

that have been pronounced upon them? Yes. Their work have proved it to the Almighty, and to his servants.

Then how happy we ought to be, and how thankful, as saints of the Most High, that we are here in the valleys of the mountains, far away from mobocracy, and from gentile oppression, where we can worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience, none daring to molest or make us afraid.

Here we can do as we please, that is, if we do just right. Do we not feel this evening that heaven smiles upon us? Is there an individual present that does not feel the still whisperings of the Holy Spirit, that speaks peace to the souls of the children of men? No, not one that is acquainted with Mormonism, and whose intentions are pure before God.

Then how thankful we ought to be. When I beheld my brethren feasting together to-night, I thought what a change this is to them, when compared with their varied circumstances in which they were placed among the benighted nations where they have recently traveled. There is not one of my brethren of the returned missionaries, I dare venture to say, but have felt while out in the world preaching the gospel in distant lands that they would give all their earthly possessions could they be placed in like circumstances they enjoy this evening; could they have done it, and at the same time do justice to themselves, to the work in which they were engaged, to their brethren, and to their God. I have felt so when abroad preaching the gospel, and I expect to feel so again.

The grand object is to appreciate the blessings we enjoy to night. Sisters, do you appreciate your blessings to night in the society of your companions? Think of the time you have been melted down in tears when they were absent from you, and you know not, but that the cholera and devastation would take them before you would again see them in the flesh.

I say, let our hearts be raised to the Most High in gratitude. And as the heart of one man, when we return from this place invoke the blessings of God on our Presidency, whose feelings are so kind as to grant us this privilege of enjoying ourselves together, and of partaking of their hospitality; and may we always be prepared to do their will, which is the will of God. Even so, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Orson Pratt spoke:—

Brethren of the missionaries that are now before me, I arise in connection with the rest of my brethren who have spoken, to congratulate you upon your return to the bosoms of your families in these peaceful valleys, after having fulfilled your missions upon which you were sent by the voice of the conference, and by the First Presidency of the church.

I see among my brethren who sit before me, those who three years ago crossed the plains with me on their missions to England, and to the various nations of the earth. They have gone forth, leaving their families, leaving the society of the saints, their houses, lands, flocks and herds, for the gospel's sake, to preach it, and to bear testimony of the great events about to take place upon the earth.

What will be your reward, brethren of the missionaries? Do you suppose that we have language to portray before you that amount of reward in store for you, if you still continue faithful? No, we have not. We can merely say to you so far as the Lord has promised pertaining to this life, but when you reach into the future, mortal tongue is unable to express that which will be bestowed upon you for these labors you have performed.

So far as this earth is concerned you have a right to claim the promise he has made to those who forsake fathers and mothers, wives and children, houses and lands, flocks and herds, and the good things of this earth for the sake of proclaiming the gospel of peace to the nations of the world. You can claim an hundred fold, for this is the promise of our Savior to you in this life; a hundred fold of riches, of honors, etc.; I mean heavenly honors, I mean the riches that God intends to bestow upon his people, and upon you if you lay hold upon them. Brethren of the returned missionaries, be faithful and you shall have them, in the name of the Lord I say you shall have them.

And every thing you set your hands to perform in the name of the Lord it shall prosper. You shall be prospered in building, in planting, and in sowing, you shall be prospered in every lawful undertaking; and the Lord will multiply a multiplicity of blessings upon you of an earthly nature; I will not attempt to express all the blessings that are sure to come upon you in eternity if you remain faithful.

I rejoice with you, my heart is glad, I have been a missionary with you, altho' permitted in the kind providence of God to return sooner than many of you have; yet I feel that I am a missionary still; that I am in the hands of the Lord to go whithersoever he will. These are the feelings of my heart, to go and come wherever and whenever the Lord shall see proper by his servants to appoint me from this time henceforth, so long as I remain here upon the earth.

I believe these also are the feelings of your hearts. I presume there is not one before me, if the word should come from the President of our church this evening, for you to undertake a foreign mission to the ends of the earth, but would be on hand to go forthwith, with all your hearts, to accomplish, and fulfill the will of the Lord.

Will the heavens withhold blessings from those who are thus willing? No. Is the period at a great distance in which the veil shall be rent, and you shall have the privilege of enjoying greater and greater, and far more exquisite joys, and blessings than we have heretofore received? No, the time is not far distant when we shall be made partakers to greater powers, glories and blessings; the Lord our God will strengthen us according as his great purposes are about

to be accomplished on the earth, and his arm will be made bare, more and more, and in greater, and greater power.

You have been faithful on this mission, and if you continue to be faithful you will find that God will multiply an hundred fold, not only of temporal blessings but of spiritual blessings.

