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PRESIDENT YOUNG'S TRIP NORTH.

BRIGHAM CITY, Aug. 21, 1868.

YESTERDAY was a great day in Box Elder County. Willard and this place were in their gayest dress, all business was suspended, and old and young devoted themselves to the enjoyment of the day. A portion of the company was sent on to Willard to fill the appointment there which had been made for meeting at 10 a.m. President Young remained in Ogden to attend to some business. Elders Wilford Woodruff, George A. Smith, Joseph F. Smith, A. M. Musser and David Day attended the meeting at Willard. Elders George A. Smith, Jos. F. Smith and W. Woodruff addressed the people on various topics, and according to what we hear, had, as usual, a good meeting. The President was met by an escort and a brass band, the first on horseback, the latter in a wagon. When we reached Willard the meeting had adjourned, and the people with the children were out in front of Bishop Cordon's to welcome the President. The children were not counted, but the Bishop said he had counted 128 little girls, and he judged that there were, at least, 250 altogether. A public dinner had been prepared for a much larger company than ours numbered; the tables were spread in the school house, and ample justice was done to the viands. After dinner President Young went to the bowery to hear a case that had been brought to his notice, and while there we had an opportunity of seeing the handsome display of home-made articles with which it was festooned. They were very creditable, and spoke highly for the skill and taste of the ladies. The people of this settlement are justly proud of their skill in the dyeing and manufacturing of woolen goods. We have never been here when we have not had cause to admire their manufactures. The scenery from Willard City up to

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Is very fine. We had only traveled about two miles in that direction when we met the escort from that place. There were two companies of uniformed cavalry, under the command of Captain Carlos Loveland, and a company of Lancers, boys, in gay uniform, under the command of Captain Wight. A four horse wagon, with postillions dressed in the uniform of the Lancers, carried 18 young ladies dressed in white with blue sashes, and a banner bearing a suitable inscription. Another four-horse wagon carried 18 little girls, and another the brass band. There were a number of carriages also belonging to citizens, among whom were President Lorenzo Snow and some friends. The citizens were drawn up in line as we entered the city, and the company passed slowly along, responding to their salutations and welcome. President Lorenzo Snow has established a reputation for Brigham City, in making fine displays upon occasions like the present, that is recognized throughout the Territory. In the reception to-day he was as happy and tasteful as usual in his arrangement. Indeed, it seems that the display of each year is better than the last. We drove directly to the bowery, and the people came pouring in, and were soon prepared for

MEETING.

President Ezra T. Benson, Bishops Peter and Wm. Maughan and a number of other prominent citizens had come over from Cache Valley, and were present on the stand. Elder Fishburn, who, as the leader of the Smithfield choir of Cache county, has, with his choir, given the Saints much pleasure with his singing at our General Conferences in Salt Lake City, deserves commendation for the successful training he has given the choir of Brigham City. He has been residing here for a year or two, and the good results of his labors are plainly apparent. Miss Eliza Snow, a daughter of President Lorenzo Snow, played the organ with marked ability, and the music, with the singing of the choir, added greatly to the pleasure of our meeting here. The singing was exceedingly musical and sweet. President Young, Elders Geo. A. Smith and Geo. Q. Cannon addressed the meeting. The night was spent by President Young and the greater part of the company under the hospitable roof of President Lorenzo Snow. The evening was

one that will long be remembered by those who were present. The music, singing and conversation were delightful. Bro. Snow is setting the people of Brigham City an excellent example in making improvements. Besides making some additions to the rear of his residence, he has extended the front by adding a wing to each side of the main building, the front of which he also intends to change to correspond with the improved style of the additions. When finished, it will be an elegant residence.

Friday, Aug. 21, 1868.

A company of cavalry escorted the company this morning about half the distance to Wellsville, when they were relieved to return by our meeting a company of cavalry from the latter place, under the command of Captain Marion Lewis. As we descended the hill towards Wellsville we met the brass band in a wagon, and upon entering the town, found the citizens and children drawn up with flags to receive the company. Wherever we have been, the people have made ample preparations to entertain a much larger company than the President has with him on the present occasion. Bishop W. Maughan had difficulty to furnish his people as many guests as they wanted, and have those he wished to entertain himself. The meeting was opened at one p.m. in the usual manner, and

