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A MOUNTAIN WHICH GROWS.—The volcanic mountain called Izalco, situated in the State of San Salvador, Central America, since its first appearance, in 1790, or within the memory of the last generation, has been in a state of incessant activity, and has gradually grown, in little over 80 years, from a hillock, but a few feet higher than the surrounding plain, to a peak 3,200 feet in height, and is still growing.

“Breathes there a man whose soul's so dead, that ne'er unto himself hath said: I will the ‘Deseret News’ take, both for my own and family's sake; and if he'd spend a happy winter, let him in advance, PAY THE PRINTER.”

A young man in New York advertised for a wife. In less than two hours eighteen married men sent in word that he might have theirs. Connubial bliss in that village must be at a discount, we think.—[Flag of our Union.

BROKEN GLASS may be so united as to render the crack imperceptible, by dissolving and applying to the edges isinglass in spirits of wine, by boiling. This composition is easily prepared.

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HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

MAY, 1844.

Wednesday, 22.—At home, watching, as the officers from Carthage were after me.

At 10 a.m., about 40 Indians of the Sacs and Foxes, came up in front of the Mansion, four or five of them being mounted; among whom was Black Hawk's brother, Kis-kish-kee, &c. I was obliged to send word I could not see them at present. They encamped in the Council Chamber afternoon and night. I was with the police on duty, and saw several individuals lurking around.

Very pleasant day.
President Brigham Young preached to the brethren in St. Louis this evening.

Thursday, 23.—Emma rather better. Read Hebrew with Niebaur, and counseled with various friends.

At 10 a.m., the Municipal Court met, N. K. Whitney presiding; but there not being a quorum present, adjourned for one week.

At one, p.m., had a talk with the Sac and Fox Indians in my back kitchen. They said: “When our fathers first came here, this land was inhabited by the Spanish; when the Spaniards were driven off the French came, and then the English and Americans; and our fathers talked a great deal with the Big Spirit.” They complained that they had been robbed of their lands by the whites, and cruelly treated.

I told them I knew they had been wronged, but that we had bought this land and paid our money for it. I advised them not to sell any more land, but to cultivate peace with the different tribes, and with all men; as the Great Spirit wanted them to be united and to live in peace. “The Great Spirit has enabled me to find a book, (showing them the Book of Mormon) which told me about your fathers, and the Great Spirit told me, ‘you must send to all the tribes that you can, and tell them to live in peace; and when any of our people come to see you, I want you to treat them as we treat you.’”

At 3 p.m., the Indians commenced a war dance in front of my old house; our people commenced with music and firing cannon. After the dance, which lasted about two hours, the firing of cannon closed the exercise, and with our music, marched back to the office. Before they commenced dancing the Saints took up a collection to get the Indians food.

A. A. Lathrop came to my clerk, Dr. Richards, and told him an officer was on his way with an attachment for him; and that the grand jury had found a bill against me for adultery on the testimony of William Law; he had come from Carthage in two hours and thirty minutes to bring the news. Dr. R. came to my house and staid all night.

Aaron Johnson came from Carthage, and said that Foster had been swearing that I swore to the complaint on which Simpson was arrested. I instructed Johnson and Rockwell to go to Carthage in the morning, and have him indicted for perjury, as I never did swear to the complaint. The officer was after John D. Parker also, and report says B. Young, H. C. Kimball, and W. Clayton.

Past nine p.m., I walked a little way with D. Richards for exercise.

My brother Hyrum called in the evening, and cautioned me against speaking so freely about my enemies, &c., in such a manner as to make it actionable. I told him that six months would not roll over his head before they would swear twelve as palpable lies about him as they had about me.

President B. Young left St. Louis at noon in the steamboat “Louis Phillippe.”

Friday, 24.—With my family all day.

Aaron Johnson and O. P. Rockwell went to Carthage to get Robt. D. Foster indicted; but they returned again as the grand jury had risen. Joseph H. Jackson was at Carthage, and had sworn falsely against me.

