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FOUR O'CLOCK. DAVID O, CALDER, EDITOR AND PUBLISHER. Hay 19, 1977. inturday, . . SPECIAL CONFERENCE. ACCORDING to appointment, a Spe

cial Conference of this Stake of Zion assembled this morning, May 12th, 1877, at ten o'clock, in the New Tabernacle.

PRESENT ON THE STAND. Of the First Presidency - Brigham Young, John W. Young, Daniel H. Wells.

Of the Twelve Apostles-John Taylor, Orson Pratt, Ben., C. C., Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow/ F. D. Richards, Geo. Q. Cannon. Patriarch-John Smith.

Of the First Seven Presidents of Seventies-Joseph Young, Albert P Rockwood, John Van Cott.

Of the Presidency of the High Priesthood - Edward Suelgrove, Elias Morris.

Of the Presidency of this Stake of Zion-Angus M. Cannon, David O. Calder, Jos. E. Taylor. Of the Presidency of the Bishop-

ric-Edward Hunter, Leonard W. Hardy.

There was also a number of resi dents, bishops and other leading from various portions of the elders from Territory.

The assemblage was called to order by President BRIGHT YOUNG.

The choir sang-

My God, the spring of [all my joy The life of my delights.

The opening prayer was offered by President Jours W. Young.

Sweet is the work, my God, my King, To praise thy name, give thanks, and sing,

was sung by the choir.

President BRIGHAM YOUNG addressed the congregation. In the course of his remarks he stated that the Cenference was called to answer the desires of the Latter-day Saints; probably quite a number of the brethren would speak, and the discourses would be necessarily brief. He gave some valuable and pointed instructions relative to the course the people should pursue to accomplish the building up of the

Elder GEORGE Q. CANNON Was the next speaker. The great variety of circumstances in which we were placed and the growth of the work of God required that we should be continually instructed regarding our duties. It was of vital importance that we should seek to be more united. There was a greater more united. There was a greater desire among the people toward union than ever heretofore mani-fested. The cause of union would be advanced if all who had any dis-the best of the new point of the alloged order be advanced if all who had any dis-the best of the new point of the order of the alloged order the rest of the new point of the alloged order this bed by illness. To the right of the right of the states that the Mormons were to be used up by the troops, and that they had boasted, too, of having helped to this bed by illness. To the right of the right of the states of the did not crook his finger. Southern route, which they took. Correspondent (to Brigham Young)—What of the alleged order of Danites? satisfaction existing in their feel-ings towards their brethren, from any cause, would seek to clear such John the spirit of the gospel. He was glad that President Brigham Young would instruct the Twelve, in their travels throughout the church, to have wrongs known to exist right- of the latter-day faith. He comed. There was not the degree of manded the Mormon army which ed. There was not the degree of checked the advance of Johnson's there should be. There was too troops, 1857-8. Opposite Wells much of a spirit of fault finding, lounged in his overcoat, and at his much of a spirit of fault finding, which tended to alienate the Saints which tended to alienate the Saints accustomed ease, George Q. Can-from each other. If there was a non, First [an] Apostle of the feeling rankling in the heart of a Church and Delegate of the Terrimember of the church who thought tory to Washington. His face he was injured by his brother, and he talked to othersabout the real or sup-posed wrong he had endured, he had no right to partake of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It was the duty of that man to go privately to the party he supposed had injured ham Young never looked more him and endeavor to have the ill feeling aboffshed. Unless a proper course was taken in such matters the spirit of God would be driven away, confidence would be broken and union prevented. If we took of dark cloth generously edged with a proper course in this respect it would be a blessing to us. It was the right of the servants of the people when they did wrong, but it was not our privilege to ani-madvert upon the character of our brathers and the burge collar of silver brethren and sisters. We should cravat, and the huge collar of silver never say anything about people fox which flared away from his in their absence that we should throat and back behind his head blush to say in their presence. The set off his features finely. Lord said if we would come unto My reception in the him he would show us our weak-Elder Cannon exhorted the B to faithfulness, and desired that York Herald, I was placed in the the Lord would pour out his spirit vacant seat at the centre table. the Lord would pour out his spirit the Lord would pour out his spirit to enable us to see more of our pwn faults than those of our neighbors. President DANIEL H. WELLS followed. He believed it was the aim and desire of the great majority of the Latter-day Saints to do the will of God. It was that for which we had come to the Valleys of the Moudtains, where we could be more united in carrying out the designs of the Almical, careful, to beautify and cultivate the earth, to have good habi-tations, and to see that all were well provided with the good of life. It was the things

The individual who practised right-eousness, and sought to benefit his neighbors and honor God enjoyed a bappiness that was beyond com-parison. We had a house to build to the name of God in this c.ty, in which we could receive the bless-ings and onlinances of the gospel. It required faith and works to erect t. The people were asked to conribute to its construction, and they should respond with alacrity, the extent of their power.

