville, Liberty, Bennington and Georgetown were not represented.

Female Relief Societies were reported organized in Paris, Bloomington, St. Charles, Montpelier and Ovid.

After a few remarks, by President Rich, expressing pleasure at hearing the reports, and reproving evil and hypocrisy, the conference adjourned for dinner.

At the afternoon meeting Bishop Wm. Budge spoke upon the principle of obedience, showing the necessity of the Saints observing it and being guided by the priesthood in temporal as well as spiritual matters.

He strongly condemned the habit of drinking spirituous liquors, and urged all present, instead of squandering their means in such practices, to husband their gains and lay the foundation for their salvation and happiness. The bishops throughout the settlements should encourage the Saints in all profitable and legitimate associations, and oppose and earnestly discourage everything of an evil tendency and influence.

President C. C. Rich thought the Saints sometimes took more interest in amusements than in the principles of life and salvation. Amusements were very well in their place, but there were principles to be learned by which our lives must be governed in order to obtain true and lasting happiness. Obedience was one of these principles. Disobedience and opposition were the cause of all our troubles. The gospel makes us free to do right and no real freedom or substantial happiness exists outside of it. No one had the privilege of doing wrong without suffering the consequences. If those who were intemperate were not allowed to associate in the dance and elsewhere, with the temperate and good, it would not be long before they would either reform or seek more congenial society. We should learn to govern our tongues, and not call on the Almighty to curse our brethren or anything we have been made stewards over.

Adjourned.

SUNDAY, 10 a. m.

After singing and prayer brief and interesting discourses were delivered by Elders John A. Hunt, David Osborn, Read in A. Allred, Nathan Davis and Solomon Wixom, and closing remarks by President Rich.

President Rich reviewed the Woman's Rights movement, and said the proper order was for the Lord to lead the man and the man the woman, but if the devil led the man the woman should not follow. It is said in the world that the "Mormons" hold their women in bondage. He thought no man could be called a servant of God who would tyrannize over woman. If we will cultivate a spirit of disunion and disobedience it will be transmitted to our children. In speaking of marriage the speaker said there was about the same efficacy in being married by a Justice of the Peace as there

would be in jumping a broomstick, with the exception of the mere observance of the law of the land. Marriage should be for time and eternity.

A great many people called Saints, serve the devil two days to the serving of God two hours.

The order of Endich was calculated to cure the selfishness of the people by removing the temptations to be dishonest.

President Rich concluded his discourse with a few remarks on tithing. Bishop Wm. Budge followed with a discourse on marriage, tithing, and kindred subjects. He commended the people for their increasing interest in tithing matters. Bishops who neglected to take care of tithing were as responsible as those who neglected to pay it.

2 p. m.

The Sacrament was administered. Prest. C. C. Rich spoke of the fearlessness of the Elders in reproving iniquity wherever it existed. We were all descendants of two persons. We would always be their children, and receive our blessings through them. Some did not honor their first parents because they had partaken of the forbidden fruit, but he thought none of their descendants had done as well excepting, of course, the Savior. We are engaged in a similar work to theirs, that of laying the foundation of a kingdom. Priesthood is the delegated authority of the Almighty, by which men act in his name in officiating in his ordinances and conferring blessings on the people.

The general and local authorities of the Church were then presented by President C. C. Rich, and sustained by unanimous vote.

Elder Joseph Moore was appointed President of Bennington, and Elder George Osmond President of Bloomington.

President Rich then brought the Conference to a close by giving some general advice and counsel to the young.

LYNCHING IN MONTANA, &c.—The following came per Western Union line:

CORINNE, 2.—A Bozeman, Montana, dispatch, says that two murderers were lynched at that place last night. One was an old man named Triplett, who killed a man about three months ago, the other a young man named "Steamboat Bill," who killed two Chinamen two days ago. They were still hanging at 9:30 a. m.

The Montana stage could not leave here this morning, all the horses being sick with the epizootic.

A Virginia, Montana, dispatch says the epizootic had not reached that place. At Snake River all the stage horses are sick, and there is no certainty of a coach getting through.

STOCKTON.—The rain fall from the present storm is a trifle over an inch.

Mrs. Laura D. Fair has secured a hall and will speak her piece here this week.