I feel to sustain, and to say amen with all my heart to every blessing that has been pronounced upon you by President Grant, and the brethren that have spoken before me.

Brethren of the returned missionaries, may the Lord bless you, and your wives and children, that you may be as faithful trees by the side of rivers of water, bringing forth abundance of rich and choice fruit. And may your names be perpetuated, and handed down to the latest generations; may your sons hold the everlasting priesthood, both in time and in eternity, and be men of God, men of faith and righteousness, and be prepared to carry out the great and righteous purposes of God in the last days. May all these blessings come upon you and yours, which I ask in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

A comic song was next sung by William Wiles.

Seth M Blair next spoke. Brethren and Sisters: I hold in my hand a resolution to offer which I purpose doing. At the same time having the privilege, I also desire to express my feelings in part on the present interesting occasion. They are mingled always with the same spirit that actuates my brethren that have spoken before me this evening.

I am filled with joy and gladness as brother Grant has said; I like a variety, and in the way of expressing my feelings I will relate a little anecdote.

Down in the southern country where I lived, where the Coon, and Possum and old Uncle Ned lives, Ned's Massa declared if he did not find the iron wedge he had lost he would whip him. Old Ned was in a peck of trouble; at last he found it, however, and he ran to his master saying, massa, massa, I have found the iron wedge, and I feel so good, I am glad I lost it.

That is the way I feel: I am so glad I have returned from my mission.

I could not in distant lands appreciate the blessings we have this evening had the privilege of enjoying. I have dwelt in the midst of those who hold the priesthood of God, in common with yourselves, or I had not learned to appreciate the blessings and favors of these men, the servants of the most high lord.

When in distant lands I had time and opportunity to compare Mormonism with the present religions of Christendom. This practice of sober thought caused me to lose in a great degree, my former jocular spirit, that many of my friends acquainted with me have possibly too much troubled with. This evening is one of joy to me, mingled with grief. My heart has rejoiced at what has been seen said this evening, and it says amen to the blessings which have been pronounced upon the returned missionaries; with whom it is an exquisite pleasure for me to strike hands, in this city in the midst of Zion, in peace love, harmony, and good will. I have met them in distant lands. I have seen when the shafts of death were hurled in our ranks and many fell before them. I have seen many of these my brethren surrounded with everything that was calculated to try the hearts and reins of men.

But let me bear this testimony to you if indeed it is needful, they were the same in life, and in death.

It pained my heart to hear that our highly esteemed friend, Bro. Spencer was dead. I loved him; he was a man of God if I had the spirit to judge. I loved him and others too, upon whose graves I have seen the green sod turned.

That scene is passed, and we are here in safety; and the feelings of grief vanish away, when I see that we as missionaries returned, are greeted with welcome, "welcome home ye servants of the Lord," by those who hold the keys of the priesthood in Zion.

It was for this we labored faithfully in foreign lands, that we might return pure, and without spot, and be taken by the hand by our superiors, saying, well done good and faithful servants.

Actuated by these feelings I offer the following resolution:

That we as Elders of Israel tender to Presidents Brigham Young, Heber C. Kimball, and Jedediah M Grant the thanks and grateful acknowledgements of our hearts, for this token of their favor and kind feelings towards us; in the privilege of the enjoyment of the sumptuous repast, and delightful entertainment of this evening as returned missionaries—with the sincere desire and hope that when our services are again called for, we may most cheerfully respond to the call, and continue to do the will of our God and keep the favor and merit the blessings of his servants to our lives end."

This resolution was responded to unanimously.

Dancing again commenced, which continued until 11 o'clock when President Grant requested the company to repair to the dining room to take refreshments.

Dancing commenced again in such good earnest, and in such good order that it really seemed that dancing and feasting were the only end of man. There was no weariness in limb or joint; no dark forebodings of to-morrow; contented joy radiated around every countenance; and I think I never saw the daughters of Zion look more lovely, because they were contented and happy.

Could they always be so they would indeed be angels of our presence.

Erastus Snow sang, "Wife, children and friends."

It was now advancing towards "The wee bit

hour ayont the twal," when President Grant said.

I hope and pray that we may enjoy many times like the present, and that peace and union, and blessings may attend us from this time henceforth and forever, amen.

Orson Pratt was called upon to dismiss the meeting, which he did by returning thanks to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob for his favors.

This is the first party of the sort that has ever been given since the church of Jesus Christ of LATER DAY SAINTS was organized. The influence it has exercised upon those present will never be forgotten; and the history of it no doubt will be deeply interesting to missionaries abroad, and be a powerful stimulant in them, to be true to their trust, unshaken in their integrity, and faithful to their brethren and to their God, that they may be greeted with the welcome, and the blessings of the returned missionaries of 1855.