President BRIGHAM YOUNG adressed the Conference. He de-

YOUNG. CEDAR CITY, April 30, 1877. Having received at Salt Lake, on he Tith inst.; a telegram from Brigham Young saying, "If you come quick you will find me at St. George," I started early next morn-ing on the journey leading in that

direction, across the vast deserts, over the wintry divides and through caffons of Southern Utah. A secway that the President would leave St. George for the north before I could possibly arrive there. Cedar

City, the remote little Mormon settlement from which this letter is written, was appointed as the place of meeting. Here, at the foot

an enormous mountain, and look ng westward across a desolate plain oward the scene of the Mountain toward the scene of the Mountain Meadow massacre and of John D. Lee's execution, I was welcomed this morning at the home of the hospitable Mormon Bishop Henry fant. Late in the afternoon Pre-fident Brigham Young and his party, In a train of five carriages

drawn by four mules or horses each also drew up at the Bishop's home As evening descended lights shot

through the windows from the broad fireplaces within, and a supper was spread in the dining room amid sounds of jollity and cheer. Shortly before eight o'clock, hav ing returned from a long walk, I entered the house and was intro-duced to John W. Young, who prepared the way for my audience with his father, the President. Crossing the hall, he led me into a large or grand room, beaming with light from logs of pine and cedar, and containing a small and distin-

kingdom of God, defising many of gaished company. Near the walls their practical duties. Sat or stood several Mormon elders of this and neighboring districts In front of them two or three bish ops were seated. Grouped around the centre table were several of the

most elevated dignitaries among the inter-day priesthood. John W. Young, First Counsellor of the President, took a seat with his back to the fire, looking as handsome, as

Correspondent-The conviction is for breadstuff. We have always settled in the east, especially by the made a practice of selling wheat testimony on the Lee trial, that and flour to the emigrants for food there was some powerful direction of the part taken by the whites in the massacre. This conviction is strengthened by the statements in heads of the Church had anything of the world to prove that the heads of the Church had anything to do with the Mountain Meadows Judge Cradelbaugh's speech. Brigham Young - There is massacre. Correspondent-With regard to

doubt that the affair was directed by John D. Lee, and he evidently anything to say as to their reasons for getting out of the country? Brigham Young-No, sir. I pre-sume, however, they are trying to was a white man Correspondent-It appears incred-ible to outsiders that Les would have undertaken a task like that on

his own responsibility; the responlivered a lucid and powerful dis-sibility attaches, in their opinion, course upon some of the evils to the Mormon Church, even to its existing in the world, and in rela- highest individual officers. Brigham Young-My disposition

is such that had I known anything about it I would have gone to that camp and fought the Indians and white men who took part in the perpetration of the massacre to the Aeath, rather than such a deed should have been committed.

J. W. Young-John D. Lee, INTERVIEW, WITH BRIGHAM his testimony, says he informed President Young of the affair when he visited Salt Lake City. I hap-

pened to be present when he came in father's office, and I was present preside during the interview. He commenced to relate the circumstances of the Indians killing the emisuch occurrences. But if a member grants, but did not intimate a single word about the whites taking part in the killing. When he com-menced to speak of the manner of the deed father stopped him, say-ing that the rumor which had alolic were to kill, the Pope of Rome would be responsible for his crime. ready reached him was so horrify-

recital of it. Brigham Young-1 never knew the real facts of this affair until within the last few years. I myself proposed to Governor Cum-

ming, who came here soon after power of the President of the the massacre, to render him and Judge Cradlebaugh every assistance in hunting up the perpetra-tors and bringing them to justice, and if Mr. Cradlebaugh knows any-thing about this affair he must show that to be true. That propo-

Daniel H. Wells-There are pleny of witnesses to that, for I heard him make it in public.

Correspondent (to Brigham Young) What of your own experience as Governor and ex-officio Indian Agent at the time?

Brigham Young-Governor Cum-mings took it away from me. This point too was difficult to reach from Salt Lake, and besides, according to the rumors that reached us, the people thought themselves that hey would do well if they escaped the vengeance of the United States troops. The burden of these rutroops. The burden of these ru- we not, Mr. President, that such mors was that the Mormons were to power has been exercised in the be massacred.

Correspondent-To what do you scribe the massacre?