WINTERLY.—"February fills the dyke, either black or white," runs the old saying, and thus the month has begun. We don't recollect to have seen the ditches in worse condition and the streets in places likewise than yesterday. Snow and slush and running water conspired to make underfoot anything but pleasant. The snow drove also occasionally from the northward, and again this morning it was still more winterly, as thoroughly a winter looking morning as any of the season, with five or six inches of new snow on the ground and more furiously fighting its way downward.

FIRE AT TOANO.—The following was received this morning by Deseret Telegraph line:

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Deseret Evening News:—

The C. P. round house, at Toano, took fire at 7 o'clock on Saturday night. Three engines, which were in the building, were destroyed, and two others, which were at some distance from it, were damaged. Fortunately the fire did not communicate to any of the other buildings.

A. M. MUSSER.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—A fatal accident happened yesterday to a seven-year old son of Mr. James Hicks, of the Second ward in this city. The child was chasing a calf, and as he was running he fell on his face. He got up, but was scarcely able to stand, and after going a few steps fell on his back. He was carried into the house, and complained of very severe pain in the abdomen. Camphor and whisky were applied, but after being in great agony for about half an hour, the poor little fellow breathed his last.

INFORMATION WANTED.—A. P. Wheeler, of Whitewater, wishes to hear of his brother, Abraham W. Palmer (or any of his family) who many years ago came to this city, and Mr. W. heard, was a "Mormon preacher."

[From Tuesday's Daily.

GREAT COLD in England, as well as furious storms. A hundred persons frozen to death.

THE WEBER.—Bro. Isaac Bowman, in from Peterson, in the Weber Valley, reports about three feet of snow in that region, and a hard piece of winter just come on.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT AT BRIGHAM CITY.—On Saturday last as a boy was chopping wood, in the yard of Mr. Jarvis Johnson, at Brigham City, his ax slipped and a young man 17 years of age, named Brigham Hanson, who was picking up wood close by, received its edge on his nose, the blow causing a fracture of both his cheek bones. The wound, it is feared, will be dangerous. The above facts are from a communication signed A. Christensen, in the Ogden Junction of Monday.

DIED, in St. Mark's Hospital, in this city, on Sunday night, Mr. W. C. Campbell, a journalist well known on the Pacific Coast, formerly connected with the *Alta California*, and occasionally, for the last two or three years, as assistant editor and correspondent, with the *Herald* of this city. Mr. Campbell died of softening of the brain. He was about forty-two or forty-three years of age.

EXPEDITION TO THE NORTH.

By special invitation from Moses Thatcher, Esq., Secretary of the U. N. R. R., an agreeable party left this city for Logan at 5 o'clock yesterday morning, for the purpose of participating in a general time of rejoicing, in the celebration of the completion of the Utah Northern to the latter point. Among the company were Honorable Wilford Woodruff, John Taylor and William Jennings, and Messrs. H. B. Clawson, A. M. Musser, Thos. G. Webber, James Cummings, R. L. Campbell, and R. V. Morris. The *DESERET EVENING NEWS* and *Salt Lake Herald* were represented and the company also comprised quite a large sprinkling of the ladies, not forgetting a few infants. On the arrival of the party at Ogden they were joined by Honorables Lorin and Aaron Farr, and Bishop L. J. Herrick and their respective ladies.

At Ogden, Mr. Pratt, Division Superintendent of the C. P., attached a caboose to the rear end of a western bound freight train and kindly placed it at the disposal of the party. On arriving at Brigham City Junction, where the connection is made between the C. P. and U. N., it was ascertained that the train which was to have carried the excursionists from the latter point to Logan, left Hampton's, coming south-east, at 12:55 a. m., and that no tidings had been received of it since. The situation was peculiar, but the spirits of the party were in high tide and were not easily dampened; everybody had come out for purposes of enjoyment and everybody seemed to laudably endeavor to carry out the object. The little station house was filled with a merry crowd, and the sparkling joke passed freely around. Mr. Charles Nibley, ticket agent of the road, did all he possibly could towards making matters pleasant and comfortable for his numerous guests.