GEO. D. WATT, Reporter.

STOP THAT BOY!—A cigar in his mouth, a swagger in his walk, impudence in his face, a care-for-nothingness in his manner. Judging from his demeanor he is older than his father, wiser than his teacher, and more honored than the mayor of the town, higher than the President. Stop that boy! he is going too fast; he don't see himself as others see him; he don't know his speed. Stop him ere tobacco shatters his nerves; ere pride ruins his character; ere the loafer masters the man; ere good ambition and manly strength give way to low pursuits and brutish aims. Stop! such boys! They are legion; the shame of their families, the disgrace of their towns, the sad and solemn reproaches of themselves.

ARTIFICIAL BIRDS.—Here is an interesting account of one of the curiosities to be seen at the Paris Exhibition:—

Within the last few days, an artificial aviary has been uncovered in the Paris Palais de l'Industrie. Under an immense glass globe is a tree whose branches are covered with stuffed birds of brilliant plumage. On turning a key, a spring at the foot of the tree begins to run, the birds skip from branch to branch, and chirp and sing in the most agreeable manner. Their little beaks and breasts are in constant agitation, as in life, and not a few who have heard them declare that the notes are preferable to those of the living birds at the aviary of Tattara, which is close at hand.

The mate of the English bark "Wreath," while the vessel was lying at Panama recently, attempted to get on board during the night, while in a state of intoxication, and fell overboard. Attempts were made to save him, but ineffectually. The next morning he was dragged for without success. On the following day, a hook baited with pork was thrown overboard from the steamship "Jamaica." Soon after, a shark took the bait, and was pulled on board. When cut open, to the astonishment of all, in the monster's stomach, was found half a pig, together with the right arm of the missing man, with part of the shirt sleeve remaining, by which it was easily identified.

THE VALUE OF A DOG.—The New York Mirror says, as one of the Brooklyn city cars was passing down Fulton street, Tuesday morning, a lady with a little girl attempted to pass in front, the child being ahead. Before the driver could hold up, the child was nearly under the horse's feet, when a large Newfoundland dog seeing it, bounded to her, and taking her in his mouth, rescued her from imminent danger of being trampled to death, and brought her to the almost distracted mother and laid her down. He looked up and wagged his tail, and gave a short bark expressive of delight, and away he went.

NOVEL DISPUTE.—A novel dispute has been raised between the Archbishops of Paris and Lyons; as to whether or not the waltz is a sinful amusement. His grace of Lyons held it a deep damnation in a man to clasp the waist of some beautiful girl, and to the merry tinkling of music spin her round the room like a cheese. His grace of Paris, under the gentle inspiration of Eugene, pronounces the motion full of poetry, the exercise most healthful, the result most stimulant to employment and to trade. As yet, he of Paris has it all his own way.

REMARKABLE RESTORATION OF SIGHT.—Some 40 years ago, Owen Williams, of Bododern, Anglesey, became perfectly blind. He was then a man of middle age, and under this terrible deprivation he continued year after year, until at length his blindness was confirmed. One day, during last Easter, while sitting by the fireside, his sight returned to him. The touching scene and the feelings it produced can be more easily conceived than described. Owen Williams was in his 92nd year when this remarkable restoration took place after a total blindness of 40 years.—[Chester (Eng.) Courant.]

An extraordinary plan is proposed for relieving the embarrassed streets of Paris, viz., to cut six underground pass-ways to connect the most widely separated points of the city. Rails are to be laid down, and the cars propelled by the atmospheric, or some other fixed system. The united length of the tunnels proposed is 23 miles, and the cost is put down at 64,000,000 francs.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MANTI, Dec. 3, 1855.

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:—SIR:—

As I am about to start for Fillmore city to attend the sitting of the Legislative Assembly, I thought that a short sketch of our doings at Manti might be of interest to your readers.

It is a general time of health here, although we have had more sickness this season than usual, but no deaths except one or two children. We have raised a large

amount of potatoes this season, which is the only thing of any consequence raised in this valley.

The corn and wheat brought into this place, within the last three weeks, shows a generous feeling towards us on the part of the people of Utah, Juab, and Iron counties; and we have a sufficiency now to sustain us until next harvest.

Our city has improved in appearance this season, several large stone buildings have been erected, among the most noted is the large council house, two stories high, so far completed that meetings are held in it. Mr. Hambleton and Ex-Mayer Shomaker have each a stone house inclosed. I have also built a large stone house 47 ft. by 23, two stories high, and so far finished it that we design having a house warming in it on the 5th inst. The upper room is designed for the Dramatic Association to perform in during the winter.

