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PRESIDENT B. YOUNG'S TRIP NORTH.

WILLARD CITY, Sept. 5th, 1867.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

This morning at 9 o'clock the President and company bade adieu to their kind friends in Ogden and proceeded on their journey, arriving at Willard City in time to wash the dust out of our eyes, and meet the Saints in their cool, comfortable bowery at 12 o'clock, the time appointed for meeting. After singing, prayer was offered up by Bishop C. Layton. Elder Orson Hyde, quoted the passage from the prophet Isaiah, "Come my people, enter thou into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee," etc., and reasoned that there is a storm coming upon the nations which will engulf them in ruin. After quoting "Come out of her my people, that ye be not partakers of her plagues," he showed that the Lord and His servants are anxious to rescue and gather out all the honest in heart they possibly can, ere the storm in its extreme fury burst on the wicked nations of the earth. He exhorted the young men and women to marry, advising the young men to study the principles of governmental law, for on their shoulders will rest in the future the responsibility of ruling the world. Hon. Wm. H. Hooper made a few remarks; and Elder M. B. Shipp spoke to the young men, recommending them to read, and to be very select in their reading. Pres. B. Young spoke very interestingly. Singing. Benediction by Elder John Taylor.

After partaking of a sumptuous meal, served up in the school house, we resumed our journey to Brigham City.

BRIGHAM CITY, 5th.

After a dusty ride we reached Brigham City at half-past four. At five o'clock we were in the assembly of the Saints, under the shade of a well built and comfortable bowery. Singing by a good choir. Prayer offered by Elder E. Stevenson. Elder Orson Pratt introduced the subject of marriage before the congregation, and left it for others to speak upon. Singing by children. Elder John Taylor said it was a very pretty song, sung very prettily, and by a company of very pretty young ladies. The conflict has fairly commenced between sin and Satan, and the priesthood and kingdom of God. Truth is uncontroversial. The gospel is so plain that all may read and understand it. The work of God is based upon truth, and this is the weapon with which we contend. The power of Satan is constantly exercised to overthrow the cause of truth, and the conflict is constantly going on. There are influences at work to make us drink into the spirit of the world, and every device is used by the powers of evil to overthrow the kingdom of God, but they cannot do it, for the kingdom of God will triumph, and righteousness will prevail to the ends of the earth. Singing, "Hard times again no more." Pres. B. Young a short time. Singing. Benediction by Elder Orson Hyde.

Noticed Elder Ezra T. Benson stop Maughan from Cache Valley stand.

WELLSVILLE, 6th.

President and company left Brigham City at half-past eight this morning a somewhat dusty drive Wellsville at noon. After

washing, we repaired to the Wellsville meeting house, which I have described in a letter to the News when on my last visit to Cache Valley. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon. Elder Wilford Woodruff addressed the meeting in his usual interesting style. Elder Erastus Snow said, that the greatest blessing that God could bestow upon Father Abraham was a numerous posterity. The old Puritan stock of this country is running out; it is giving place to a class from other nations. Young men of the nation refuse to marry, and those who do marry invent means to hinder the increase of our race. This will more particularly apply to the rich and extravagant, while the poor observe the law to multiply and replenish the earth. The Lord has called the Latter-day Saints to restore His law and regenerate the human race. Urged upon the young men to marry, and take upon themselves the responsibilities of families, that they may become substantial and industrious citizens. Hon. Wm. H. Hooper and Pres. B. Young spoke. Benediction by Elder John Taylor.

LOGAN, Sep. 7th.

Arrived in Logan at about 5 p.m. of the 6th; my description of the President's reception the last time I visited Logan will answer well for his reception yesterday. The President's visit is the theme. Labor of every kind is left until a more convenient season. 10 a.m. a spacious bowery well covered with green boughs, is filled to its utmost capacity, and hundreds coming from every direction. There are three choirs present who will sing alternately during our two days meeting in Logan. Meeting called to order by Bishop P. Maughan. Singing; prayer offered by Elder Geo. Q. Cannon. Elder Orson Hyde said, that everywhere while on our present visit there seems to exist but one feeling, namely, respect and reverence for the priesthood of God. Are we faithful in observing the practice of prayer in our families? are we faithful in calling upon the Lord in private, for there is the place to try ourselves. Private worship dispels the clouds of doubt, and establishes the worshiper in the faith of the Lord Jesus. The Saints have been 37 years in the school of the Almighty, wherein our weaknesses have been exposed, and chastened; and if our faults and follies have been food for our enemies, they have not got fat on them; while our goodness, like a flower that blossoms unseen, is not noticed by them. The nations have been slow to listen to the voice of truth proclaimed to them by the first Elders of this Church. The Lord began to visit them with mild chastisement. He is calling upon them by the voice of mercy, and also by the voice of judgment. How blessed it is to be kind to all. Are we worthy of a better heaven than that which is presented by a united family? Let us be united and the light of it will shine to all nations, and the result of it will be peace and righteousness forever. In union there is strength. He exhorted the Saints to love one another even unto death, that we may inherit a crown of life.