At 6 p.m., went into Dr. Bernhisel's room, and had counsel with brothers Richards and Phelps. I ordered a meeting of the City Council for to-morrow, and returned to my family after being absent about one hour.

The Central Committee wrote a letter to Hugh Clark, Esq.:—

“Nauvoo, Illinois, May 24th, 1844.

Sir:—

Having received your address through our mutual friend, Mr. Edward Doughty, we forward with this per next mail the Nauvoo Neighbor of the 22nd inst., through which you will learn the doings of a State Convention held in this place on the 17th; and this communication has been drawn forth, in a great degree, through our sympathies for a people who are now being mobbed in the city of brotherly love (Philadelphia,) as we have been for many years in Missouri; and for what? for our religion, although called by another name.

The Mormons and the Catholics are the most obnoxious to the sectarian world of any people, and are the only two who have not persecuted each other and others in these United States, and the only two who have suffered from the cruel hand of mobocracy for their religion under the name of foreigners; and to stay this growing evil, and establish Jeffersonian Democracy, free trade and sailors' rights, and protection of person and property, we have nominated Gen. Joseph Smith for the next President of the nation, a man with whom we are thoroughly acquainted, and have no fear in pledging our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honors, that if elected, he will give and secure these inestimable blessings to every individual and society of men, no matter what their religious faith. Help us to elect this man, and we will help you to secure those privileges which belong to you, and break every yoke.

You will please to consider yourself a member of the Corresponding Committee with us, agreeably to the resolution of the State Convention, and lay this subject before your people, giving us your views on receipt hereof, and open such correspondence as wisdom shall dictate.

General Smith's prospects are brightening every day. With sentiments of the highest consideration.

We are, your obedient servants,
WILLARD RICHARDS,
JOHN M. BERNHISEL,
W. W. PHELPS,
LUCIAN R. FOSTER,

Central Committee of Correspondence for the Election of Gen. Joseph Smith to the Presidency.

Hugh Clark, Esq., Alderman,
Corner of 4th and Masters street,
Northern Liberties, Philadelphia.”

Rainy evening.

A Conference was held at Chicago, Alfred Cordon, president, and James Burgess, clerk; eleven elders were present, and a very favorable impression was made upon the minds of the people.

Saturday, 25.—At home, keeping out of the way of the expected writs from Carthage. Towards evening Edward Hunter and William Marks, of the grand jury returned from Carthage; also Marshal John P. Greene and Almon W. Babbitt, who informed me there were two indictments found against me, one charging me with false swearing on the testimony of Joseph H. Jackson and Robert D. Foster, and one charging me with polygamy or something else, on the testimony of William Law, that I had told him so! the particulars of which I shall learn hereafter. There was much false swearing before the grand jury. Francis M. Higbee swore so hard that I had received stolen property, &c., that his testimony was rejected. I heard that Joseph H. Jackson had come into the city; I therefore instructed the officers to arrest him for threatening to take life, &c.

I had a long talk with Edward Hunter, my brother Hyrum, Dr. Richards, William Marks, Almon W. Babbitt, Shadrach Roundy, Edward Bonney and others, and concluded not to keep out of the way of the officers any longer.

At 2 p.m., I was in council in my north room, and heard the letters from Elder O. Hyde read, and instructed Dr. Richards to write an answer, which he did as follows:—

“Nauvoo, May 25, 1844.

Orson Hyde, Esq.:—

Sir:—
Yours of April 30th is received. The council convened this afternoon, and after investigation directed an answer, which must be brief to correspond with a press of business.

All the items you refer to had previously received the deliberation of the Council.

Messrs. Lyman Wight and Heber C. Kimball will doubtless be in Washington before you receive this, from whom you will learn all things relative to Texas, &c. Our great success at present depends upon our faith in the doctrine of election; and our faith must be made manifest by our works, and every honorable exertion made to elect Gen. Smith.