We have an organized Agricultural Society who hold meetings regularly, and have been favored with large quantities of seeds from the Patent Office, and we hope to be able to report progress of culture from them next season. Arapine and his band of Utes are here, and seem peaceably and quietly disposed.

We have in Sanpete county materials of almost every kind, from which to manufacture such things as are necessary for any people to have, and I think by a little perseverance and experience many things will be added to the number of home manufactured articles from this county. Sulphur, Saltpetre, and Rosin are found and can be made in large quantities if some experienced persons would take hold of the business.

I forward you a specimen of rosin made at the first time trying, which you can show to some more experienced workmen. Any amount of it can be made here; in short, we have every thing to encourage us, and all that is lacking is a few enterprising men with means, and we would be an independent people.

Respectfully yours,

GEO. PEACOCK.

[The piece of rosin was duly received and can be seen at the Post Office by those who wish.]—E. S.

MARRIED:

December 3rd, by Elder John Nebeker, Mr. HENRY CLEGG and Miss ANN LEWIS, both of this city.

[Millennial Star please copy.]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Thrashing Machine for Sale.

THE Undersigned offers for sale a double-gear Clegg's horse power and open cylinder, with the thrashing apparatus, &c. pertaining to the same, for which he will take horses and cattle for pay. JOHN W. BENBOW, South Cottonwood Ward.

Public Notice.

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.—The 36th Quorum of Seventies will meet regularly in the East School House, in the 14th Ward, every second week, commencing on the 29th day of Dec., 1855, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

WILLIAM G. DUNN, Clerk.

Farmers Look Out—Now or Never. Sale by Public Auction.

A Quantity of well-seasoned Meat Barrels and Wash Tubs will be sold by auction on Saturday Dec. 2nd, at 12 o'clock, at the front of Goddard's store, by GEORGE GODDARD, Auctioneer. N.B. Anything good to eat, store pay, or cash taken as payment.

TAKEN UP.

BY the undersigned, on the south side of the Weber river, just above the upper road, a small bay mare, with small white spot in forehead, white hind feet, five or six years old, brand on nish thigh not visible, had bridle on, lasso dragging and a California saddle under her belly. The owner can obtain his property by calling at my residence in Bingham's fort.

JOHN M. FOY.

STRAYE & OR STOLEN.

ABOUT two weeks since, from the pasturage at the mouth of Big Cottonwood, one white piebald pony horse, branded J S on left shoulder, and one white pony horse, light red ears, neck and breast, branded A on near shoulder, and O N on near hip. A liberal reward will be paid for the return of the ponies to us, and if stolen, fifty dollars reward will be paid for the detection and conviction of the thief before any judicial court. THOMAS & CO., East Temple street.

Look Out for the Old Pioneer.

STRAYED or Stolen, from the Church Farm Pasture, 4 miles south of this city, in the month of June last, an old pioneer Horse, a great favorite of the subscribers; he is a black horse, with a white strip in his forehead and on his nose, one or both hind feet white, a part of the upper eye lid of left eye torn off. He is about 14 years old and 15 hands high, branded on the left thigh A O S.

Any person giving information of his whereabouts or returning him to the subscriber, at the Canyon Creek Sugar Works, will be liberally rewarded.

A. O. SMOOT.

50,000 GRAPE CUTTINGS.

THE Subscriber wishes to inform the inhabitants of the Territory that he will have on hand 50,000 Grape Cuttings (sealed at each end with grafting wax) for sale on or about the last of March next.

The cuttings will be taken off the trees in February, at Los Angeles, Cal.

Price 25 cents each in cash, produce or stock. All orders left with Mr. Joseph Cain will be attended to immediately on arrival.

JAMES A. WILLIAMS.

P.S. Printed instructions will be given with the cuttings to enable every person to plant and attend to them.

DANCING SCHOOL.

GEORGE GODDARD will open his Hall on Saturday, Dec. 22nd, for the purpose of teaching the steps or the first rudiments of Dancing, that all who feel disposed may learn how to dance in a correct and proper manner, this being one of the most innocent and healthy recreations we can engage in (moderately pursued), and there being a right and wrong way of doing everything, those who desire to enhance their pleasure in the above exercise are invited to learn the art correctly by joining this school, which will be conducted in a peaceable and orderly manner.

G. G. also intends to interest the scholars by an occasional piece of music sung by a small but select choir.

Terms, six dollars per quarter (payable in advance). As there can only be a limited number accommodated, an early application is desirable. Flour, meal, potatoes, furniture, shoes, store orders, cash, &c. taken in payment.

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