

DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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THIRTY-EIGHTH SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

Yesterday Afternoon.
Several rules for the guidance of the moral course of the Saints were then read, and submitted to the vote of the congregation, who unanimously agreed to sustain and live by them.

Elder Joseph W. Young testified to the truth and importance of the doctrines advanced to-day. The question is, will we sustain ourselves? He quoted the words of Jesus, "He that is not with us is against us," and urged the necessity of our being united and faithfully acting upon the principles advanced touching this matter.

The Tabernacle choir then sang the following hymn, composed for the occasion by Sister Eliza B. Snow:

O God of life and glory,
Hear Thou a people's prayer:
Bless, bless our prophet Brigham,
And let him, Thy fullness share.
He is Thy chosen servant,
To lead Thine Israel forth;
Thy Zion, O Lord, with joy, shall be
A praise in all the earth.

He draws from Christ, the Fountain
Of everlasting truth,
The wise and prudent counsels
Which he gives to age and youth.
Thyself in him reflected,
Through mortal agency—
He is Thy representative,
To set Thy people free.

Thou richly hast endowed him
With wisdom's bounteous store;
And Thou hast made him mighty,
By Thy own almighty power,
O let his life be precious—
Bless Thou, his brethren, too,
Who firmly join him side by side—
Who're true as he is true.

Help him to found Thy kingdom
In majesty and power,
With peace in every palace,
And with strength in every tower.
And when Thy chosen Israel
Their noblest strains have sung:
The swelling chorus then shall be,
Our prophet, Brigham Young.

Bishop E. D. Woolley offered up prayer, and the Conference adjourned till Wednesday morning, 7th, at 10 o'clock; a meeting of the priesthood being called for half-past six o'clock in the evening.

6 p.m.
Pursuant to call, the bishops, their counselors, with the priesthood generally, convened in the Old Tabernacle, Presidents B. Young and D. H. Wells, the Twelve Apostles, and over three thousand elders in presence.

"Softly beams the Sacred Dawning," was sung by Elders J. D. McAllister and G. Goddard; and Elder Orson Hyde offered prayer.
"Glorious things are sung of Zion" was then sung.
Bishop Edward Hunter made some remarks, recalling personal reminiscences of his early history in the church, and touching on some scenes through which he had passed. He said we are here and in the right place to build up the kingdom of God. When he came here the country was a barren desert, and there seemed to be no natural soil that would produce sustenance for human life; but the Lord blessed the land and the elements, and now the country is productive and our labor is blessed. He called attention to the negligence which some manifest with regard to paying their tithing. He said some evaded doing their duty in this respect when they should rejoice in the privilege; and he urged the brethren to do their duty and act like men of God; to pay their tithing and realize the blessing which accompanies obedience to the commandments of the Lord.

President B. Young said that he thought he could be able to make the congregation hear without injury to himself, if the brethren would keep very still. We have a great work to perform to save the house of Israel and gather the honest-in-heart. Much was done since the last Fall Conference to bring the poor Saints from the nations. And while the disposition was manifested by the brethren to do everything in their power, much faith had to be exercised to accomplish what has been done. At the first of February last there had only been received \$3000 towards gathering the poor this season; yet when Elders H. B. Clawson and William C. Staines were sent east on the 17th of the same month, there was \$27,000, to send with them. Over \$70,000 had been received for this purpose. There had been 3197 persons emigrated from Liverpool; and as on a calculation it was found that it would cost about sixty-five dollars a head, or \$65,000 for one thousand adults, to bring them from Liverpool to the terminus of the U.P.R. R., it would be seen that the agents had been greatly blessed in furthering the immigration, although a number of those brought on were unable to help themselves in part. He said we have still much to do to gather those who remain; and after he had related what had been done by some last year, he proposed that we should re-commence our efforts in the same direction. He offered a donation of another thousand dollars this year; and Captain W. H. Hooper proposed also to give a thousand. He spoke of the railroad as one of the greatest blessings, of a temporal character, which had ever been conferred upon the Saints; and referred to the honorable manner in which those connected with it had dealt with us; and said they should be blessed of the Lord. He spoke in a calm, clear and impressive manner on the subject of trading with those not connected with the Church. A report of his remarks will be published, to which we refer our readers.