ELDER JOSEPH F. SMITH

Spoke on the privileges and blessings that the Saints enjoy at the present time in this land. The Saints would not have come here if they had had their choice. The hardships and difficulties they thought they would have to contend with repelled them. Yet when they did come they started in faith, putting their trust in God. The Lord saw that we could not be made a mighty people unless we should be separated from our enemies. He had suffered the wicked to use violence towards us that we might be driven from their midst and be brought to this land, where we can dwell in peace without fear of molestation. Now that we are here we should not be content to go on in the old style of doing business. For instance, instead of having our females use the spinning wheel all their days, it would be much better to utilize our beautiful streams for the turning of machinery and spin 360 threads, or even more, at one time, instead of only one thread; also to raise flax and hemp, and manufacture them into linen and ropes. He complimented the people on the improvement he perceived in their gardens; weeds were not so plentiful as they had been on one of his former visits. By introducing improved agricultural machinery more work can be done and with less labor. Many of the people work too hard, yet they do not accomplish near so much as they might if they had the advantages which the improvements of the age afford. Houses should be built roomy and commodious. Small, inconvenient rooms in which to cook, eat and sleep are sufficient to ruin the health and temper of the females who have to live in them. Every man should take pains to introduce sewing-machines, washing-machines, wringers, &c., into his family, and save labor that his family may have time to study and improve their own minds and the minds of their children. A knowledge of surgery might be an advantage to mothers, and every one of them should seek for knowledge respecting the properties of herbs and the best remedies to be used in case of sickness. Many children's lives are lost through the ignorance of parents.

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF

Thought that the world would have been better if there had never been a priest, a doctor or a lawyer in it. The lawyers like litigation. They get two farmers to quarrel about a cow, and while one pulls at the head and the other at the tail, the lawyer goes to work and milks her. He related an instance that occurred in his own experience, in Connecticut, upwards of 60 years ago. The people were taken down with the spotted fever and the doctors prohibited water as most dangerous, and would not let the sick taste it. His grandfather, his father and mother and one of his mother's sisters were taken with this fever. They all died but his father, and they died, like all the rest who had this fever, pleading for water. His father was attended by one of the most celebrated doctors in Connecticut. The last time he called to see his father, he told the man who waited upon him that Woodruff would not live till morning; but on no account to give him water, for it would kill him. His father plead so earnestly for water that his friend thought that if he had to die

anyhow, he might as well give him a little to drink, so he commenced to give him it by teaspoonfuls, and then with a tablespoon and then a tumbler, and by morning his fever was broke and he was sane and well. This water saved his life. The doctor was surprised when he called next morning, and asked the attendant what he had given him. He replied two pails of water! Doctors do not take this course now in fevers; but then they are ignorant upon other points. He dwelt for half an hour upon home and practical duties.

ELDER GEO. Q. CANNON

Spoke for thirty minutes.

ELDER GEO. A. SMITH

Said that it had been recommended to Government by Judge Echols some years ago that the "Mormons" should not have the benefit of the Land Laws. This Territory had been attached to Colorado for Land purposes, and the Land Office had been located in that Territory. But Congress had recently extended the Land Laws to Utah and it had been formed into a Land District; a Surveyor General and other officers had been appointed, and they would be here shortly to open a Land Office. The people should prepare to purchase their land by saving their money, and where there are men who have not declared their intentions, and obtained their naturalization papers, they should take immediate steps to become citizens, so as to get the full benefit of the Land Laws. Every foreigner who intends to reside in the country can go before the Clerk of the District Court and declare his intentions to become a citizen, and after the lapse of two years he can go before the District Court and obtain his full papers.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG

Expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Saints. What a contrast between the present time and thirty-five or even twenty-five years ago! Then, perhaps, the Elders in traveling might meet with a Saint once in fifty miles, and be turned away from many houses and not be allowed to stop there. But now everywhere we go—and we cannot visit near all the settlements—we meet a brother and a friend. Peace and quietness prevail. In a village of the size of Wellsville in other countries there would probably be many lawyers, grog-shops, gambling-houses and other houses for evil purposes; but are there any places of this character here? No. If there is a lawyer, he is cultivating the ground. So with the justices of the peace and other civil officers; there are no cases for them to attend to. As for the Word of Wisdom, instead of trying to observe it, go to and observe it and do not try. Do it and then it is done. We require it of you.

We can make our own fashions and wear our hats, shoes and other clothing to suit ourselves—have broad or narrow rimmed hats, long or short-toed boots. Babylon will fall, and we must not depend upon her for the things we need, but learn to be self-sustaining. God has told us that the beauty of our adorning should be the work of our own hands.