Agricultural pursuits will take care of themselves, regulating their own operations, and the rich also; but the poor we must gather and take care of, for they are to inherit the kingdom.

Nauvoo will be a ‘corner stake of Zion’ for ever we most assuredly expect. Here is the House and the ordinances, extend where else we may.

Press the bills through the two Houses, if possible; if Congress will not pass them, let them do as they have a mind with them. If they will not pass our bills, but will give us ‘something,’ they will give what they please, and it will be at our option to accept or reject.

Men who are afraid of ‘hazarding their influence’ in the council or political arena are good for nothing; ‘tis the fearless, undaunted, and persevering, who will gain the conquest of the forum.

Sidney Rigdon, Esq., is about to resign the Post Office at Nauvoo, in favor of Gen. Joseph Smith, the founder of the city; he has the oldest petitions now on file in the General Post Office for that station, and has an undoubted claim over every other petitioner by being the founder and supporter of the city, and by the voice of nineteen twentieths of the people, and every sacred consideration; and it is the wish of the council that you engage the Illinois delegation to use their influence to secure the office to Gen. Smith without fail, and have them ready to act on the arrival of Mr. Rigdon's resignation, and before too, if expedient.

We are also writing to Justin Butterfield, Esq., U. S. Attorney for the District of Illinois, who has kindly offered his services to secure the Post Office to the General, he having been here and seen for himself the situation, and probably his letter to the department will arrive nearly as soon as this.

The Election, on the principles of Jeffersonian Democracy, free trade, and protection of person and property, is gaining ground in every quarter. All is well at Nauvoo, although some of the anties are trying to do us injury; but their efforts are palsied, and they make very little head way. You remember the Preston motto, ‘Truth will prevail,’ therefore we go ahead.

You have the best wishes of the council and friends here.

I am, sir, most respectfully yours,
W. RICHARDS, Recorder.

By order of the Council.
N.B. Your families and friends were well last information.”

Sidney Rigdon resigned the office of Post Master of Nauvoo, and recommended me as his successor.

The “Maid of Iowa” arrived at 5 p.m.

The High Council having directed the following testimony to be published in the Neighbor, I copy it, with the editor's remarks, to show the character of the men who are now seeking to destroy my life and usefulness, and overthrow the work of the Lord which he has commenced through my instrumentality:—

“Testimony of Margaret J. Nyman, vs. Chauncey L. Higbee, before the High Council of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, in the city of Nauvoo, May 21st, 1842.

Some time during the month of March last, Chauncey L. Higbee came to my mother's house early one evening, and proposed a walk to a spelling school. My sister Matilda and myself accompanied him; but changing our design on the way, we stopped at Mrs. Fuller's. During the evening's interview, he, (as I have since learned) with wicked lies, proposed that I should yield to his desires, and indulge in sexual intercourse with him, stating that such intercourse might be freely indulged in, and was no sin; that any respectable female might indulge in sexual intercourse, and there was no sin in it, providing the person so indulging keep the same to herself; for there could be no sin where there was no accuser;—and most clandestinely, with wicked lies, persuaded me to yield by using the name of Joseph Smith; and, as I have since learned, totally false and unauthorized; and in consequence of those arguments, I was influenced to yield to my seducer, Chauncey L. Higbee.

I further state that I have no personal acquaintance with Joseph Smith, and never heard him teach such doctrines as stated by Chauncey L. Higbee, either directly or indirectly. I heartily repent before God, asking the forgiveness of my brethren.

MARGARET J. NYMAN.”

“State of Illinois, County of Hancock, } ss.
City of Nauvoo, } ss.

Nauvoo, May 24th, 1842.

Personally appeared before me, George W. Harris, alderman, of the city aforesaid, Margaret J. Nyman, the signer of the above instrument, and testified under oath, that the above declaration is true.

GEO. W. HARRIS, Alderman.”

“Nauvoo, May 21st, 1842.

