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FORTIETH ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

APRIL 6, 2 P. M.

The congregation this afternoon was much larger than in the morning, the large Tabernacle being nearly filled. The congregation was called to order by President Brigham Young.

The Tabernacle Choir, led by Bro. Sands, sang the first hymn, commencing "The morning breaks, the shadows flee." Prayer was offered up by Elder Joseph F. Smith.

Tabernacle choir sang the hymn on page 263, beginning "Know this that every soul is free." Elder FRANKLIN D. RICHARDS addressed the congregation. The Salts came together to be strengthened that they may be able to dispel whatever darkness may beset their path. When we first heard the principles of faith, baptism for the remission of sins and the laying on of hands for the reception of the Holy Ghost, those principles were as staggering to us as those advanced principles that are now taught in relation to temporal things. It was at first difficult for us to understand those beautiful principles that were necessary to be attained for the salvation of our soul. Since that time the Saints have advanced. By obeying the counsel of the servants of God in relation to our temporal affairs we shall become, to the world, as great a subject for astonishment in regard to our temporal condition as we are in spiritual matters. We should become a pattern for them to follow after. The true order of government is that which is after the Patriarchal order. That order alone will bring about an assimilation of interests and consequent harmony and good will. We have not yet attained to a very great degree of unity in relation to temporal matters, but we are advancing in that direction. It was the design of the Almighty to make the interests of one portion of his family the interests of the other portion that the whole human family may become one. Some, doubtless, think that they are too wise to be taught by the servants of the Lord. This was comparable with instances where children would not be taught by their parents. If the parents would inform themselves in regard to all necessary matters, they would be able to teach their children and increase their knowledge. So it is with the servants of God in respect to the Saints. It is the privilege of those who hold the Holy Priesthood to teach and instruct us. All things that we do ought to be done in the name of our Lord and Master Jesus. Whether we take possession of farms, or build factories, we should do it in his name. In the changes that are taking place in our temporal affairs we are going through another conversion. We are like a child who is making his first attempt to walk. Our faith in those matters will increase until the order of Enoch could be introduced and the interest of the entire people become identified with each other.

ELDER GEORGE Q. CANNON read a report of Zion's Co-operative Merchant Institution, showing the progress that had been made in this great movement by the various branches of the Institution. He also read a report of the Female Relief Societies.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG delivered an interesting and instructive discourse upon the subject of co-operation and other temporal matters. His remarks were reported in full and will shortly be published. The hymn on page 160, commencing "We thank Thee O God for a Prophet," was sung. Conference adjourned till tomorrow at 10 a. m. Benediction by Elder Erastus Snow.

Wednesday, April 7, 10 a. m. The Conference was called to order by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon. The Tabernacle Choir sang, "Praise ye the Lord." Elder Willford Woodruff prayed. The Tabernacle Choir sang the hymn on the last page.

ELDER ERASTUS SNOW addressed the Conference. We come together as Bishops, Elders, Priests, Teachers, etc., to receive the bread of life from the lips of the servants of God, that we may all become one. We are a wonder to the nations of the earth. They had eyes to see and hearts to understand, they would know that, to bring a people like this from all parts of the world, and form as complete and united an organization as exists among us, is as great a miracle as to raise the dead. The Lord Jesus has said, "except ye are one ye are not mine." He prayed that His disciples might be one. This oneness is not meant in a physical sense. We differ in stature and proportion. It is a unity of oneness of faith, purpose and interest that is desirable. We should arrive at a place and aristocracies of wealth should be abolished. The Constitution framed and established by the Fathers on this continent was the best government on the earth. Yet there is a great disproportion between classes in this country. The struggle between capital and labor is very great. The laboring classes are under the necessity of combining to resist the encroachments of capital. The Quakers are, to some extent, an exception to this rule. By economy and frugality they have become almost universally rich and are a class of themselves. Among the Saints there are instances where parents allow their children to stay at home rather than go to Sunday School and attend meetings, because, probably, they cannot appear so well dressed as others. These things are not pleasing in the sight of God. The co-operative movement, which has been recently inaugurated by our President, will correct many evils such as these. It would be well for the Saints to read the revelations in the Doctrine and Covenants in relation to the Order of Enoch. According to that order, the means placed in our hands could not be used for self-aggrandizement, but would be the common property of the Kingdom of God, to be used for the benefit of the whole. Thirty-seven years ago the Saints were not prepared to build up the Centre Stake of Zion. We have come to these barren wastes to redeem the land and gain an experience to prepare us for that great work. There

is a tendency among men to take honor and glory to themselves. The Lord is willing we should all have our due, but He reserves to Himself the privilege of awarding it. May God bless us all. Amen.