Elder George A. Smith urged the brethren on a subject which he has often dwelt upon—the importance of those who have not done so taking out their naturalization papers, that they may be in a position to assume the responsibility and claim the rights of citizenship. He also advocated the importance of educating our own teachers, by sending young men and women to normal schools where they can be qualified for successfully taking charge of schools.

An expression of opinion was called for relative to the subject of trading, when it was unanimously voted that we sustain ourselves and those who sustain us.

Elder Joseph F. Smith offered the closing prayer.

Wednesday, 7th, 10 a.m.
The Tabernacle choir sang the hymn commencing on the 67th page—"Praise ye the Lord." Prayer by Elder Jacob Gates. Singing by the 20th Ward choir, the Anthem, "Zion Awake."

President B. Young then said the authorities of the Church would be presented to the Conference; and Elder George Q. Cannon presented them in the following order. It will be seen that Elder George A. Smith was called to fill the position of President H. O. Kimball as First Counselor to President Young; and Elder Brigham Young, junr., was appointed to fill the vacancy in the Quorum of the Twelve thus created. Every vote, was, as usual, unanimous.

Brigham Young, President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, George A. Smith his first and Daniel H. Wells his second counselor.
Orson Hyde, President of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, and Orson Pratt, senr., John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, Ezra T. Benson, Charles C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, Erastus Snow, Franklin D. Richards, George Q. Cannon, Joseph F. Smith, and Brigham Young junr., members of the same Quorum.

John Smith, Patriarch of the Church. Daniel Spencer, President of this Stake of Zion, and George B. Wallace and John T. Caine his counselors.
William Eddington, John W. Young, John L. Blythe, Howard O. Spencer, Claudius V. Spencer, John Squires, William H. Folsom, Emanuel M. Murphy, Thomas E. Jeremy, George W. Thatcher, Peter Nebeker, and Charles S. Kimball, members of the High Council.

John Young, President of the High Priests' Quorum, Edwin D. Woolley and Samuel W. Richards his counselors.

Joseph Young, President of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies, and Levi W. Hancock, Henry Harriman, Albert P. Rockwood, Horace S. Eldredge, Jacob Gates, and John Van Cott, members of the first seven Presidents of the Seventies.

Edward Hunter, Presiding Bishop, Leonard W. Hardy, and Jesse C. Little, his counselors.

Samuel G. Ladd, President of the Priests' Quorum, Robert Price and Wm. McLaughlin his counselors.

Adam Spiers, President of the Teachers' Quorum; Henry I. Doremus and Martin Lenzi his counselors.

James Leach, President of the Deacons' Quorum; Peter Johnson and Chas. S. Cram his counselors.

Brigham Young, Trustee in Trust for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Truman O. Angel, Architect for the Church.

Brigham Young, President of the Perpetual Emigration Fund to gather the poor; George A. Smith, Daniel H. Wells, and Edward Hunter his assistants for said fund.
George A. Smith, Historian and general Church Recorder, and Wilford Woodruff, his assistant.
Elder John Van Cott in some spirited and pointed remarks contended that we should govern ourselves in wisdom in our appetites and labors, and cease to be "hewers of wood and drawers of water" for those who grow strong on our weakness and fat on our leanness. As a people we have had to labor very hard to conquer this wilderness and subdue the elements around us, that we might draw a sustenance from the earth. We have labored to excess and have been unwise in so doing. We should learn to govern our lives so as to prolong them. He testified to the truth and wisdom of the teachings given during this Conference, and said the Saints should take care of themselves, exalt themselves, and sustain the interests of the Kingdom of God.

Fishburne's choir sang, "Do they pray for me at home," sweetly and touchingly.

