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OF A CONFERENCE HELD IN BRIGHAM CITY, June 15 and 16, 1867.

Present, of the Twelve Apostles, Pres. Lorenzo Snow, presiding. Notwithstanding it was a very rainy day, at the hour appointed the Public Hall was filled to overflowing by a general attendance of the Saints, principally from the various Wards in Box Elder County. The Stand was occupied by the President of the Stake, his Counselors, the High Council, all the Bishops and their Counselors from the various Wards in this Stake, Bishops Lorenzo D. Young, Elders Joseph W. Young and Edward G. Stevenson, visiting missionaries from G. S. L. City, and Pres. Daniel Daniels and others from Malad City.

Saturday, 10 a.m.

Called to order by the President. Singing by the Brigham City Choir, under the direction of Prof. R. Fishburn. Prayer by Bishop Alfred Cordon. Singing by the Willard City Choir. Bishop Cordon and M. W. Dalton and George W. Ward, his Counselors, and Elder Chester Loveland severally addressed the congregation, and Pres. Snow made some explanatory remarks upon the object and order of the meeting. Singing by the Brigham City Choir. Benediction by Counselor Samuel Smith.

2 p. m.

Singing by the Willard City Choir. Prayer by Elder Wm. L. Watkins. Counselor Samuel Smith and Bishop Lorenzo D. Young instructed the assembly upon many important principles of doctrine for the guidance of the Saints in the last days, indispensably necessary for their salvation and exaltation. Singing by the Brigham City Choir. Benediction by Counselor J. C. Wright.

On Saturday night the people were entertained with a very interesting performance of "The Stranger," by the Brigham City Dramatic Association.

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Convened in the Bowery. Singing by the Willard City Choir. Prayer by Elder Justin C. Wixom. Singing by the Brigham City Choir, when the Conference was instructively and interestingly addressed by Elders J. C. Wixom, Pres. Daniels and Joseph W. Young. Singing by the Brigham City Choir. Benediction by Bishop Nichols.

2 p. m.

Singing by the Willard City Choir. Prayer by Bishop Nichols. Singing by the Brigham City Choir. After the administration of the Sacrament, the assembly was addressed by Bishop Nichols, Counselor J. C. Wright and Elder Edward G. Stevenson, when the Conference covenanted by a unanimous vote, to sustain by their faith, prayers and corresponding good works, the Authorities of the Church and of this Stake of Zion. Pres. Snow then very feelingly and forcibly addressed the Conference upon the principles of the every day duties in life essentially necessary to their present and eternal

salvation and exaltation in the Kingdom of our God.

The Willow Creek Choir sang an appropriate anthem, and the Conference adjourned. Benediction by Counselor J. C. Wright.

J. C. WRIGHT, Clerk.

The Brass Band of Brigham City, under the direction of Capt. J. Crestiansen, was in attendance during the Conference; and all seemed to appreciate and resolve to profit by the privilege of thus assembling for mutual edification and benefit. So adds Elder P. Madson in his report, for the prompt furnishing of which we are much obliged; and trust that both brs. Wright and Madson will continue to thus courteously and promptly inform the readers of the NEWS upon current events of interest.

SPANISH FORK, June 17.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

Dear Sir:—All is peace here, although we keep a guard of eight men on duty every day. The people are busy preparing for building; going in companies they bring about 30 loads of rock from the cañon daily, while some companies are sliding timber.

The high water has taken a strange freak and concluded to run round the north end of our new bridge, in spite of the Supervisor of Roads and his helpers.

We have put in several hundred acres of new land on the south of Spanish Fork River, but high water caused us a great deal of labor in keeping up our ditches; we have had to turn the Creek in some places, but think we have the mastery now.

Crops look pretty well, though rather late. We have had a short visit from the crickets, but they have moved off again.

Yours, &c.,

JAMES ROBERTSON.

We have been courteously handed the following letter from St. George to Elder G. A. Smith:

ST. GEORGE, June 4, '67.

ELDER GEORGE A. SMITH:

Dear Brother:—Pres. Erastus Snow, accompanied by Elders Jacob Gates, F. B. Woolley and Samuel Miles, and Bishops Ute Perkins and D. D. McArthur, with a portion of the St. George Choir and brass band, under Prof. Thomas, left here on last Thursday to pay a visit to the settlements in Kane County. Held meeting in Harrisburg, on Friday, at 8½ a.m., where several of the brethren delivered short addresses, expressing their gratification at the improvement in the place, etc. Pres. E. Snow spoke for some time, giving much appropriate instruction in relation to their local affairs, altering their streets, laying out some more lots, and a variety of subjects of interest to the brethren there.

Drove on to Tokerville to dinner, where we were hospitably entertained by the Bishop and others. From Tokerville to Duncan's Retreat, where we held another meeting. Instructions were given upon the practical duties of the Saints, home manufactures, and the Word of Wisdom; the brethren were encouraged to plant cotton more extensively, and although the season is far advanced were advised to plant all they can within the next few days, as the crop of cotton will otherwise be light this season, and the mills will be idle.

Saturday, June 1st, Pres. Young's birthday, was celebrated at Rockville, where we held two meetings, at which good instruction was imparted upon the necessity of union among the Saints, not only in matters of faith and doctrine, but in their temporal labors. In the evening a council convened to hear some matters of difficulty of long standing in the Ward, which were adjusted to the satisfaction of the parties concerned.