PRESIDENT DANIEL H. WELLS next spoke. We are here to take into consideration those things that will conduce to our best interests. There is a propensity in the human heart to walk according to its own imagination instead of obeying the voice of God. We need instruction continually. If we are not instructed, we shall never learn any more than a child can learn to read and write who is never taught. This is the first principle in the existence of this people that the principle of co-operation could be established, and even now many are inclined to grumble at its introduction. Those who have lost their trade by this means need not despair. In a new country like this there are many things to which such may turn their attention. They can become producers instead of mere consumers. They can cultivate the soil. Many articles of produce are sold at prices one half of which would be remunerative to the producer. Here then is a direction into which honest industry may turn. No person should be above learning some useful occupation or trade. Thousands of articles are imported to this Territory that might just as well be produced here. This would make the community rich and independent. Every one of our young men should apply themselves to learning some useful trade and accustom themselves to habits of industry, and not number themselves with that class who seek to live by their wits. To whatever plan legitimate labor calls us the elders in Israel should wrap themselves, as it were in a mantle. If men who go to work on the railroad have to some extent to mix with the wicked, it is not necessary that they should indulge in the evil practices of the wicked. All should eradicate from their own bosoms the besetments of sin. Some are not willing to be controlled by their Bishops and Presidents in their temporal concerns. Say they, "We know as much as the Bishop or the President, or whoever it may be, and we will not be controlled by them." If we cannot understand that co-operation is right; cannot see the Kingdom of Heaven in it. This is the cause of the prejudice that some have concerning it, but the Kingdom of God is in it. There is no power on earth that can stem the current of vice that is flooding the world but the power that is in the Kingdom of God.

The Latter-day Saints have cause to rejoice above all other people, because they have seen the Kingdom of God. Those who build upon that rock, which is the principle of the Kingdom of God, will stand for ever. If we attain to an exaltation we shall have to conform to the terms proposed by the Almighty Himself. We can never bring the Lord to our terms. The Scriptures are good, the Bible and Book of Mormon are filled with sparkling gems on every page, yet the living oracles are worth more to us; they teach us how to save ourselves to-day. The Scriptures were the living oracles to those unto whom they were delivered. May we pursue that course that will enable us to obtain the blessings promised to the faithful.

Elder George Q. Cannon then read the names of the brethren who are called to go on missions.

The conference adjourned "Hail to the brightening of Zion's glad morning." Conference adjourned till two o'clock p. m.

Elder Brigham Young, jun., dismissed the Conference.

NAMES OF MISSIONARIES CALLED BY THE CONFERENCE.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON.
Amos Nett; A. P. Shumway; John T. Goff; Shumway; Charles J. Moseley; George H. Danford; John Carl Larson; Erik Paulsen; Rush George Romney; Erik Paulsen; Salt Levi Garrett; Erik Paulsen; Lake City; Thomas Weaver; John Hollenberg; R. H. Harrison; John T. Goff; John T. Goff; John T. Goff.

WEDNESDAY MORNING.
John Jaques; Samuel P. Toadell; Charles Wilkison; Geo. Barlow; Hamilton G. Park; Hiram Kimball; John Housley; W. C. Goff; Geo. W. Thurston; Albert P. Dewey; Matt; Robert J. Gidding; Samuel Savory; Gidding; John Ward; West Jordan; Gidding; John Ward; Geo. Mooser; West Jordan; John; Geo. Mooser; West Jordan; Henry Rudy; J. Quincy Knowlton.

MR. C.—The Kaysville brass band marched up East Temple Street this morning, thence to the New Tabernacle, discoursing their sweet strains of music to the joy and gratification of the public. Long may you continue in the glorious work. By the way, what has become of our city bands?

CORRECTION.—In our local of yesterday, on the accident at the point of the mountain, we stated that Mr. S. A. Woolley was the driver of one of the teams. We should have said Mr. Samuel H. Woolley, of Grantsville. The only gentleman that we know of bearing the name of S. A. Woolley is our friend the bishop of the ninth ward, and we have no need to inform our readers it was not him. We are grieved to learn that Mr. Alma U. Hale still lies in a very critical condition.