Elder George Q. Cannon said this was a momentous period, and he felt deeply impressed with its importance. He was extremely desirous that the people should realize the full force of the course they had been pursuing. He reviewed the circumstances which had given power and influence to our enemies here in our midst; and referred to the events which occurred in Nauvoo immediately preceding the martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum. The threat is made that we will be crushed and destroyed, and this threat is not made covertly, quietly nor in a corner, but it is published in our principal city and sent forth to the world, north, south, east and west; and with it slanders the most foul and abominable have been circulated. No greater evidence of our patience, forbearance and law-abiding tendencies could be given than the fact that the author of these threats, falsehoods and slanders is not hunted. He walks our streets unnoticed and unchallenged. In any other territory he would be hung up to a telegraph pole by an outraged community. If the people could not sustain the author of these outrages on themselves, let them cease sustaining those who do sustain him; for the paper he publishes is subscribed for, fostered and sustained by individuals in this city who seek the support of this people. It has been claimed that those from whom we are withdrawing our patronage here, have been the means of bringing prosperity and trade to us—that they have benefited us instead of us benefiting them. If such is the case it will not hurt them nor do them any injury for us to cease contributing our strength to them. There are among the merchants here five gentlemen, and were they in the east he would as soon trade with them as any others; but the reason why he would trade with them there and not here, is, if they were there they would have no interest in exciting a crusade against us, they would have no fat contracts to seek for, and no reasons for creating bitterness against us that the results consequent upon it might make contracts for them to gain money by. Elder Cannon said the subject was one that should be investigated, wisely and dispassionately; and he urged the people to love God and keep His commandments.

Anthem, by the Tabernacle Choir—"O, Praise the Lord."

Prayer by Elder Lorenzo Snow.

Kirtland—As the old gentleman in charge of the sprinkling cart was performing his duty this morning on the street, on economical youth from the suburbs of a way off country, called the old gent to a stand still by a wave of the hand, and hurriedly informed him that his water was all used up, and he had to go home and get more. As he was about to turn back, however sympathetically given, was not kindly received by him whose right it was to let the water leak.

For the Deseret Evening News.

By Telegraph.

GENERAL.
Boston, 5.—The Anti-Buller Republican Mass Convention, to-day, nominated Richard H. Dana, junr., for Congress. Resolutions denouncing Butler's financial policy, and declaring that the Republicans of the district ought not to send to Congress a representative who is disqualified by bitter enmity against Grant, from being a party supporter of his administration, and declaring that Butler is not a true representative of Republican principles.

Washington, 5.—The Assistant Postmaster General says it is not true that the transportation of mails between the termini of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads has been suspended. C. Spades of Chicago, was the accepted bidder for the service, but before the contract was filled, Congress repealed so much of the postage law as provided that no newspapers should be sent overland without prepayment of letter postage, thus very largely increasing the bulk of mail matter. Owing to the failure of Spades in fulfilling the contract, Wells, Fargo & Co. are now carrying the mails under a temporary arrangement until the matter can be adjusted.

Philadelphia, 5.—The Attorney General has petitioned the Supreme Court that certain persons, to whom naturalization papers have been issued without a previous declaration of intentions to become citizens, be made to show cause why said papers should not be vacated. The court holds the matter under consideration.

Baltimore 5.—Mrs. Lincoln sailed for Europe on the steamer Baltimore today.

W. F. Ritchie, former editor of the Richmond Enquirer, died in this city on Friday night of disease of the heart.

Pittsburg, 5.—The Democrats held an immense mass meeting here to-day; there was also a fine procession, which was over two hours passing any given point. Business houses and residences along the route were profusely decorated with flags, Chinese lanterns, etc.

Among the speakers were Heister Olymper, Geo. H. Pendleton and Edgar Curran: The torch light procession, to-night was a grand affair. Many buildings were brilliantly illuminated.

Chicago, 5.—The corner stone of the new Illinois State House was laid at Springfield, to-day, with appropriate masonic ceremonies; an immense crowd was in attendance. The building will probably cost five millions.

Memphis, 5.—About four thousand stand of arms arrived here this morning from St. Louis, consigned to a firm at Little Rock, Ark. It is alleged that they are for arming the negroes. The military authorities know nothing of them. There is considerable excitement and indignation among the citizens. The boats refused to take them on any terms, they were consequently left on the levee.

On Saturday night a train on the Mississippi Central road ran through some trestle work, precipitating four cars into the river; a colored brakeman was killed and seven passengers injured.

Indianapolis, 5.—Schuyler Colfax spoke at Rink, to-night, to an audience of fully five thousand persons; a large number was unable to gain admittance.

