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### HOME ITEMS.

CONVENTION.—Convention met pursuant to adjournment from previous meeting, at 10 a.m. on Monday morning, 9th inst.

After prayer by Elder O. Hyde, Bishop Hunter, President of the Convention, advocated the importance of taking united and decisive action in matters appertaining to our welfare and doing business in a business like manner.

Pres. H. C. Kimball urged owners of grist mills to make a quality of flour that will command the highest price in the market; and to put their brand on it.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon read the Prospectus and Constitution of the Utah Produce Company.

Elder Levi W. Hancock spoke in favor of the measure.

President B. Young proposed that we dissolve the Convention; the preamble and constitution of the Utah Produce Company showing that it takes the place of the Convention and goes into actual operation. He recommended the several wards and settlements through the Territory to form companies patterning after the one organized in this city.

The motion to dissolve the Convention was put and sustained unanimously.

After a few remarks by Elders H. S. Eldredge and W. S. Godbe, relative to the Company, and some explanations by Pres. Young relative to the manner in which it was designed to work, the meeting was adjourned *sine die*, and dismissed by Pres. Wells.

ARRIVED.—Elders David P. Kimball, Charles S. Kimball, Heber John Richards and George J. Marsh arrived on Sunday from Europe, having come by stage across the plains. Their friends and acquaintances will be pleased to know of their safe arrival, and to greet them on their return home.

ELDER JOSEPH E. S. RUSSELL, we learn from the *Millennial Star*, has been released from the Presidency of the NewCastle-on-Tyne District to return home. He left Liverpool for New York on the steamer City of Manchester, Feb. 9, "He purposes visiting his friends in the States," and then cross the plains with this season's immigration.

OUR ACKNOWLEDGMENT.—We doff our hat and make our best bow to the Ogden brass band for the excellent music of the serenade with which it favored the NEWS Office. No need to say anything about its efficiency: everybody at Conference had the pleasure of listening to the melodious strains which Capt. Parkman and his band freely dispensed through the city, and appreciated them. The Kaysville band, with excellent instruments and in a neat uniform, also added to the musical enjoyments of Conference times. Their proficiency is highly creditable to themselves, and to br. Parkman, their instructor.

THE CHOIRS.—We have heard numerous encomiums on the singing by the choirs during Conference. The Tabernacle choir discoursed some excellent music, and the American Fork choir will be welcomed at another Conference by lovers of good singing.

FROM THE SOUTH.—Elder Geo. A. Burgon, from St. George, has given us a very encouraging account of matters and things in our "Dixie." Progress is the spirit of the times "down south," and general go-a-headism prevails. The apricots that were in bloom so early were partly injured by frost, but those who sprinkled water on them before sun-rise saved them. Peach trees were in bloom, and strawberries were formed on the vines, when he started for Conference on the 22nd of March. "Dixie" is looking up fast; success to the brave settlers of the arid, sandy and volcanic south!

### TWO DAYS' MEETINGS.

The two days' meetings announced to precede the Thirty-Sixth Annual Conference, commenced in the Tabernacle, G. S. L. City, at 10 a.m., April 4th, 1866.

There were on the stand Presidents Heber C. Kimball and Daniel H. Wells; Elders Orson Hyde, John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Geo. A.

Smith, Amasa M. Lyman, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Franklin D. Richards and Geo. Q. Cannon, of the Quorum of the Twelve; Bishop Hunter, and a number of influential officers of the priesthood.

Choir sang a hymn. Prayer by Elder W. Woodruff. Singing by the choir.

President H. C. Kimball spoke on the necessity of order being maintained in meetings, that attention might be paid to the speaker and the thoughts of the people be concentrated upon his remarks. We are so constituted that we can do but one thing at a time, whether the action be mental or physical; hence, if our thoughts are distracted, and wander, our capability to acquire knowledge or to do good is proportionately lessened. He touched upon the attributes of God, and reasoned on the power that is in the principles of truth. The same principles which bring life and salvation when obeyed, will bring death and condemnation if rejected. He exhorted the people to practice purity and righteousness, showing that a course of wickedness will bring misery, while righteousness will bring peace and happiness.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon spoke briefly on the power and importance of prayer; of its efficacy in securing to the Saints the aid of the Spirit of God; and of the joy and happiness possessed by the Saints who live their religion faithfully and truly. When we live close to God, which we have the privilege of doing, we gain power that enables us to overcome temptation and resist evil.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder Geo. A. Smith.

2 p.m.  
Singing by the choir. Prayer by Elder Amasa M. Lyman. Singing by the choir.

Elder Lorenzo Snow enjoined the importance of living our religion in simplicity of purpose and honesty of heart, patterning after and seeking to have the same mind as the Lord Jesus, "who being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God." He reasoned on the indestructibility of the Kingdom of God; and treated on the principle that our actions will produce good and evil results according to their character. If we depart from the principles of truth we will become corrupt like the nations of the earth; if we continue and increase in righteousness the blessings and power of God will abide with and be multiplied upon us.