Naturalization papers should be taken out by the brethren who have not obtained them. And to prevent future trouble they should be taken out before a Court which cannot be questioned. There is no doubt but that our Probate Courts, being Courts of Record, have the right to grant naturalization papers. But some have questioned their right, and so long as this matter may have to be decided by men who are inimical to us, it will be better to go and get papers from the District Court.

The brethren should be careful about raising good, pure grain, vegetables, fruit, &c., for seed. This is a matter that has been urged upon the School of the Prophets. The same plan also which has been adopted at Salt Lake City in taking care of sheep should be followed in this county. They should be kept moving from place to place. We must raise more wool and of a better quality than we are producing at present. Doctors should be led by the spirit of revelation so that when they look upon a patient they can tell what ails him, and prescribe accordingly. The sickness among children, to which allusion had been made, was only fatal where ignorance prevailed. There were many households in Salt Lake City with a large number of children in which not one died. Good nursing and judicious treatment can save the children from the grave. When disease first appears, proper steps should be taken to arrest it. Eat proper food, do no more work than you have strength to perform, and be careful about your sleeping, and you will not have sick-

ness among you. We are glad to see you and may the Lord bless you.

After dinner we started for Logan.

LOGAN, August 22.

From Wellsville we were preceded by the company of cavalry from Logan, which met us at the mouth of Wellsville Cañon. We arrived at Logan at 5 p.m. yesterday, where we found the citizens, and teachers and children of the various Sunday Schools, headed by the Logan Brass Band, drawn up in order of procession to receive us, under the direction of Bro. W. K. Robinson, Marshal of the day. The procession numbered, as near as we could judge, about 500 persons—most of whom were children—each division carrying banners with appropriate mottoes in the following order—twelve fathers in Israel, banner, "The Bible;" twelve young men, banner, "The Book of Mormon;" twelve boys, banner, "Doctrine and Covenants;" twelve mothers in Israel, banner, "Deseret News;" twelve young ladies, banner, "Daily Telegraph;" city and county officers, banner, "Utah Magazine;" Sunday Schools, leading banner, "Juvenile Instructor."

At our entrance into the city we passed through a large and very tasteful arch of evergreens, the word WELCOME in large letters showing conspicuously over the centre of the arch, the whole being crowned by the National flag. As we drove by, the Band saluted, and old and young manifested their respect. The procession then formed in the rear, and marched to the residence of President Ezra T. Benson, where the Sunday School children sang the following, composed for the occasion:

We are thinking, gladly thinking,
Of that lovely morn in May,
When from heaven gently streaming,
Shone the bright celestial day;
Doubt and darkness fled forever
From the youthful Joseph's mind,
As with power from the Savior
He went forth to bless mankind.

We are thinking, gladly thinking, etc.

We are thinking, sadly thinking,
Of that dark and gloomy day,
As the sun was slowly sinking,
How the murdered Prophet lay;
Like the Savior, he was murdered,
Just because he dared to say,
Men had lost the way to heaven,
And God had shown to him the way.

We are thinking, sadly thinking, etc.

We are thinking, gladly thinking,
Of that glorious, coming time,
When, with Jesus and with Joseph,
We shall dwell in that blessed clime,
Where the wicked never trouble
And the Saints of God are blest;
Let us strive, then, to be faithful,
That we all may gain that rest.

So we're thinking, sweetly thinking,
Of the Resurrection morn,
When, the righteous with him bring-
ing,
Jesus will to earth return.

President Young then addressed the children and their teachers for a few moments, expressing his pleasure at the interest manifested in the correct training and education of the young, and the manifest improvement made by the latter. He encouraged all to persevere in so praiseworthy a labor, and blessed all who were present in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Marshal then marched the procession down to the Hall, where it was dismissed.

The warm and hearty reception we have met with here has been exceedingly gratifying; as, notwithstanding our visit has found the people in the very midst of their harvest labors, yet all classes, sexes and ages have seemed to vie in testifying their pleasure at our arrival, thus proving that the love of the truth predominates in their hearts, and holds all other interests subordinate thereto.

We have had two excellent and crowded meetings to-day. President Young and Elders Geo. A. Smith and Wilford Woodruff addressed the congregation in the morning; Elder J. F. Smith and President Young occupied the afternoon.

At the close of the meeting President Young organized a School of the Prophets.

LOGAN, August 23.

At 8 o'clock a.m. President Young and several of the company met with the Logan Sunday School. This was a most interesting meeting. Who, that entertains any desire for the future prosperity of Zion, can feel indifferent respecting our Sunday Schools? They are working out an immense amount of good, and the fruits are not so apparent