Elder Orson Pratt said this people of all people in the whole earth have the greatest cause to rejoice; and delivered a beautiful discourse upon the predictions of the ancient prophets. Meeting dismissed until 2 p.m. Benediction by Elder Wilford Woodruff.

2 p.m.

Singing; prayer offered by Elder Geo. A. Smith. Hon. W. H. Hooper, spoke nearly an hour in a very interesting manner. Elder John Taylor said, who that has their mind enlightened by the Spirit of God can help but rejoice at the glorious prospects before this people. As high as these mountains are above the valleys beneath, so is the moral standard of this people above that of the world outside. Our great object in this life is to find out the mind and will of God concerning ourselves, and try to elevate the human mind to heaven. We do not expect friendship from this world; our trust is in the Great Eloheim. We wish to observe the laws of God, and then to observe every constitutional law of the land; and there is not a people in this land who revere the Constitution of the United States more sincerely than this people do. Who has any wisdom? who has any knowledge? No man possesses any only what God has given to him. The life of man has been shortened in consequence of innumerable irregularities, such as the use of hot drinks, the use of ardent spirits,

the use of tobacco and other narcotics; our purpose is to restore the health of our race, by refraining from every unhealthy indulgence in food and in everything else that is pernicious to the laws of life. I am pleased to see a marked improvement throughout our settlements in this respect. It is right for our young people to engage in matrimony, and fill up these valleys of the mountains with a virtuous and healthy people. We ought to take care of our sheep; to raise flax, and other textile materials; make our own clothing, and learn to take care of ourselves, laying up bread, and in all things listening to the counsels of God. Educate our children in every great and moral principle, putting good and sensible reading in their hands. He recommended the *Juvenile Instructor* to parents to put into the hands of their children.

Adjourned to 10 a.m. tomorrow. Benediction by Elder Geo. D. Watt.

Sunday, 8th.

This morning President B. Young, and several of the Twelve, visited the Logan Sunday schools. There are five Sunday schools in Logan. They were all together when they were visited by the President and his friends. The children sang. Elder O. Hyde prayed. President Young addressed them; when the visit was concluded by benediction from Elder Erastus Snow. Elder W. H. Shearman superintends the Sunday schools in Logan. These schools have a library and music teacher. D. B. Lamrocaux is the music teacher, and teaches a large class of children twice a week.

At an early hour the bowery was filled, and the entrance ways crowded with Saints anxious to get a glimpse of their illustrious visitors, and to hear the precious things that fell from their lips. I discovered Elder C. C. Rich on the stand this morning. Meeting called to order by Pres. B. Young; singing; prayer offered by Elder John Taylor. Elder W. Woodruff said, one half of this people have been gathered from the nations of the earth, the other half came from the heavens, and they are holy, innocent and good. The Lord has made use of the best material He could get in heaven and on earth to build up His kingdom in the last days. With all the faults of this people called Latter-day Saints, they have more inspiration, more faith, and more union, than any people that has ever lived. God has chosen the weak things of this world to establish His kingdom in these latter times, that He may have all the glory. We are called to become united throughout all the ramifications of this Church. It is the privilege of all the Saints to receive revelation, and live so that they may know the will of God. But no man but one at a time has a right to give a principle or revelation to the Church for its direction and guidance. When God gives a revelation to His people through the President of His Church, if we are living our religion we shall always possess His spirit to know that such revelation proceeds from Him; and if we cannot understand, let seek unto the Lord until we do. What a glorious principle that God has given to us to have the privilege of going forth to redeem our friends, and become saviors upon Mount Zion. Pres. B. Young spoke. Logan choir sang a song and chorus, "Hail to Brigham Young." Benediction by Elder A. M. Musser.

2 p.m.

