

DESERET NEWS.

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The Bowery was crowded, last Sabbath; many strangers present. The assembly were addressed in the morning, by the Rev. G. B. Day, of Sherman, St. Joseph Co., Michigan, on his way to the mines. We were not present till near the close, but understood he spoke well. Mr. Day is in good health and spirits. Elder P. P. Pratt followed, with an interesting lecture.—P. M. The Sacrament administered by the Bishops, interspersed with remarks by Elder George A. Smith.

Afterwards, President Young made some remarks to those who never heard a testimony from a Latter-day Saint; a synopsis of which we here present:—

“Were it not for the veil of darkness that is over the face of the earth, and that man is fallen from that glory which he once enjoyed, all would be living in the sunshine of revelation: it is on account of sin entering into the world, that causes all this darkness, and which makes it necessary for the Lord to speak from the heavens, send his angels to converse with men, and cause his servants to testify of the things of God.

“The sound of the gospel always carried terror with it, to the man-made preacher in his pulpit, the lawyer at his desk, the farmer at his plough, and the mechanic at his trade.

“Can you make the distinction between truth and evil? Is the power of the Holy Ghost upon you? If so, you need not fear all the delusion that all earth or hell can produce.

“If any one should ask the sectarian preachers of the day, where God lives, how he looks, or what is the appearance of his palace, could they answer the question correctly? No, they could not! Has God an eye? Their reply would be, he is all eye, all ear, all mouth, all hand, all feet. This is a mass of nonsense to me.— Shall I tell you where God lives? The place of his habitation is in the centre of his kingdoms. This world is but a speck in his kingdom; but a mighty black one.— There is but one God to us, who is the father of our Lord Jesus

Christ, and he is our elder brother, and is the heir of this kingdom, when purified and celestialized. Tell them, we are the children of the father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Do not the Scriptures tell us, that Jesus said, he is the God and father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the father of our spirits? There is a spirit in man, and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth it understanding! Our Father lives in the midst of his kingdoms, & Jesus tells us to call no man on earth, father, for we have one in heaven. You know he said to Mary, ‘he is my father and your father, my God and your God!’ The Lord made us just as we should be, and prepared all things to bring us back into his presence.

Ten years ago, it was called heresy for Joseph Smith to be a money digger, and receive revelations; it actually became treason; and the people killed him for it: and now I see hundreds of reverend gentlemen going to dig money. I despise a man who went dig for gold; he is a lazy man, and intends to sponge on others. Do not think that I blame you; all I have to say is, that you have to follow in the wake of ‘Old Joe Smith,’ and paddle away to dig gold; it is a comic, novel thing to me.

“We have been driven here, we have made two crops, and there are hundreds of emigrants now coming here, destitute: I say to you, Latter-day Saints, let no man go hungry from your doors; divide with them, and trust in God for more; and those who have a manly spirit, will give us their blessings. I say, treat every man kindly, and especially if there is any prospect of helping them on their journey. Emigrants, don’t let your spirits be worn down; and shame be to the door where a man has to go hungry away. Gentlemen, we cannot give you much for your work until after harvest; after that time, we can supply your wants. Friends, help us to gather our harvest, and then you shall have what you want, and you can then go and gather riches. There is one

class of people who know our past ill treatment, and they go trembling to the doors of my brethren, who feel as though they would give any thing for a cup of warm drink. I say, walk up, strangers! and if any are hungry, feed them a meal, and let them go to those who have to sell; and may the Lord bless you brethren: amen.”

Bishop Holladay, and all the acting Bishops in the city, are requested to act as agents for the News in their respective wards.

Messrs. J. and E. Reese are rapidly progressing with their extensive store-house, situated on the east side of East Temple Street, a few rods south of the State House.

It is feared that the slate quarry, at Utah, is not very extensive.

Agents are requested to return papers, which they cannot sell, the first opportunity. We are in want of a few copies of No. 2.

Subscribers may anticipate a general index to the News at a proper time.

THE COUNCIL OF HEALTH

Will meet on Wednesday next, at Dr. Richards’ east room, at 2 P. M. Medical advice to the afflicted, by the Council, free of charge, between the hours of 3 and 4 P. M., at the same place.

Per order, H.

The past week has been very warm, and vegetation is rapid.

On Wednesday, President Young received from Almon W. Babbitt, Esq., a regular file of Journal of Congress, up to the 14th of March, and a few scattering papers, by the hand of Mr. John Snider, of Nauvoo, en route to the gold mines, in good health and spirits. Mr. Snider reported Elder Lorenzo Young very sick, and not expected to live, on the 16th ult., the time of his departure from Kanesville.