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## A WORD OF COUNSEL TO THE LATTER-DAY SAINTS, CONCERNING THE CONFERENCE AT ST. GEORGE.

As the time draws near for the holding of the April Conference at St. George, and as doubtless many of those living in distant parts of the Territory have an anxious desire to be present then and at the attendant dedication of the Temple, it will be well to bear a few facts in mind.

Our General Conferences have of late years been held in the New Tabernacle in Salt Lake City, and spacious accommodation has been afforded the people; but in the approaching Conference we contemplate assembling in the lower main room of the Temple in St. George, which, being without galleries, affords but about one-sixth of the seating to be found in the New Tabernacle in Salt Lake City.

There being no railroad in this part of the land, many horses and mules will necessarily be used to bring the brethren and sisters who come to Conference. As general information to those who have not been here, we state that the stock range in the vicinity of St. George is very limited and hay and grain are scarce.

The citizens of St. George will, no doubt, to the fullest extent, manifest the proverbial hospitality of the Latter-day Saints, but at the same time, as there are no empty houses, all they can do will be but to share their house room with the many who will come.

In view of the foregoing circumstances it is advised—

1. That too many from the northern settlements do not make the exertion to come to St. George to Conference.
2. That those coming to Conference either bring their own horse feed, or cause it to be brought from settlements where it is more plentiful. And,
3. When those coming have small tents and other conveniences for camping, that they bring these along, together with their own provisions and supplies, and use them if necessary to camp out in this beautiful climate.

Could the people at large be accommodated with room in the Temple, we should be very pleased to have them present to take part in the dedicatory proceedings, and to receive such information direct as the Spirit of the Lord may have for us. But as temples are made for ceremonial rather than for congregational purposes, the number present at any temple dedication will necessarily be limited.

So far as the dedication of a temple is concerned, we will say that the people of San Pete and vicinity, and of Cache County and vicinity, as well as of Salt Lake City and vicinity, will have opportunity afforded them of being present at such proceedings in the early future, on condition of their faithfulness in completing, respectively, the Manti, Logan, and Salt Lake City temples.

BRIGHAM YOUNG.  
WILFORD WOODRUFF.  
ERASTUS SNOW.

The Primitive Methodists (Ranters) of the North of England have been giving a Scriptural drama ("Joseph and his Brethren") in the Mechanics' Institute, Darlington.

## COME, GENTLE SPRING.

SPRING is coming. Yea, it is even here. The air is temperate, mild, and genial, the skies are half cloudy, the snow is gone from the valley, the roads are fast drying, and the soil is getting into working order.

Earlier than usual of late years comes this present foretaste of reviving nature, for foretaste only is the assurance one has that it will prove. The Winter is not over yet. Though apparently passed away, he will come again in a few weeks, recover the earth with his snowy mantle, and send his frosty chills through animal and vegetable life. Nevertheless, the truest way to express thankfulness for so much of the ethereal mildness as is already vouchsafed is to improve each shining hour in those useful labors appropriate to the season. This is the sort of weather when it is a real luxury to work, for after the comparative idleness, a little physical labor in the fields and the gardens is a kind of grateful relief from the enforced restfulness of the winter, when the earth is bound up in icy fetters and all nature seems to be in the still embrace of death. The farmer and the gardener, in weather like this, feel eager for the fray, anxious to have their annual tussle with the teeming soil.

For putting in some grains and other seeds, tree planting, the present is a most advantageous time, and the advantage of it should be secured, as it will be likely to tell materially next harvest time. The present genial weather may not last long, perhaps a few days, perhaps a week or two, almost certainly not much longer.

## RAILROAD TO THE BLACK HILLS.

A REPORTER of the Omaha Herald had an interview, February 19th, with Mr. Clark, Managing Director and General Superintendent of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, concerning the construction of a railroad to the Black Hills country, from which it appears that the Union Pacific Company has decided to connect the Black Hills gold region by rail with the Union Pacific line. Three routes have been and are to be surveyed—from North Platte, Sydney, and Cheyenne. The most feasible route will be decided upon, and the construction of a road upon the same commenced immediately afterward, the surveys to begin perhaps by the first of March. The most direct and least expensive route will be chosen, the Black Hills terminus to be either at Deadwood or Custer City. The Cheyenne people are said to be greatly opposed to the branch road, because if it started from that place it would break up the lucrative freighting business now existing.