During this spring Chauncey L. Higbee kept company with me from time to time, and, as I have since learned, wickedly, deceitfully, and with lies in his mouth, urged me vehemently to yield to his desires; that there could be no wrong in having sexual intercourse with any female that could keep the same to herself; most villainously and lyingly stating that he had been so instructed by Joseph Smith, and that there was no sin where there was no accuser: also vowing he would marry me.

Not succeeding, he, on one occasion, brought one, who affirmed that such intercourse was tolerated by the heads of the Church. I have since found him found him also to be a lying conspirator against female virtue and chastity, having never received such teachings from the heads of the church; but I was at the time partially influenced to believe in consequence of the source from whom I received it.

I yielded and became subject to the will of my seducer, Chauncey L. Higbee: and having since found out to my satisfaction, that a number of wicked men have conspired to use the name of Joseph Smith, or the heads of the Church, falsely and wickedly to enable them to gratify their lusts, thereby destroying female innocence and virtue. I repent before God and my brethren, and ask forgiveness.

I further testify that I never had any personal acquaintance with Joseph Smith, and never heard him teach such doctrines as Higbee stated, either directly or indirectly.

MATILDA J. NYMAN.”

“State of Illinois, } ss.
City of Nauvoo, } ss.

May 24th, 1842.

Personally appeared before me, George W. Harris, alderman, of said city, Matilda J. Nyman, the signer of the above instrument, and testified under oath, that the above declaration was true.

GEO. W. HARRIS, Alderman.”

“Nauvoo, May 24th, 1842.

Some two or three weeks since, in consequence of brother Joseph Smith's teachings to the singers, I began to be alarmed concerning myself, and certain teachings which I had received from Chauncey L. Higbee, and questioned him (Higbee) about his teaching; for I was pretty well persuaded from Joseph's public teachings that Chauncey had been telling falsehoods; but Chauncey said that Joseph now taught as he did through necessity on account of the prejudices of the people, and his own family particularly, as they had not become believers in the doctrine.

I then became satisfied that all of Chauncey's teachings had been false, and that he had never been authorized by any one in authority to make any such communication to me.

Chauncey L. Higbee's teaching and conduct were as follows:—When he first came to my house soon after the special conference this spring, Chauncey commenced joking me about my getting married, and wanted to know how long it had been since my husband died; and soon removed his seat near me, and began his seducing insinuations by saying it was no harm to have sexual intercourse with women if they would keep it to themselves, and continued to urge me to yield to his desires, and urged me vehemently, and said he and Joseph were good friends, and he teaches me this doctrine, and allows me such privileges, and there is no harm in it, and Joseph Smith says so.

I told him I did not believe it, and had heard no such teaching from Joseph, nor from the stand, but that it was wicked to commit adultery, &c.

Chauncey said that did not mean single women, but married women; and continued to press his instructions and arguments until after dark, and until I was inclined to believe; for he called God to witness of the truth, and was so solemn and confident, I yielded to his temptations, having received the strongest assurance from him that Joseph approved it, and would uphold me in it. He also told me that many others were following the same course of conduct.

As I still had some doubts near the close of our interview, I again suggested my fears that I had done wrong, and should lose the confidence of the brethren; when he assured me that it was right, and he would bring a witness to confirm what he had taught.

When he came again I still had doubts; I told him I understood he (Higbee) had recently been baptized, and that Joseph, when he confirmed him, told him to quit all his iniquitous practices. Chauncey said it was not for such things that he was baptized for; ‘do you think I would be baptized for such a thing, and then go into it so soon again?’

Chauncey Higbee said it would never be known; I told him it might be told in bringing forth; Chauncey said there was no danger, and that Dr. Bennett understood it, and would come and take it away, if there was any thing.

SARAH MILLER.”

“State of Illinois, } ss.
City of Nauvoo, } ss.

May 24th, 1842.

There appeared Sarah Miller, the signer of the above instrument, and made oath that the above declaration is true before me.

GEO. W. HARRIS, Alderman.”