Elder Geo. A. Smith asked the important questions.—Are we living our religion? Are we what we profess to be, Latter-day Saints? And exhorted that we should seriously reflect upon our duties, realizing that we have engaged in the work of God, not for a few months or years, but for all time, and seek to become worthy of the trust reposed in us.

Singing by the choir. Prayer by Pres. D. H. Wells.

Thursday Morning, 10 a.m.  
Singing by the Tabernacle choir. Prayer by Elder C. C. Rich. Singing by the American Fork choir.

Elder C. C. Rich spoke of the means by which the will of God shall be done on the earth as it is done in heaven. We expect a Millennium, and the question is often asked when will it commence? When the people adopt and practice principles of righteousness, truth and peace, which will make a Millennium. The principles of truth are eternal, and are the only things, on which value can be placed, that we can take with us beyond the veil, when this probation is brought to a close.

Tabernacle choir sang "Know then that every soul is free."

Clerk of meeting read the 8th par. of sec. IV, book of Doctrine and Covenants, page 86.

Elder Erastus Snow, who had arrived, spoke briefly on studying the written word of God, contained in the Bible, the Book of Mormon, and book of Doctrine and Covenants, and not neglecting to do so because we have the living oracles of God in our midst. They who study and reflect upon the principles of truth, who read the written work of God, and hearken to the Holy Priesthood, have the spirit of revelation within them.

Pres. H. C. Kimball spoke on teaching the principles of truth in plain and simple language; and exhorted the people to increased righteousness. Unless those who are guilty of breaking their covenants and transgressing the laws of God, will repent, they will be damned.

Singing by the American Fork choir. Prayer Elder Geo. A. Smith.

2 p.m.  
Singing by the Tabernacle choir. Prayer by Elder Wilford Woodruff. Singing by the American Fork choir.

President B. Young was in the stand; Elder Ezra T. Benson was also in the stand, having arrived from Cache Valley.

Elder Orson Hyde urged the importance, efficacy and power of prayer. Not only should men pray when at home, with their families, but when they are absent from home attending to any duty; and the wife should have prayers in the household, morning and evening. In the absence of the husband and father. They who do so are strong in the strength of the Lord and have power to resist and overcome evil. The day is near at hand when the devil will have power over his own dominion and the Lord will have power of His Saints. Prayer—honest, sincere and simple prayer, will bring power to subvert our will to God; and our actions will be regulated in righteousness continually. He referred to the Indian difficulties in Saupepe and elsewhere, and to those who furnished powder, caps and lead to the Indians, condemning their course.

Elder A. M. Lyman reasoned at length on the principle of plural marriage; showing the objects for which marriage was instituted; depicting the misery, degradation and corruption to which women are subjected under the dominant social system in the world; demonstrating that honorable marriage would save them from those evils, and declaring that he did not speak in support of the principle of plural marriage, for it was true and did not need his support, but simply that in might be more generally understood.

Singing by the Tabernacle choir. Meeting dismissed with prayer by Elder Ezra T. Benson.

[Special to the DESERET NEWS.]

## By Telegraph.

Chicago, 9.

Much suffering and destitution are reported in Georgia and Alabama. Gov. Jenkins has issued a proclamation calling on capitalists to come forward, or the people will starve. The Huntsville *Independent* says there have been several cases of actual starvation in that county, and publishes a statement of the Probate Judge of Marshall county, that a careful census shows that 2,180 persons, white and colored, are absolutely helpless from age, sickness, or infirmity; and families representing 2,000 persons are dependent upon men able to work but unable to earn a living. Of the residue of the people of Marshall county, there are not twenty whose means are more than adequate for their wants.

Gov. Orlevie, of Illinois, has issued a proclamation for the observance of the 15th of April, being the anniversary of Lincoln's death, as a day of fasting and prayer; the day falls on Sunday, but it is a precedent for its annual observance hereafter in Illinois.

The Wisconsin Senate, on the 7th, instructed its committee on federal relations to report a resolution requesting Senator Doolittle to resign.

Washington, 9.

The President by a circular, instructs the heads of Departments to give preference to discharged soldiers in all clerical appointments or promotions. Since the President's peace proclamation the price of officers' rations has been reduced from 50 cents to 30 cents.

Nashville, 8.

The Tennessee Legislature reassembles to-morrow with a radical majority of eight members, being more than a working quorum. A radical caucus voted to refer all credentials, and to admit only those elected as new members and to exclude all bolters re-elected, on the ground that the latter have come back under pledges to bolt again and are, therefore, in rebellion against the State Government. Horace Maynard, when stumping Connecticut, said Tennessee would give negro suffrage before Connecticut, and the prospects favor its being done.