About 11 o'clock an eastern bound C. P. special train came along, and several members of the party took advantage of an opportunity to return to Ogden by that means. As time wore on the jokes became a little less brilliant and the appreciation thereof was fast becoming manifestly modified, to the evident discouragement of the brightest wits of the party. Everybody knows that every effect produced must have an originating cause. It was soon painfully apparent that the pointlessness of the jokes and the emptiness of the semi-appreciative smiles were caused by more than a corresponding vacuum in the stomachical region of the excursionists. It was soon discovered, however, that the eyes of the respected Secretary of the D. A. & M. Society and those of a few others were still bright, and their witticisms still as sharp and amusing as ever. An inquiry being made as to the cause of this special effect it was discovered that that gentleman and some others had paid a visit to the house of Brother John Welch, the only residence anything like close to the station house. As soon as this discovery was made, others followed the example set them and they also secured refreshments. It was certainly a good thing for the excursionists that Brother Welch lived so near the junction, but whether it was fortunate for that gentleman himself, yesterday, we shall not attempt to determine, neither shall we undertake to decide whether it will now be necessary for Brother Welch to buy up another stock of provisions to last his family through the present winter. It is certain, however, that those who visited his house yesterday came out again with renewed zest for the pleasures and adventures of the celebrating excursion to the north.

During the stay of the party at the junction, first one and then another would see smoke, and announce that the train was coming, but such things ended as they began, hardly in smoke. A few members of the party left for Ogden by the 12:45 C. P. train, which was over an hour behind time, so that the company was finally reduced to about twenty persons in all.

In the afternoon a dispatch was received from Secretary Thatcher, expressing great regret at the unavoidable detention of the party, and stating that he had telegraphed to Brigham City for sleighs to be sent to the junction to take the company there, and a great effort would be made to take the excursionists from there to Logan the next morning. Sleighs soon afterwards arrived and half of the party were soon merrily on their way to Brigham and just as the other half were about to start, the engines were at last observed coming at a goodly rate towards the junction. The latter half therefore went to Brigham by train, on the arrival of which at the nearest point to town Bishop Nichols had sleighs in waiting to convey the hungry passengers to his house. The Bishop is a man "given to hospitality," and the members of his numerous family are characterized by the same estimable quality. Most of the members of the party were therefore soon around his hospitable board, and discussing strength imparting viands.

Mr. Tolley, Superintendent of Construction on the U. N. R. R., expressed a desire to make the attempt to take the party through to Logan last night. He knew that the road was clear as far as Hampton's, and unless it should snow or blow the line would also be passable from that place to Logan. The day previous the engines had passed over the entire road, one starting from Logan and the other from Brigham and meeting at Hampton's. After meeting there, both engines went over the divide to Logan and then from the latter place back to Brigham, passing, as before stated, Hampton's at 12:55 yesterday a. m. Large numbers of men had also been at work clearing the track, but as was demonstrated last winter, wind and snow can set at defiance the most herculean efforts of men to keep railroad cuts, etc., free of obstruction. No greater efforts could have been made under the circumstances than were put forth by the Utah Northern Railroad company to enable the excursionists to reach the point where the celebration was to be held, and such was the verdict of every member of the party. The efforts thus made were another evidence of the energy of the gentlemen connected with the road. All the men on the train which arrived at Brigham had been at work the whole of the preceding night and the two preceding days, yet all were willing to do their utmost to take the party through that night. Some thought it would probably be better to lie over at Brigham City for the night and then take a good start for

Logan in the morning, but it was finally decided to make an attempt to reach Logan last night.

After all were aboard the train a start was made about seven o'clock for Logan. The track was pretty clear along a large portion of the road, but as the train neared Hampton's progress became impeded, the train having frequently to back and endeavor to force its way through the snow. The front engine was then detached and ran along the road for a considerable distance ahead, leaving the train behind. The engine then returned, and after some delay, caused by the necessity of filling the boilers, another start was made, and the curve near Hampton's was reached about midnight. At this point it was discovered that a pretty strong wind had been blowing during some part of the day or night, which had so blocked the track that further progress, under the circumstances, was literally impossible, and it was therefore at once determined to put back again to Brigham City.

On the return some few were again admonished, by certain peculiar but unerring inward sensations, that they required replenishment. There were others also who seemed to be making strenuous efforts under difficulties to shut the world out by means of balmy sleep. Under those enervating circumstances somebody called for a song, but the only audible response seemed to be a sonorous sound, which was emitted from the nasal protuberance of a prominent member of the party.