THE SNOW SLIDE.—Elder D. G. Brian has furnished us the following particulars of the accident at Mill Creek: About three o'clock, last Wednesday morning, a snow slide knocked down part of Gardner's upper saw mill, and buried the mill house, which was previously considered safe from avalanches. In the house, at the time, were four men, named Wright, Stewart, McDonald and Jake Crandall, and a lady named Robbins, all of whom were in bed except Wright, who had got up to light a fire. When a relief party from Mill Creek reached the scene of the disaster, they found Mrs. Robbins dead, under six feet of snow, somewhat mutilated by the lumber and logs of the building. She will be interred tomorrow. Stewart is also dead. The debris left his head uncovered, and he conversed for several hours before he died, with the wounded who could render him no assistance. Wright has not been found. Crandall and McDonald are very seriously injured; it is feared McDonald will have to have both his legs amputated. These two latter succeeded in extricating themselves from the snow and wreck, but were too badly hurt to render any assistance to the others or go for help, and there remained without fire, but with a little raw meat and a few blankets that they had over them in bed, until yesterday morning. They had through the snow, two miles on hand-edges, through the forest, and are now in the care of friends.

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By Telegraph.

CONGRESSIONAL.

SENATE.

The Special Committee on the rate of compensation to the Senate employees recommended a reduction of \$100 per annum for each of the employees. The report shows that the official expenses of the Senate, per capita, are about three times as much as for the members of the House. Sherman, from the Committee on Finance, reported a bill authorizing the payment for services rendered by the United States in the late insurrectionary States.

Ramsey presented a communication from the Postmaster General in relation to cheap ocean postage. Sumner said there was a movement afoot in England to secure penny ocean postage, and he favored the Government adopting two cent ocean postage.

The bill to make San Diego a port of entry was passed.

Morton offered a resolution to pay the Senators from the reconstructed States from the commencement of the 40th Congress; laid on the table.

The bill to aid the construction of a branch Central Pacific railroad to Fort and was discussed, till the expiration of the adjournment hour, which brought up the joint resolution to protect the interests of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad.

Stewart spoke at length against the Union Pacific Credit Mobilier and in favor of the Central Pacific.

Sherman's amendment, at the suggestion of Williams, was modified, so as to direct the President to fix the point of junction according to the legal rights of the respective roads; it was adopted 53 to 6.

Davis offered an amendment, which was adopted, directing the Attorney General, first, to investigate whether the charter and franchise of the Union Pacific road and branches had not been forfeited, and if so to institute the necessary legal proceedings; second, to investigate whether the said Company had made illegal dividends of stock, and if so to institute the necessary proceedings; third, to investigate whether any of the directors, agents or employees of the said Company had violated any penal law, and if so to institute the proper criminal proceedings.

Howard again offered an amendment, naming certain officers to constitute a board of commissioners, adding the name of General Canby, and directing them to fix the point of junction on the line approved by the Secretary of the Interior. Nye approved the amendment, and finally, without action, the Senate took a recess.

Evening.—Several private bills were passed, and the Senate resumed the consideration of a joint resolution to protect the interest of the United States in the Union Pacific Railroad. Sherman moved to amend the pending amendment of Howard's to authorize the President not to appoint a Board of Commissioners simply to examine and report upon the condition of the roads, and not to do anything to fix the point of junction. Howard refused to accept, because he had no objection to settle the point of junction by legislation. Wilson said the present U. S. Directors were unanimous in urging action, and he believed they knew what the interest of the country were. He thought the Senate ought to pass an act without delay.

Nye made a general attack on the general management of the road.—Adjourned.

HOUSE.

The Census bill was taken up. Garfield explained its provisions. Schaefer moved to postpone the bill till December. Jencks moved an amendment, which was adopted, making the bill refer only to the present census, and to be superseded by a bill to be reported next session. After repelling several other amendments, the bill passed.

Stevenson, from the Committee on Elections, reported in favor of Leonard Myers, contesting McCall's seat for the Third District of Pennsylvania.

Paine, from the same committee, reported that McCord, from the Fifth District of Louisiana, was not eligible for reseat.

The House went into Committee of the Whole on the Indian Appropriation. Davis said the committee had agreed to recommend an appropriation of two millions to be placed in the hands of the President, with authority to use it according to his discretion and judgment to maintain peace and promote civilization among the Indians. He said the amendment which he offered in place of the Senate amendment would save two millions. But he insisted that the Fourteenth Amendment made the Indians citizens, and that consequently no valid treaties could be made with them. The Committee then arose and the House took a recess. The evening session will be devoted to the Indian Appropriation bill.

The House in the evening went into Committee of the Whole on the Indian Appropriation question. Dawes' amendment gave rise to a long discussion. The motion to increase the amount of the appropriation in the amendment from two to two and a half millions was rejected; the amendment was then adopted. The Senate amendments were then disposed of.