Brigham Young-If you were to inquire of the people who live here-abouts, and lived in the country at that time, you would find, if it should be according to what I have heard, that some of this Arkansas company boasted that they had had the promise from the United States that the Mormons were to be used

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faith, or if they did not believe it would be approved by the Prophet? Brigham Young — Because the men who did it were wicked. Correspondent— What defect is

there in the organization of you Church that it allowed the perpetration of that deed to go without instant punishment?

in the massacre. The laws of the land are good, but still men do not always keep them. The Saviour which, while it obliged us to burn downward by a system which ren-ders its leaders peculiarly responsi-ble for the people over whom they tares will grow together until the harvest." If we had none but good men among us such sad experien-Brigham Young-If the people men among us such and experien-over whom I preside do as I tell cess would never happen, but beblood.

them to do there never would be cause we have some wicked men should we be blamed for their ac-

of our Church lies, heats, steals, or kills his neighbor, Brigham Young is not responsible for his evil acts any more than, if a Cath-sacre chiefs in your Church? was the usual inscription, "Shed no blood." That order was taken first Brigham Young-Lee was a far-mer among the Indians, but held ing that he could not bear to hear a I am responsible only for the doc- no presiding office. P. K. Smith,

trines I teach; but I cannot make however, was an acting bishop. In regard to the participation of the Indians in this affair, the fol-

to. I am responsible for no man's lowing conversation took place Young Person (in shadow)-Then President Young-When I wasat under no circumstances does the St. George, General C. C. Mich, of Bear Lake, told me that he met part Church of the Latter-day Saints extend so far that men's lives are of this company in Salt Lake City; he had just come in from Califor-nia, having traveled this southern at its mercy. For example, were you to-day to say, "Let such a per-son be killed," would the wish be in any instance complied with? told me that he advised them to go north, and he believed they went as far north as Bear River., They returned, saying they would take the southern road. They lay idle over six weeks, when they should have been traveling, and when of domineering. But I don't be-lieve that even a man like Lee-old, crafty, experienced and sympa-thetic as he was—could have got together a force of Mormons in all they moved they moved slowly; and it was believed, for they said it themselves, that they were waiting for the arrival of the army. It was very noticeable that they did not hurry along like other emigrants. Daniel H. Wells-And that com-pany, remember, was not in the Territory when George A. Smith left Salt Lake to make his southern left Salt Lake to make his southern thieves and savages under his comtour. How, then, could he, as has been said, kill the people by arous-ing a malicious feeling against the

done in that dark valley. emigrants-saying they poisoned springs, &c.-at a time when the springs, &c.—at a time when the emigrants were hundreds of miles away, when he had not seen any of them, and no one knew any of their names, and when the emitheir names, and when the emigrants themselves had not yet determined upon their route through Utah? Parties travelling to Cali-fornia either take the northern ganization. route, by way of Bear River, or the

ace and both his hands with this that the United States army was last utterance, making an impress- again advancing to drive them out it into some other place, per Correspondent—If all members of the Mormon Church are thus en-dowed with divine vision, how is it possible that any number of Mermons could have brought them-selves to the commission of such a crime as the Mountain Meadow massacre, if they did not find an massacre, if they did not find an man or child who was not for reistance. Now, when it was whis-

the murder of Joseph and Hiram Smith, at Nauvoo, the air might have seemed almost as heavy over Lower as it certainly was over Brigham Young—That was a matter that pertained to the law of the land. That alone inflicts pun-ishment. There is no defect in the organization of the Church—the defect was in those who took part in the massacre. The laws of the



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generally admire your system of orom of God in the last days.

Brigham Young-Yes; only ex southern route, which they took. As for the advice about not selling grain, that was founded on a pringreatly admired our organization, when he was about to leave ask me if I believed the Mormons were versed and numbered, and a full prehensive Index and Contents has been added. are perfect. Orders received now will be filled in orde Correspondent-Could the Church ever have accepted from John D. Lee the explanation that he mur-Mailed to any part of the Territory of dered the emigrants at Mountain States on receipt of price. remission of their sins? Brigham Young-No; that ex-presses the same old folly of our enemies. Many men do wrong, and afterward repent and become, perhaps, even better men than they were before. Peter did wrong in denying the Saviour, but still he repented and became a great and good man. Anybody may lean over church walls after thorough Full Cloth, Emboased Sides, gilt back and prinkled edges, \$2,00. Full Imitation Moroceo, 'er repentance and, forsaking their sins, may return to membership.

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Brigham Young-No, sir;

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has no power to do wrong with impunity any more than any single individual. Correspondent-Yet we know, do

world's history? Brigham Young - You ask

question that does not apply to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints.