Elders John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff, who comprised a portion of the "remnants that were left" of the party, went to Brigham City to stay over that portion of the night which had not already flown into the past, while the remnant of remnants stayed at the Junction where it arrived at 2 o'clock this morning. The inmates of that car presented a picture that can not be seen every day. Each individual sought the posture that would be easy enough to enable him or her to take what is frequently denominated "forty winks," and in viewing the grotesque situation we could not refrain from expressing a desire for the presence of our citizen, Mr. C. R. Savage, that he might take a candle light photograph of the delectable scene. The C. P. train came along at six o'clock this morning and the party transferred themselves to that reaching Ogden a little after seven. Breakfast was taken at the Junction House, and it is presumable, at least, that Mr. Erb did not make an immense profit from that dollar a head.

After breakfast the party lost two more members, Mr. R. L. Campbell and wife, they remaining at Ogden, while the balance took U. N. R. R. train for Salt Lake. On board that train several sly, good natured jokes were poked at some members of the party, the latter, among other questions, being asked if they had discovered the North Pole, found any traces of the lamented Franklin, and the answers being in the negative and that we were just too late to catch a glimpse of Hall's expedition as it rounded Hampton's Point.

Every member of the party showed the greatest good nature throughout, not one single unkind word having been spoken that we are aware of. The party are perfectly aware that not a shadow of blame could be attached to the U. N. R. R. company, but the inability to reach Logan was simply the result of unforeseen circumstances which nobody had the power to control. We understand that the celebration is only postponed, and will take place at the first favorable opportunity.

In conclusion we may say that the parties who built the road are worthy of all praise, and in carrying the work forward to its present point of progress they have manifested a spirit of enterprise that is worthy of being emulated by any class or community of persons, in any portion of the land. When the Company is provided with snow plows there will be but little likelihood of a recurrence of serious difficulties from snow blockade.

[From Wednesday's Daily.

THE LAST DETACHMENT.—Elders Wilford Woodruff and John Taylor, remnants of the Salt Lake detachment of the celebration expedition to the north, reached town this morning. They held meeting at Brigham City last evening, which was numerously attended, quite a sprinkling of people being present from neighboring settlements, and a good time was enjoyed.

MORE LIBERATION.—A short time ago the people of the Ninth Ward raised a contribution, with which they purchased a handsome silver sacramental set, consisting of seven pieces, which they presented Bishop S. A. Wooley, for use at communion meetings. The dedicatory prayer, setting the service apart for sacramental purposes, was offered by Dr. Crockwell.

THE SUPERINTENDENTS of Sabbath Schools are hereby notified that the Class Registers are now published and can be had at the Deseret News Office, price \$10 pr 100 or 10c each for any number required. It is very desirable that all the Sabbath Schools should be immediately supplied with these Registers, so that correct statistics of the Sabbath School interest can be readily furnished quarterly as well as attendance to classify and discipline both Teacher and Scholar in the principles of order and true intelligence may be induced.

THE WEBER.—"Summit" writes from Coalville that winter apparently has just set in thereabout, that Coalville is rather dull because the coal trade is not brisk enough, that there is plenty of good coal in that neighborhood, and not so slaty as in some others, that the Summit Co. R. R. it was progressing finely until temporarily stopped, that the health of the place is good, with not much horse disease, and that Coalville boasts three blacksmiths and two wagon shops and a new bell on the meeting house.

ABATING.—The epizootic, which has been almost universal among the horses of this region, is now rapidly abating. The streets are getting almost as lively with teams as usual previously. Stages and other means of traffic and travel are beginning to resume business. Notwithstanding that the disease has been wide spread among the horses of this section of country, it is a matter of congratulation that so few cases have proved fatal.

GOT BACK.—Mr. George Swan, Secretary of the Utah Central Railroad, return-

ed yesterday morning from a business trip to the east. We learn from him that the Union Pacific R. R. bridge, between Green River and Rock Springs, which was recently accidentally demolished, is being speedily rebuilt and will soon be sufficiently advanced for the cars to pass over, when the freight traffic will be resumed. Until that time passengers have to transfer. The weather eastward from Utah is generally biting cold.

ITEMS from the Ogden Junction of Monday:

Snow a foot deep in Ogden; C. P. train blocked in front of the Railway Hotel, had to have an extra engine to draw it off.