On Sunday, on our return, we held two meetings at Virgen City; and in the evening one at Tokerville, where the instructions given were upon the every-day duties of life, to cultivate a peaceable spirit, and learn to govern self, study the laws of life and health, and live in accordance with them.

We arrived at home on Monday evening, having had a very pleasant visit. We were everywhere received with overflowing hospitality, the principal regret being that there was not a more numerous company, so that all might have had a share in the pleasure of entertaining them.

We found the Saints in the enjoyment of general good health and cheerful spirits. The high waters of the Rio Virgen have done less damage than was at first reported. The prospect for fruit this season is very flattering; orchards are laden with every variety of the climate. Considerable improvement has been made during the past fall and winter in the roads, and more are laid out for next season.

The Word of Wisdom seems to take a thorough hold of the feelings of the people, and to meet with a cordial response. We scarcely saw the beverages of tea and coffee, or smelt the fumes of tobacco, on our trip.

All is peace with us. Hoping you are in the enjoyment of the same blessings, and every other which you can desire, I am, as ever,

Your brother in the Gospel,

F. B. WOOLLEY

The following are extracts of a letter from Elder Zebulon Jacobs, written at North Platte Station, June 15:

We arrived here this forenoon, safe and well, and found several trains waiting for company. Our trip up Bitter Creek was rather exciting to raw hands; when we first struck it the news of Indians was startling, and as we advanced it became more so, but we saw none. We nooned at Salt Well, and the 2d day after we passed that point the stock was driven off.

When we arrived at La Clede Station we learned that the Indians had ran off one stage team that morning. A general excitement prevailed along the line, and stage drivers and station keepers kept pretty close. On the 11th, leaving La-Clede, we proceeded to Barrel Spring, 22 miles. There were a great many Indian tracks along the road. After dinner and supper combined, we rolled on to Duck Lake and camped. This station has also shared its stock with the Indians.

On the 12th, as we were starting, a gentleman came up to our camp from a train in the rear, and we learned that the firing we heard last night was from the Indians attacking the ranch at Barrel Spring; we had been gone about an hour and a half when it commenced; no damage was done to either party.

The Indians had taken the loose stock from Wash-a-kee station. It was near this that the teamster in Bishop Sharp's train was killed.

At the Sulphur Springs station there were about 30 men, who kept close quarters. Then came to a ranch which the redskins had burned. Passed Bridger's Pass station, which was still smoking; everything being laid in ruins. At the next place saw the rise of ground where the Indians had corralled the stage, and the trench they made, also a great quantity of wrapping paper and a good many newspapers, some magazines and various other things. It looked as though there had been hard fighting.

At the next place we came to were the charred remains of a ranch; here the proprietor had taken the precaution to make an underground fort, with port holes just above the surface of the ground. He informed me that here four Indians were killed, but the keeper escaped. Everything was burned.

Pine Grove station was still smoking as we passed, though burned to the ground.

As you perceive, we have heard of the Indians both in front and rear, but the Lord has been mindful of us and warded off every shaft, so that we have come thus far upon our journey in peace and security.

Our stock looks well, and are doing well. The health of the camp is good.

MORONI, June 19.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

Dear Brother:—At 10 o'clock this morning Gen. Pace and Staff arrived for an inspection of arms and general drill. A skirmish drill of infantry and cavalry opened the exercises, and did very well, considering that it was the first time they had drilled in that way.

After the drill was over, the General gave some good instructions to our cavalry, pertaining to their duty when out among the Indians or in the mountains scouting; he also exhorted the people to faithfulness in discharging their duties. Col. Allred and Major Bradley also gave some good counsel to the people.

The Brass and Martial Bands were out.

There are some improvements going on, notwithstanding we have Indians to contend with.

The library is flourishing, and the Board are making preparations for building a reading-room, which they expect to finish this coming fall.

We have built a good, substantial corral, with good gates, which are locked at nights to secure our loose stock, which are all driven up at nights to keep them from Indians—both red and white.

We want more settlers here; we are opening a new survey in the best part of our city, to make more room. There are facilities for a large population—water plenty, and wood and coal close by.

The health of the people is generally good.

I remain yours in the Gospel of Peace,

JOHN KIRKMAN.

Miscellaneous.

SHARP FINANCIERING.—The Stockton Independent is responsible for the following "o'er true tale:"

Yesterday we were told that about three weeks ago, a miserly individual who resides not far from Stockton, and in whose hands a piece of coin is as secure a prisoner as a galley slave, a serf in the Russian mine, or Maximilian and the other gentlemen who undertook to carve an empire out of Mexico are in the keeping of Juarez, went to San Francisco and landed in that city with only two bits in his pocket. He remained in the city of sharp practice and sand hills about two weeks, entered actively into a money exchange business on the capital in his possession, lived well during his stay, and at the end of a fortnight came out four bits ahead. In the first place being determined neither to go hungry, steal, labor hard nor borrow, he strode out in the path of fortune by exchanging the two bits piece for two dimes and a five cents piece. The latter he put in a pocket by itself, and at the same time, kept his hand on the dimes ready for another exchange, which he found no difficulty in effecting, viz: procuring a full quarter for two ten cents pieces. The second quarter was again exchanged in the same manner as the first, and the operation repeated often enough to enable him to accumulate funds to procure his food in a restaurant where provisions are dealt at five cents a plate. Thus he paid for his living and doubled his capital in the short space of two weeks.

THE city of Newport has a self-propelling steam fire engine, called the "Eon," which the Herald, of that city, says is moved about the streets, up hill and down, through snow and mud, easily.