Daniel H. Wells-Judge Broc-chus once said that if Brigham Young "had crooked his finger," &c., he (the Judge) would have been torn to atoms; but all there was to that was, President Young

tion to the practical duties of the Latter-day Saints. The choir sang an anthem-Of Praise the Lord. Prayer by Elder LOBANZO SN Accounsed till two p. m.

the Mormons in Missouri, and that Young Daniel any cause, would seek to clear such matters away. Those who did not resolute features making a picture of themselves. Wells if true, may have embittered the feelings of these the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control. How were not living in the spirit of the control of the control of the spirit of the control of the spirit of the spirit of the spirit of the spirit of the control of the spirit of the who took part in the massacre, and the probabilities are that Lee and his confreres took advantage of these facts and the disturbed state of the country to accomplish their desires for plunder, which under other circumstances would not have been gratified. Correspondent - Have you an opinion of Klingensmith's testimony? Brigham Young-I do not know anything about it. Correspondent-How was it that Lee was at last, and not at first, convicted by a Mormon jury? Brigham Young-The supposition is that there was not evidence enough against him at the first, that thoroughly like the patriarch that his people love to call him than he did on this occasion. His tall, Correspondent-Considering that broad form was enveloped from shoulders to feet in a rote or cape your people believe they get their inspiration through you, do they not consider themselves responsi-ble to you for their acts? What excuses them for crime ? Brigham Young-What causes prompt them? No; but the devil and his agents do. All evil doing is contrary to our covenants and

obligations to God and to one lood atonement? My reception in the "Grand Room" was graceful and hearty, and after I had been introduced as "Mr.____," who represents the New Brigham Young-I do, and I befor his great crime. The Saviour died for all the sins of the world by shedding his blood, and then I believe that he who sheds the blood of man wilfully, by man shall his blood be shed. In other words capital punishment for offenses de-

Brigham Young-That is all fol-

Brigham Young-It extends only as far as membership is concerned. I may, however, advise a man how to build or improve his garden or field, and if he chooses to he may either receive it or reject it without involving his fellowship.

Correspondent - Does not the of temporal government the Church, in extreme cases, assume the functions of courte?

Brigham Young-We have what we call bishops' courts, which amount to referees in ordinary cases

of business, and in cases of disa-greement between members or immoral conduct. From these courts cases may be appealed to our High Council, which consists of a presithere was sufficient evidence dent, two councillors and twelve against him at the last trial, and members. Their power extends no

that the people of Utah could not further than membership in the obtain justice with any other jury. Church is concerned. Correspondent-How far does the authority of the Church go in deal-

ing with cases of apostacy?

me to steal or commit any sin? Do They lie. We have no dealings at all with such men, for their acts price. prove their unworthiness of membership in our Church?

Correspondent-How do you pro-tect your faith from outside influanother as members of the Church. Correspondent-Do you believe in suces-how do you keep it isolat-

Brigham Young-We are different from all other Christian sects. we are believers in the Bible, as well as all the revelations the Lord has given to the children of men, as contained in the Old and New Tes-tament, Book of Mormon, and Book of Doctrine and Covenants, and also what he reveals through his au-thorized servent when apeaking or affeir. Our previous history, the according to its laws, is the very

to all the Church without reserve or

Brigham Young-Yes; and it ust as necessary for the mother to rearing her children as for any one

ence to individuals or When he went back to the city President has stated. They were on the earth; while we ourselves afraid of the Indians, and they are imperfect the doctrines we teach came to him asking if he was not afraid of Indians, and he answered no, and then they turned out their horses too at Meadow Creek. He was informed of the conduct of these emigrants in Utah also; that Meadows to shed their blood for the one Indian had died from the effects of eating poisoned meat, and that they had tied one Indian to a wagon, kept him there some time and whipped him, which made them mad. If this be true, and I have no reason to doubt it, what could we do about it? We had all we could do ourselves to keep peace with the Indians at that time, in 1856 and 1857. Our crops failed, and from that time more or less until now have the people been counsel-led to care for their grain, and not dispose of it unless in case of necessitv.

Brigham Young-The thousands of emigrants that have passed ing with cases of apostacy? Brigham Young—We have no-thing to do with them; we let them seriously alone. They say the Church authorities injure them. They line We have them. They line We have them. from them more than the ordinary

Daniel H. Wells - The truth about this Mountain Meadows massacre, sir, is that it was the of polygamy has a tendency to result of a combination of circum- check the growth of intelligence? tances such as will probably never exist again in any country. Your people at the East cannot understand it in all its aspects, forced to travel across the Ameri-



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