On Saturday last a westward bound, heavily laden freight train, on the U. P. R. R., was thrown off the track near Bitter Creek, by a broken rail. Eight cars were thrown down an embankment twenty feet high, and totally wrecked.

Two unsuccessful attempts at burglary were made, by the same parties, on Saturday night, one on the premises of Mr. J. S. Lewis, jeweler, Main street; the other across the river. The burglars were disturbed and identified by the police, but made their escape. The sheriff is on their track.

STORMY.—Elder James S. Brown writes from Clarkston, Cache Co., under date of Jan. 27th, that he arrived at that place two days previous, in the midst of a terrific snow and wind storm, which had raged with great fury up to date of writing. The snow drifts around that locality were from three to six feet deep, and the residents of Clarkston had to turn out and break a road through the streets of the settlement. The only way to travel with anything like certainty between settlements was by horseback, and even that was dangerous, from the horses getting into the drifts. Some uneasiness was felt on account of a Clarkston man who was known to have been out in the storm and had not returned, and a party was sent out to hunt for him. The late storms in the region of Cache Valley may account for the earliness of the dates of our latest communications from that vicinity.

SURGICAL OPERATION.—A correspondent writes as follows from Logan under a recent date:

"A short time since a 'scirrhus' formation was removed from the body of James Jones, of Hyrum, Cache Valley, by Dr. Ormsby, jun. It was located on the outside of the hip-bone, occupying a space measuring six by eight inches. It lay between the skin and muscles of the hip, and was incorporated with the skin. It consisted of a broad flat body, with almond shaped offshoots all over its external surface, of a pale and semi-sanguineous character; it evidently had its origin in the right kidney, as its only root, of about three-fourths of an inch in thickness by one and a half in breadth was traceable directly to that organ. The wound, since the operation, is doing very well. So difficult was its removal that it required forty minutes to complete the operation. At present the case promises a successful termination."

WANTED A POST OFFICE.—Sugar House Ward, a few miles distant from this City, is a tolerably large and is fast becoming a thickly populated district, yet the citizens there have never had any privileges in the shape of mail service, which has been a source of great inconvenience to them. Subscribers to City newspapers not in the habit of coming to town themselves have had to depend upon chance opportunities of getting their papers, and the consequence of this has been that subscribers to the *NEWS* in England have received their copies with far more regularity and at much shorter intervals than the people of Sugar House, who are only distant a few miles from the office of publication. The irregular manner in which other mail matter, such as letters, &c., has been received has been, as a matter of course, about the same. A petition was recently drawn up by the people of Sugar House Ward, and numerously signed by them, for presentation to Col. Wickizer, mail agent for Utah, for the establishment of a post office in that place. There can be no doubt that so reasonable a request will be granted, especially when it is considered that Sugar House is now on a direct mail route, that between this City and Wanship.

[From Thursday's Daily.

GRANTSVILLE.—B. S. Hunt writes from Grantsville, under date of the 3rd inst., and informs us that the winter in that locality, thus far, has been mild, that there has been some sickness among the people, and a slight touch of the epizootic among the horses.

TAR.—A number of years ago tar was extensively manufactured in some of the settlements of the Territory, but as the business did not pay it finally ceased altogether. So long as a dollar a gallon could be obtained for it, wholesale, the manufacture of the article was continued, but it could not be produced for a lower price than that. A large amount of tar is now used in the Territory, all of which is imported, and we understand that it is sold at the drug stores in this city at 60 cents a pound, retail, which brings it up to a little over \$5 a gallon. Seeing that this is the case, would it not be a remunerative business for some enterprising individual to revive in the Territory? Nothing like home industry.

GOING AHEAD.—The late unpropitious weather has measurably suspended work on the Salt Lake, Sevier Valley and Pioche Railroad; five miles of the grading are, however, now completed. The people of Grantsville, Tooele, Pine Canyon and E. T. have agreed to grade the road from Black Rock to Stockton, and also to supply the ties for that distance. Men have already gone into the canyons to get out the ties. The price agreed upon for the latter delivered alongside the track is fifty cents each. The price of grading has also been agreed upon by the committee appointed by the company for that purpose. The work between Salt Lake City and Black Rock will be commenced in a few days, and it is the present intention to prosecute the work vigorously until the line is completed to Pioche.