The Committee rose and the House adjourned.

GENERAL.

Washington, April 6.—The President has withdrawn the nominations of Gen. Edward V. Kingale as Secretary of Legation at Madrid, and Dr. W. Chester, Postmaster at Placerville, Cal. Yesterday, Chas. Wilder, colored, was confirmed Postmaster of Columbia, S. C. This is the first confirmation of a negro. Wilder was formerly a slave. The Recording Secretary Committee has adopted a resolution and requested if the House, postponing the Texas vote on the Constitution till further action of Congress.

The Senate has confirmed L. J. Litchfield, Marshal of Dakota; Geo. W. French, Chief Justice, and Jeff Kidder, Associate Justice of Dakota; J. W. Howe, Chief Justice of Wyoming; and J. W. Clegham and Wm. T. Jones, associates.

Hudson, April 6.—A fire at Chatham last night destroyed \$125,000 worth of property. Half insured.

Montgomery, April 6.—A frost last night seriously affected the crops. Labor is very scarce. Incessant rains have started farming operations.

Chicago, April 6.—Among the appointments were W. F. Avery, Indian agent, New Mexico; and Thomas Young, Marshal of the District of Oregon.

The Republican's special says the House Committee on Foreign Affairs has agreed to report a resolution authorizing the President to open negotiations for the annexation of St. Domingo. The President has notified Minister Hale and the Secretary of Legation, Perry, that their resignations will be accepted, and successors will be immediately appointed.

The House Naval Committee has agreed to report a bill continuing for one year the regulations established by Secretary Wells, which will nullify the recent order of Secretary Borie, relative to the rank of staff officers; the committee also agreed to report a bill providing that no reduction of wages shall take place with the employees of the Government Navy Yards in consequence of the reduction of the hours of labor.

Memphis, A. J. Walt, while in a fit of angry passion, with a hatchet, this morning, he then rushed into an adjoining room to kill George Nelson, who received a severe wound in warding off the blows. Walt ran back to his room and screamed out "Farewell to the world," and then leaped from a third story window and was instantly killed. Nelson is in a critical condition. All the parties were formerly prominent merchants.

Lawrence, Kansas.—The contracts, authorized by the recent act of Congress to transfer the land grant and right of way between Denver and Cheyenne, to the Denver-Pacific Company were ratified to-day; a Board of Directors was also elected by the stockholders of the Kansas Pacific.

Chicago.—The Tribune's special says, the Senate Committee on foreign relations have agreed to report favorably on the Darien ship canal treaty and the Sandwich Island treaty; but probably, these as well as the Alabama claim's treaty will go over, to the extra executive session. Important information has been received here concerning the movements of English capitalists and clippers to offset the influence of the Pacific Railroad upon the lines of trade from Australia.

An influential London company, which has the right of way across Honduras, designs constructing a railroad with lines of English steamers to both the Atlantic and Pacific, by which they hoped to compete with our Pacific roads in carrying heavy commodities.

Admiral Hoff has ordered the steamer *Naragansett* to the mouth of the Mississippi to intercept the filibustering expeditions, said to be going to Cuba. New Haven.—Complete returns give Jewell 811 majority for Governor. Strong, a Republican elected to Congress from the 1st district, 764. Kellogg, representative from the 2nd district, 773. Starkweather, representative from the 3rd district, 734. Barnum, Democrat from the 4th district, 700. The Republican majority in the Legislature is 40, by joint ballot.

Baltimore.—Spangler and Arnold, the pardon assassination conspirators, arrived this morning.

FOREIGN.

Paris, April 6.—The election of members of the Corps législatif will commence on the 30th of May.

London, April 6.—In the House of Commons, this evening, Orrell, a conservative member for Fife, proposed to extend church disestablishment to England and Scotland.

London, April 6.—The subject of the appointment of the successor to Reverdy Johnson is receiving considerable attention from the press here.

Havana, April 6.—A battalion of artillery has returned from the Central Department. The *David* considers the rebellion in the Central Department entirely suppressed.

The flag ship *General Canby* has gone to the mouth of the Mississippi to intercept the expedition reported coming to Cuba from New Orleans.

A foreign steamer from Vera Cruz brings news from Mexico. The dissatisfaction against Cardo is increasing. The government intend to send a commission to Washington to have Rosecrans recalled.

Madrid.—The Government has granted permission for the introduction of Protestant books printed in foreign languages.

Fears are entertained that the Carlists will make another attempt at a general rising; that the Government is taking every precaution to prevent it. Ex-king Ferdinand positively declines the crown of Spain.

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