St. Louis, 9.

The total loss of steamers and cargoes by fire, on the 6th, is about \$500,000; insurance \$400,000.

Halifax, 9.

The steamer New England, from Liverpool, 28th, arrived here this morning, with 1,300 passengers, 40 of whom had died of cholera, out of 60 cases on board. There is no communication yet allowed with her.

Washington, 9.

The galleries of the House were crowded to their fullest capacity at a quarter past 1 o'clock. The civil rights bill is taken up for action.

New York, 9.

On the 24th ult., 150 negroes attempted an insurrection at Panama, and were surrounded by troops and shot down like sheep.

London, 29.

Consols 86½ @ 87½; 5-20's 71 @ 71½.

The prospects of a war between Austria and Prussia were increasing; a crisis is considered imminent.

The cattle plague in England was on the decline.

Halifax, 9.

The clerk of the steamer England reports that the first case of cholera occurred on the 3d, and that since then 60 cases had broken out, and 50 deaths had occurred. She was ordered off by the Government, but, owing to the rapid spread of the disease and the danger of all being sick, it was found impossible to proceed; part of the passengers will be placed in the hospital ship. There are three doctors on board. She has 1,320 passengers and 100 crew. The passengers are mostly German and Irish. The Captain thinks the disease was brought on board by the Germans.

Washington, 9.

In the House, Boutwell, under a call of the States, offered resolutions, which were adopted, that, whereas Jeff Davis, C. C. Clay and others were charged in the President's proclamation of May 3rd, upon evidence in the Bureau of Military Justice, with complicity

in the murder of President Lincoln, therefore, the Judiciary Committee be instructed to enquire if there is possible cause why they are deemed guilty; and further, if there is a probability of their being tried, with power to send for proof and papers.

The civil rights bill and veto message being taken up, it was a quarter-past 2 when the reading was completed. Wilson, of Iowa, after a few remarks, demanded the previous question. Eldridge moved a call of the House, which was not ordered. Leblond, of Ohio, moved to lay the bill on the table, negatived by 39 against 121. Eldridge and Finch made motions to adjourn, voted down. Eldridge then announced that the session was dilatory, saying that a member had left the House, seeing a determination to pass the bill over the veto by the operation of the gag rule.

The previous question having been ordered, a vote was then taken, yeas 119, nays 79; and the Speaker declared that the bill had become a law, when a tremendous and long continued applause broke out, followed by hisses. Amid this excitement the House adjourned.

Washington, 9.

The Senate has passed the House loan bill without amendment; yeas 32, nays 7. Fessenden said the only consequence attached to the bill was that it recognized the principle of contraction.

Flowers contributed by colored women were to-day placed upon the desks of the thirty-three Senators who supported the civil rights bill, with a card attached, "we exercise the civil right to express our gratitude."

With its most emphatic typography the *National Intelligencer* solemnly warns the people that, at a very early day, the country will be startled with a sudden advance step in the progress of a revolutionary scheme, unless traitors be in the meantime discouraged by popular demonstrations of constitutional loyalty.

Chicago, 10.

The eight-hour bill, which was before the Ohio Legislature, failed to become a law by the neglect of the House to concur in some trifling amendments by the Senate. The Legislature is now adjourned.

Dates from San Domingo, to March 25, give particulars of a great fire at Port Au Prince on the 19th, which raged 30 hours, and burned 33 blocks, embracing 1,000 houses. There is great distress in consequence.

New York, 10.

A salute of 100 guns was fired in Union Square this morning, in honor of the passage of the civil rights bill.

Chief-Justice Chase last evening, in a speech at the Methodist meeting in St. Paul's church, alluded to the passage of the civil rights bill as a great triumph, and said the next step would be to give universal suffrage.

Rumors increase that Jeff. Davis is to be taken to Richmond on a writ of *habeas corpus*; his health is growing worse.

Liverpool, 29.

The *London Times* says there is too much reason to fear that the peace of Europe is about to be broken by one of the least just and least necessary wars of modern times; it hopes England may hold aloof.

EDUCATION IN POLAND.—Regulations have been issued by the Russian government for the introduction of a new system of public instruction in the kingdom of Poland. The language used in the different schools as a medium of instruction will be that of the majority of the inhabitants of the district, whether Polish, Russian, German or Lithuanian. Spiritual instruction will be imparted by the secular clergy of the different religious persuasions, and the Polish language, as well as the history of Poland, together with the Russian language and history, will be taught in all the schools of the kingdom. Female education is to be taken out of the hands of the clergy, and normal schools will be established with teachers of both sexes. To secure the strict observance of these regulations a board of directors has been instituted, which will superintend the establishments, and see that order is preserved, and that every effort is made to secure the progress of the pupils.