Singing; Prayer offered by Elder O. Pratt. Elder Geo. A. Smith said, the occasion of the administration of the sacrament gives rise to reflections peculiar in themselves;—such as, Am I what I profess to be? Am I united with my brethren and sisters in heart, while I stretch out my hand with them and partake of the consecrated bread? We are united in relation to our mode of worship. We have to consider ourselves practically as we are. We are here and we have got to exist. The Lord says to this Church, let the beauty of your garments be the work of your own hands. I was delighted at Brigham City to see a good article of homemade straw hats worn by the ladies of that city. If 99 out of every 100 of the ladies of Utah wore hats of their own make, the old ones would be out of fashion. He exhorted the Saints to take proper care of sheep, and to raise roots in abundance fit for their use in winter. The one that keeps a few sheep and keeps them well is always the greatest gainer. Let the people of Cache adopt the policy of living within themselves, and the rest of the Territory

take the opposite course and import from abroad all they use, and Cache in five years time would be able to purchase the whole Territory. If the whole Territory will adopt that policy, we can soon be able to purchase the whole State of Missouri and if necessary pay the national debt! It is necessary as a measure of political economy to lay up grain against a day of famine. Should this arm of locusts be poured down upon us one hundred times more than they have been this year, where will be our bread? When the word of the Lord through the President comes to us on these matters I need not the thunders of Mount Sinai to convince me that the Lord speaks. We must sanctify ourselves before the Lord by taking the counsels of His servants, that we may be saved temporally and spiritually, and be prepared to enjoy the glory of the latter days. Singing, "Hard Times come again no more."

Elder Erastus Snow said it is over 35 years since he first heard the testimony of the gospel. After 37 years we are beginning to comprehend the sayings written in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, "Be patient for ye are laying the foundation of a great work." The Lord controls in the heavens; and all powers upon the earth and in hell are subject to him. Happy are we if we understand the whisperings of the Spirit and pay heed to them. The Lord has provided for us this home in the mountains. In the days of our prosperity let us not forget the debt of gratitude we owe to God. Singing, "Mountain Brave." Elder T. B. H. Stenhouse bore his testimony to the truth of "Mormonism." Singing. Elder Geo. Q. Cannon spoke a few minutes, and dismissed the congregation.

The people of Cache will have about one-third of a crop this season.

HYDE PARK, Sep. 9, '67.

Last evening, 8th inst., after meeting at Logan, the President and a portion of his company, in compliance with a previous invitation, drove out to Providence, a small settlement two miles south of Logan, and took supper. Your correspondent not being invited is unable to give particulars. After breakfast this morning, I drove out to Hyde Park. Bishop William Hyde was on hand, with Sunday schools all dressed and in line to bid the President welcome. Elders Orson Hyde and Pratt soon after arrived, who informed us that President B. Young had business in Logan to-day and would not leave that city until to-morrow. The greater part of his company are here to hold meeting according to appointment.

At 11 a.m. we met the Saints of this settlement in a neat, well ventilated meeting house, built of rock. Meeting called to order by Bishop Wm. Hyde. Singing. Prayer offered by Elder Lorenzo Snow. Elder O. Hyde congratulated the people upon the beauty of their location; but regretted to see such an extensive growth of sunflowers, which hurts the growth and quality of the crops. He suggested the planting of only one half of their land, cultivating it well and raising the yearly crop from 20 bushels to 40 and 50 to the acre; letting the other half rest after being well plowed and exposed to the fertilizing influence of elements. He also congratulated the Saints on their observing so generally the Word of Wisdom, and rejoiced at the happy results which are so visible to him in his visits among the settlements. And assured them that no Latter-day Saint, man, or woman, or child, will ever meet sorrow in obeying the laws and requirements of Heaven.

Elder Orson Pratt expressed his pleasure in being able to travel with the First Presidency and Twelve through these northern settlements. Spoke of the beauty of this valley, which has been partially developed by the excessive labor of the Saints; and of the many facilities which it affords for the multiplication of creature comforts in abundance. The great press of labor required in the first settlement of this country having been accomplished, should we not pay more attention now to the cultivation of the mind? He exhorted the young men especially to pay attention to this, as upon their shoulders will, in the future, rest the responsibilities of bearing off this Kingdom. He requested them to become acquainted with the history of this Church, as a very important branch of learning; and encouraged them to study the English language, that they may be able to communicate their ideas in a proper manner; and to establish grammar schools, etc.