BIGLER'S BIOGRAPHY.

Departing from Nauvoo and Starting Out with the Mormon Battalion.

ST. GEORGE, Utah, April 13, 1894.—When spring opened in 1844 I made my way to Jackson county, Virginia, where my whole family were under the death of the Prophet and Patriarch. I was in Bigley, the county seat, when Lawyer Smith, at that place, told me there was a price in morning for me in the year 1846. It was the Times and Season that gave me the news. I could have bought, from heritage of homesteads cheap enough, a few miles my home. It would have been a relief to me could I have been alone and work. The counsel to the Elders out on missions was to stay preaching for the time appointed, and return home. I did so and found my father living on his own little farm adjoining the town of Nauvoo.

In the summer of 1845, news began to turn out the Saints, driving men, women and children from their homes. My father was called to pack up and move into Nauvoo for safety. I have seen the heavens lit up at night by the flames burning some poor brother's dwelling. In October of that year a severe Conference was held in the Nauvoo Temple, lasting three days, when it was decided that the Church leave and go to a country "where God Himself was the sole proprietor of the elements." This decision was made by George A. Smith, and a vote of hands went up to its favor.

As soon as the Conference adjourned the whole Church began to commence to make preparations to leave the country, the people not knowing where to go, neither did they care much, only that it might be where they could worship God without being molested for it or believing the Book of Mormon to be a record brought forth by the inspiration of the Almighty.

The Book of Mormon was a divinity inspired record among a big majority in this generation. When the Elders brought the Book of Mormon to the county where I lived in 1839, proving its authenticity by the Bible and showing that it had come forth in fulfillment of prophecy as found in holy writ, and that it was a history of a people who inhabited this continent, of whom the Americans are descendants, my father sent to Kirtland, Ohio, 200 miles away, for a copy. This was before he joined the Church. After reading it I remember hearing him say that he was in and of himself could write such a book. Poor, my mind about, then a young woman, felt the book, and she believed it and said it made plain to her passages of Scripture that were not plain to her before. Well do I remember the first time I ever saw a Lamanite. I could not take my eyes away from him, he sitting in the back of Mormon, the history of his race as I then verily believed it to be and so yet.

Returning to my story, on the 7th of February, five, giving endowments in the Temple, which, I think, were 800 well-filled days. I was then. On the morning of the 9th the Temple was discovered to be on fire. Fortunately it was put out before much damage was done. Hope then I heard that a man living near Warsaw by the name of Agnew, or some such name, was offered $500 to burn the Mormon Temple. In the afternoon of the 9th of February, in company with my father and Elder George A. Smith's family, I took good bye to our beautiful city and Temple. Crossing the Mississippi river, we made our way to the place of general rendezvous on Sugar Creek, six or eight miles west of Nauvoo. There the Saints remained in camp for several days. My father and some of the brethren set up a small pit to burn charcoal so as to have it for shoeing horses. While in camp there fell a deep snow, making the surroundings look dark and gloomy, after which it turned severely cold, freezing the Mississippi river so that the Saints crossed over on foot.

On the 17th of February the people began to be organized into companies of hundreds, of fifties and tens. My father was captain of ten. The following are the names of his mess: Jacob Bigler, captain; George A. Smith, Father John Smith, John L. Smith, Thomas Callister, Albert Carrington, John D. Clark, Jesse B. Martin, John Harvey and myself (Henry W. Bigler). The following was the outfit: Five wagons, nine horses, two yoke of oxen, one thousand pounds of flour, twenty bushels of corn meal, two bushels of parched corn-meal, three hundred and fifty pounds of crackers or sea biscuits, one hundred and fifty pounds of meat, two bushels of seed corn, two bushels of wheat, three bushels of buckwheat, two sets of plows, two spades, two hoes, one iron wedge, five augers, 5 to pounds of soap, one hundred pounds of smoking tobacco for Indians, three rifles, three muskets, two kegs of powder, one hundred pounds of lead and garden seeds of various kinds.

On March 1st at 2 p. m. camp broke and a general move was made. The afternoon was warm, melting the snow in a very little while. The last became muddy and many had to stop with more than five hundred wagons. On the morning of the 5th the camp was called together with President Young addressed the brethren and outlined them to be careful and not crowd upon each other with their wagons while driving and gave instructions to the pioneers to report to their duty and likewise to the guard that they bring up the rear and see that nothing was lost or left behind.

Late in June we reached Council Bluffs and on the 16th of July I enlisted, with 500 brethren, to serve one year in the Mexican war. That same day we marched eight miles to the Missouri river, where there was a Pawnee trading post. There Colonel Allen issued to the men previously mentioned, rifles, little Spanish pieces, and powder and lead. On the 21st of July, at 12 o'clock, we took up our line of march for Fort Leavenworth, Indian country, where we lived in tents, perhaps, some of us, for the same purpose. I did not partake of the ordinance of the Lord's Supper after leaving Nauvoo.

At Fort Leavenworth we received our tents, arms and accoutrements for Uncle Sam's service. As we approached the Pawnee a good many came out to meet Colonel Allen and Big Mormon battalion, of which we had heard in the prairie. The Indians we were supposed would go to attack a village of Mormons that the report had a little before leaving us of war. They were remarkably friendly to the battalion, so much so that Colonel Allen, with one hundred Elders, left the Pawnee for Bent's Fort, on the Upper Arkansas, to find out the cause of such report. We found the Pawnee at camp on Big Coyote, on the road to Santa Fe. The chief, referred to Bent's fort, to whom we had a long talk, was very much attached to him and his clerk was deeply mourned by the men.

H. W. BIGLER.

The Pilot E Question.

Editor Evening News.

In Wednesday evening's NEWS some numerous statements are made in reference to the work performed by the pilot E committee.

You say, in referring to the work of our committee, that the pilot E was early assisted in its work, and apparently made best sailing thereof until now it was two years ago.

In making the above statement the writer, no doubt, unintentionally was striking up to its date the work yet to be performed on behalf of the pilot by the City Council with that half-year period over half a year ago the pilot Committee.

Our pilot E work has to be called the getting the City Council to move a memory of the books of the pilot and the minutes of a book may be found therein, showing that at every one meeting the present city map of the pilot would be agreed upon the numerous lines of every week in the pilot, and practically leaves the property holders without only one to which they had taken in proof in the consideration of the question of their respective properties.

Our work was carried under the direction of Engineer Dewsnup and footed his report that approved. It is now over two years since that report in the engineer's office awaiting the action of the Council, which of course must follow one to give a practical effect.

Unless it is done by the Council the map and notices were published by the pilot E committee a little before the last of necessity must unavoidably be out to no date.

As a committee, however, we stand after the Council to take action in the matter. I do now with the efficiency of your E to send upon and Council necessary of immediate action to be taken to the citizens of more pointers presented to them so long ago by the pilot E committee.

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