## THE ERA OF FRAUD.

ONCE upon a time there was an "era of good feeling" in American politics. Eras of bad feeling have been numerous, and this is one of them. But pre-eminently the present may be termed the era of fraud. During the late elections the frauds perpetrated were many and flagrant, and the perpetrators were of the unblushing variety. The frauds were so many and so great, and the contest between the rival candidates was so close, that it is apparently impossible to say with accuracy who was really the choice of the electors or of the people at large for President and Vice-President of the United States during the next four years. The consequence is, that whichever of the two rival candidates may occupy the chair of state during the ensuing term, the taint of fraud as to his election will attach to him in the minds of half the people at least, and not only fraud, but successful fraud, fraud sustained by law, by the party in power, by the officers of the law, and by all the lawful authority of the Union. Notwithstanding this, the next President will be likely to have rendered him the outward respect that is due to the high office which he will hold. As an

individual citizen also he may also be accounted worthy of as much respect as many other citizens, but as President, and in the moral view of the situation, the dubiousness as to the honesty of the means whereby he will have attained to his office will attach more or less to him, rendering him to a great extent an unfortunate man, so much so that many a citizen, who may entertain a tolerably good opinion of himself, will say, notwithstanding the universal American weakness for office, "Well, I am glad I am not the incumbent of the White House this term."

## THE LAST DAY.

THIS (March 3) is the last day of the present Congress and the last day of President Grant's eight years of office as Chief Magistrate of the Republic. During the present session of Congress there has been comparatively little legislative business done, except such as relates to the presidential election. It is too late to expect very much to be done now, notwithstanding that the last day is usually the busiest day in a legislative session, and the day on which bills are rushed through in double quick time. But one day is not enough to do the bulk of the work belonging to the entire session. The more material bills will no doubt be put through, while others, however desirable, must wait until next winter's long session, unless a special session should be called in the interim, which will hardly be done, except some great emergency should arise, of which there is no immediate obvious prospect.

After to-day, counting, as is usual, the day to extend to 12 at noon of Sunday, President Grant will retire to his old position of private citizen, and his administration, for good or evil, will become a thing of the past, a mere matter of history.

There are indications that the incoming administration will be of a less radical and more conservative and conciliatory character than the one now passing away, less inclined to keep alive sectional bitterness, the bitterness existing between north and south, and more inclined to treat all parts of the Union as really integral parts of one great whole, and as entitled to equal consideration at the hands of the administration. If the facts should answer well and truly to these promising indications, then the change of administration would be a decidedly good thing, and a more healthy business status and better times generally would be the result, things fervently hoped for by a majority of people in the Union. For one thing especial thanks are due—that the exciting, unhealthy, and profitless election squabbles and disturbances will be done away with, in all probability, for four years to come. That itself will be a decided gain.

Information.—The following may be advantageous to persons connected—

PRESCOTT, Arizona,  
February 17th, 1877.

Editor Deseret News.

Having received the next of kin Gazette from Mr. Kerney De Bernard, 2 Great James St., Bedford Row, London, W. C., England, Europe, giving information that there is some money to Joseph Arthurs, one of your people, I send the same to you, hoping to do good thereby.

I beg to remain, yours, &c.,  
T. H. LUCAS,  
Prescott, A. T.

## ARTHURS.

To the heirs of Joseph Arthurs, deceased, born in England, [Great Britain, died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, United States, in July, 1875. Heard from England thirteen years ago from a nephew, then about leaving for Australia. Has, or had, a brother in Utah, who became a Mormon. You will hear of some money left by him upon writing to John Hancock, Executor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, care of Q. W. and A. S. Bell, Attorneys.

## MARVELOUS BEYOND PRECEDENT.

Is the effect of SOZODONT upon the whole economy of the Mouth, keeping the gums rosy and healthy, the teeth in perfect order, giving to the breath a healthy fragrance.

## Local and Other Matters

FROM FRIDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 2.

Rain.—Considerable rain last night and this morning.

Good.—One could hardly wish for better weather than we are having now.

Gone East.—Elder P. P. Pratt left this city last night per rail, on a mission, to labor in Elder J. A. Little's district for the present, in the vicinity of Omaha.

Died of Pneumonia.—We are grieved to record the death of the only son of Mr. James Unsworth, of Hyrum, Cache Co. He was sick for one week, and died of pneumonia on the 19th of February, aged one year and six months. —Ogden Junction.

Made a Break.—We are informed that yesterday a horse belonging to ex-Mayor Wells, at his 12th Ward residence, after being harnessed to a light buggy, made a sudden rush from the stable yard, cleared the gate at a jump, taking the vehicle with him, and colliding with a lamp post, broke away from it, taking the harness and shafts with him. Up to this morning the animal had not been seen or heard of.

Important.—Several Salt Lake gentlemen have bought into the coal claim in Pleasant Valley, Spanish Fork Cañon, located about forty-five miles from the town of Spanish Fork and the same distance from Springville. Among those who have invested are Messrs. Phillip Pugsley, R. B. Margetts and Ben. Hampton. The vein is one of the largest in this part of the country, being thirty-two feet thick, and extending for several miles in length. So far as the deposit has been developed the coal shows a remarkable cleanness from foreign substances. From experiments recently made, it has been demonstrated that the coal cokes readily and that it is admirably adapted for blacksmithing purposes and for the manufacture of gas. The road leading to the claim is good, and of easy grade, and there is some talk of connecting a railroad to it. The owners think they have got a good thing and it certainly looks that way.

