

## THE TWENTY-FOURTH IN THE COUNTRY.

OGDEN.

OGDEN CITY, Utah,  
July 25, 1876.

Editor Deseret News:

Ever since the grand Centennial celebration of the 4th of July in this city the majority of the citizens have been looking forward to the celebration of the 24th of July, 1876; it came off yesterday, and it was a grand affair—an event in the history of these mountains, and the thousands who participated in its enjoyments will look back upon it in years to come as one of the pleasant reminiscences of their lives.

According to previous arrangements, at sun-rise on this memorable morning the national flags were hoisted and from many places in the city floated gracefully in the early breeze from the mountains. Soon thereafter the Ogden Brass Band was out, discoursing sweet music. The people were astir and happy, greetings and congratulations were exchanged, peace, joy, happiness and gratitude beamed from every countenance, and all appeared to appreciate the great blessings they enjoy in their "Mountain Homes."

At nine o'clock a. m. the procession, under the direction of the Marshal of the Day and his aids, commenced on Union Square, in the following order—

Ogden brass band, Cap. Wm. Pugh; the Pioneers, led by Elder Edmund Ellsworth; the Mormon Battalion, Patriarch Thos. Richardson; the president of the day, Hon. L. J. Herrick; orator of the day, Hon. F. D. Richards; High Council of the Weber Stake of Zion; Bishops and Presidents of Districts; Fathers in Israel; Mothers in Israel; Sons in Israel; Daughters in Israel; Relief Society; Retrenchment Society; the Ogden Choir; Sabbath Schools; North Ogden martial band; High Priests, Seventies, Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons; the Past and Present of Utah; Fire Brigade; Representations from the various districts in the County; Citizens on foot; Farmers and Merchants; Art Preservative; Trades and Police. The Pioneers and Past of Utah was represented by an old looking, dusty-covered wagon, drawn by two yoke of oxen, a cow tied behind, a fitout for traveling across the plains, farming implements, a box filled with small sage brush, and "buffalo chips" for kindling wood, &c., reminding us forcibly of the scanty means of subsistence afforded the first settlers in these then inhospitable valleys. The abundant products of the robust, jolly farmers, the wealth of the rich merchants and trades, the various splendid articles of home industry, a mountain of flour from home raised wheat, a large van loaded with many specimens of home made cloth, a wagon loaded with valley tanned leather and home made boots and shoes, &c.; mechanics plying their implements of trade, while moving in procession, the broad acres of rich meadow land, the well-fenced and well-cultivated farms, the city lots adorned with vast varieties of fruits and flowers and vegetables; good, substantial, well-furnished dwelling houses, filled with happy men and women, surrounded by numerous offspring, who are also healthy and happy, furnished with all the comforts and many of the luxuries of life, rendering them as "blithe as larks, merry as crickets," and as musical as heavenly choirs in embryo; the cheap and easy mode of transit from city to city—these and many more advantages which we enjoy all attest the *Present Condition* of the people of Utah.

The procession was the largest one that I ever remember to have seen formed on any similar or other occasion in this place for twenty-nine years past. It was impossible for all who assembled at the place of rendezvous to fall in line, many vehicles and citizens on horseback and on foot had to be "side tracked," so to speak, as they could not "fall in." Yet notwithstanding all this, excellent order prevailed. The procession was formed and took up its line of march (at ten o'clock) along Main Street to Fourth Street, thence west to the U. N. R. R., where a special train was waiting to convey the citizens to Kay's Grove. To accomplish this the train had to make many runs, indeed it made a trip every half hour, so vast was the

mass of people to be accommodated.

At eleven o'clock the immense assemblage was called to order by the president of the day. After music by the brass band and prayer by the chaplain, the choir executed a song of praise. The orator of the day, Hon. F. S. Richards, then delivered an eloquent oration of considerable length, which was listened to from beginning to end with unflagging interest by the vast audience. The speaker, during his remarks, dwelt at some length on the history of the rise and progress of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints; the persecutions of the prophets and people of God; their being reviled, ridiculed, scoffed at, falsely accused of all manner of evil, falsely imprisoned, robbed of their goods and chattels, their houses being burned, their being whipped and stoned, and being driven from city to city, from county to county and from State to State; of the martyrdom of the Prophet and Patriarch, and the final expulsion of the saints from their homes in Nauvoo, their travels and trials in the wilderness, of their being led by the prophet Brigham Young to these peaceful valleys where we now enjoy rest, quiet and prosperity, blessings which we appreciate. The oration was succeeded by music by the the North Ogden band, which was followed by ten minutes speeches on "The Day we Celebrate," Jos. Stanford; "The Pioneers," Edmund Ellsworth; "The Mormon Battalion," Thomas Richardson; "The Prophet Joseph Smith," C. H. Wheelock; "President Brigham Young," C. W. Penrose; "Deseret," Bishop Lorin Farr.

These speeches were pithy, nervous, full of incident and interesting historical information. They were interspersed with music by the bands and the performance of choice selections by the choirs. These were followed by regular and volunteer toasts.

At four o'clock p. m. dancing, athletic and other exercises were commenced, and continued until all had danced and otherwise enjoyed themselves to the full.

In addition to Kay's, Jones' Grove was also opened for amusement, where hundreds of guests were entertained by the gentlemanly proprietors, Messrs. Richter and Fry, who furnished bands and invited the multitude to participate in the dance and other amusements free of charge. Refreshments were abundant and cheap during the day and evening. Everything passed off in peace and quietness, and up to this time I have heard of nothing material occurring to disturb the happiness of the day.

During the day there was a friendly contest for the "ball" between the cricketers of the Ogden Cricket Club and seven picked men of the Salt Lake City Club and four picked men of the Sandy Club. These eleven joined issue against the Ogden boys. The game commenced soon after ten o'clock a. m., and was to be played out if it took two days to do it; but in the evening the Salt Lake and Sandy boys discovered that they were being so badly beaten that, like the sensible fellows they are, they "threw up the ball," and went home to sleep over the matter.

During the day the weather was fine, but at night a heavy rain storm set in, which continued for several hours.

Respectfully,  
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The Storm at Payson.—The following is a special to the NEWS—

"PAYSON, 25th.

"We had quite a shower about 4 p. m. yesterday. Many got wet through their clothing. There is no truth in the report about a dead child. There was a similar rumor here, but it is untrue. No trees were uprooted. Some small limbs were broken from the trees and some damage was done to grain, but nothing serious."

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