Hartford, 5.—This city gives 750 Democratic majority, being gains over last Fall. New Haven gives 919 Democratic majority, which is a gain over last Fall, but not over last Spring. The Times says the scattering returns from various cities show large Democratic gains.

Washington, 6.—Gen. Merritt, commanding at Fort Davis, Texas, reports recent victories over the Apache Indians by the troops under his command, their camp was destroyed including the winter store of meats, berries, &c.; all their stock was captured.

Hartford, Conn., 6.—Returns from about two-thirds of the state show large Republican gains; in the popular vote the Republicans lost one town and gained three.

New York, 6.—The Express has a dispatch from C. M. Ingersoll, of New Haven, saying that the returns now indicate a Democratic majority in this State will be over five thousand in November.

The tri-annual convention of the Protestant Episcopal church meets in Trinity Church to-morrow; forty-two bishops and nearly one hundred and fifty laymen delegates are expected to be present.

A story was circulated in the gold room to-day that government was treating for the purchase of Cuba.

It is announced that subscriptions will be received by several prominent firms for the relief of the sufferers by the earthquake in Peru and Ecuador.

New York, 6.—The fourth national conference of the Unitarian and other christian churches commences to-morrow, at the Irving Hall, and will continue during the week. About eight hundred delegates will probably be present.

Oswego, N. Y.—The propeller Perseverance, of the Wellan and Philadelphia line, took fire at 2 o'clock this morning, 15 miles from Putneyville, and was burned to the water's edge. Nineteen persons were aboard, fourteen of whom including the captain, perished in the flames, which spread rapidly; all the boats but one were speedily enveloped in flames.

New York, 5.—The greatest mass meeting ever held in New York took place this evening at Tammany Hall. The Democratic torchlight procession had in its ranks, according to the estimate of an experienced police captain, over 90,000. The length of the procession exceeded ten miles. The scene in Union Square was grand in the extreme. The air was literally ablaze with rockets, calcium lights, &c. The throng was roughly estimated at 500,000 persons, and stretched compactly down to Broadway to 11th street. Tammany Hall was filled to repletion and many ladies were present. Gen. Badly Smith, presided. Sanford E. Church and A. Hall made speeches. A letter was read from Gen. McClellan paying a high compliment to Grant as a soldier, but declaring that the Republican party can never restore peace nor a constitutional supremacy, and announcing his intention to support Seymour and Blair.

Chicago, 6.—Later reports from Connecticut deny that there have been any Democratic gains. In town elections yesterday, from figures given, however, it appears as compared with the votes of last Fall, that the Democrats have made some gains. As compared with the votes of last Spring the Republicans have gained.

FOREIGN.

London, 5.—A dispatch from Madrid says that Madoc has resigned the presidency of the Junta, and Aguirre has been appointed his successor. Serrano is General-in-chief of the army.

New York, 5.—The Herald's Paris letter says the chase-pot gun is a complete failure; it is pronounced one of the most dangerous weapons ever supplied to an army. It is believed the Emperor will change it for a better arm. A new series of experiments will be instituted with the view of a radical change in the small arms; it will require sometime to complete it. Peace may be considered tolerably secure unless some other nation makes war.

Paris, 5.—A dispatch from Madrid states that Clazaga, who was named minister of foreign affairs, declines the position in the new cabinet.

Madrid, 6.—Gen. Prim is at Barcelona, and is expected to arrive here to-morrow.

Paris, 6.—The latest Rio dates report that Lopez had arrived at San Fernando with 10,000 men; 28,000 allied troops occupied Pilar, the chief port of Paraguay, to form a base of operations against the Paraguayans in position at the mouth of the Tebicuary river. It is said that the Brazilian iron-clads have gone to bombard that position.

Madrid, 6.—Gen. Prim has arrived and has been received with great enthusiasm.

Madrid.—The Provisional Junta has requested Marshal Uteragui to take charge of affairs until the meeting of the Cortes; he has consented to act with Gen. Prim and Olasgoos, his colleagues. The formation of the new cabinet has not yet been completed. Gen. Escalante, a Democrat, has been placed in command of the National Guard. It is daily becoming more and more evident that the great majority of the people are in favor of a Republican form of government for Spain. The Duke of Victoria and Count Ceste have declared that they will support the existing Provisional Junta.

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