Man Drowned.—About four o'clock yesterday afternoon, Mr. Thomas Heath, of the Fifteenth Ward, was engaged in "caving" portions of the bank of the River Jordan, in order to protect his land. A portion of the ground gave way under him and he was precipitated into the stream. He uttered a loud cry as he descended, which attracted the attention of a son of Mr. H. Dinwoodey, who was in the vicinity. He saw the unfortunate man struggling in the water and ran to fetch a pole to reach out to him, but before he could render any aid Mr. Heath had disappeared.

Search was made and continued up to a late hour, with a view to recovering the body, but without avail. These efforts were renewed early this morning, but up to this afternoon were, so far as we could learn, still unsuccessful.

Mr. Heath was aged between forty-five and fifty years and leaves a wife and seven children, some of whom are grown up. The event has operated so powerfully upon the mind of Mrs. Heath that her reason is shaken.

Montana Lunatics.—Night before last a couple of lunatics, an Irishman and a Chinaman, were found at the railroad depot and taken from there to the city jail for safe keeping. The Hibernian, who appears to have spells of mental lucidity, gives what he calls a correct account of how himself and companion came to Salt Lake, which is to the effect that he had been an inmate of the Montana Insane Asylum five years and the Chinaman for two years, that they were brought down from there by an officer of that institution, who told them he was taking them to a place where they would be well cared for. At Ogden this officer purchased their tickets for Salt Lake and put them in a car, saying he was going to another part of the train, and that since then they have seen nothing of him.

This may appear on its face to be a somewhat unlikely story, but circumstances have been discovered that appear to corroborate it. If it be true that Montana is palming off her lunatics upon Utah, it ought to be known. We understand the authorities here will investigate

the matter with a view to ascertaining the truth and acting accordingly. The two lunatics are still in the city jail.

Weather Report, March 2nd, 1877—

St. George—Cloudy and mild.

Toquerville—Appearance of more rain.

Kanab—Appearance of more rain.

Fillmore—Rained a little last night, cloudy to-day.

Bellevue—Very cloudy, looks like storm before night.

Ogden—Raining, cloudy, looks like continuing.

Brigham—Rained all night, and still raining.

Logan—Drizzly rain, looks like storm.

Kaysville—Raining and very cloudy.

Franklin, Idaho—Snowed some last night, raining a little now.

Paris, Idaho—About three inches of snow fell last night, and still snowing.

York—Cloudy, blowing.

Monroe—Blowing, rained last night, looks like more soon.

Manti—Rather cold, has been raining the last two days, cloudy now.

Provo—Weather warm, cloudy, rained some last night.

Payson—Raining, cloudy.

Springville—Rained last night, looks like more.

Moroni—Warm and cloudy, very windy, and rain last night.

Sandy—Cloudy, raining.

Fairview—Cloudy, looks like storm, but pleasant and warm.

Bingham—Mild and drizzling rain.

Alta—About two feet of new snow, still snowing hard.

Ephraim—Cloudy and cold, rained some last night.

Mt. Pleasant—Looks very stormy, rained last night.

American Fork—Very cloudy, looks like rain, slight rain-fall last night.

Parowan—Clear and pleasant, but muddy.

Cedar City—Fine and clear, but muddy.

Beaver—Cloudy, but sun shining at intervals, pleasant, no snow.

Leeds—Mild and pleasant, but cloudy.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MARCH 3.

Laid Up.—The Ogden Junction states that the editor of that paper has to keep his bed because of an attack of inflammatory rheumatism. We hope he will speedily be out and about again. Has he tried the blue glass cure?

Stormy.—Last night there fell rain, hail and snow, and to-day it has been sometimes rain, sometimes hail and sometimes fair. Everything by turns and nothing long, excepting muddy underfoot all the time.

Enforce It.—We understand the Captain of Police intends enforcing the ordinance against leaving single animals and teams untied upon the streets. Certainly an enforcement of some kind is needed, to prevent dangerous runaways, which are so frequent now-a-days.

American History.—We have received the first and second numbers, for January and February, of the first volume of the "Magazine of American History," edited by John Austin Stevens, Librarian of the New York Historical Society, and published by A. S. Barnes & Co. For sale at Dwyer's.

"That Little Hatchet."—A serious accident occurred at West Jordan last evening. Howard, a three and a half years old son of Brother B. W. Driggs, had his little finger completely severed from his left hand and the next finger almost cut off, by his elder brother, while playing at the wood pile with a hatchet.

Dragging for the Body.—All day yesterday a party of men were engaged in dragging the River Jordan for the body of Mr. Thomas Heath, keeping up their labors till a late hour last night, without finding the corpse. The efforts were resumed this morning, but we have not heard whether the party have yet been successful in finding the object of their search.

Distemper.—A kind of distemper