

could not be true, in the nature of things, because, said they, God had quit giving revelation—the heavens were sealed up, no angels were to come from heaven in these times. God, who at sundry times and in divers manners had spoken in the past, by the prophets, had suddenly become dumb and would not speak again under any circumstances.

When they bore testimony to the world today that God had opened up another, and the last, dispensation—"the dispensation of the fullness of times"—spoken of by His servants in past ages, the wise and the learned theologians of the day met them with a smile of derision. Said they, "There has been no revelation since the days of Jesus, and there will not be any more." Some argued that there was no need for it now, because they had their learned divines, men who had been to college and were trained to become public preachers of the Word—that they could read to them from the Bible what God revealed "at sundry times and in divers manners," in the past, and make explanations of His word. But in their comments one said one thing, and another said another, and another said something else; and no dependence whatever could be placed upon their interpretations.

As the Bible contained some of the revelations given to those who dwelt upon the Eastern continent, so the Book of Mormon, translated by Joseph Smith by the power of God, contained some of those revelations given to the prophets on the Western continent. The Lord Jesus appeared to the ancient inhabitants of the continent and taught them the same things which He taught at Jerusalem. They were the sheep that He spoke of that were not of that fold, and they heard His voice as he promised. The Book of Mormon corroborated the Bible, and the two books ran together like drops of water and became one.

The reason why so many thousands of Latter-day Saints were to be found in these mountain valleys today was because they had received the Holy Ghost as a testimony of the true Gospel, in distant lands, and they were all living witnesses that God was a God of revelation. He was just as ready and willing to reveal himself to mankind today as in ancient times, if they but sought him humbly and in faith.

The spirit of the generation in which we lived was one of doubt, skepticism and infidelity, and men prided themselves in saying they do not know anything about God. Others pretended to believe in Him but their faith was a dead faith. He had heard very wise and intelligent men, in their own estimation, say, "I am better off than you. I don't believe in anything; I have no care or anxiety about these things; I do not believe in any hereafter; I do not say there is none, but I don't believe in it. I do not worry myself about a God or any hereafter." Now, it seemed to him that an individual of that kind was not much better off than he. Indeed he thought himself a little better off with faith in God, an unwavering conviction of an immortal existence, the joy that came from knowing that his Redeemer liveth and the inexpressible pleasure

that came from communion with his Maker and the manifestations of the Holy Ghost to his own soul. The speaker bore testimony that God had revealed Himself in this age of the world, that His Son Jesus had appeared, that angels had come from the courts of glory with messages to man, that the Holy Ghost was given to those who believed, repented, were baptized for the remission of their sins and had the hands of authorized men laid upon them, and that all the gifts enjoyed by the early Christian Church were now enjoyed and that in the sundry ways and divers manners of past times God spake in this dispensation.

Unfortunately this was a skeptical generation. People doubted almost everything. Even men who stood up and preached in the pulpit, when one talked to them privately, expressed their doubts as to whether God ever did actually speak to man. They believed that men possessing intelligence were moved upon by some divine power; but what it was or where it came from they knew not.

"Mormonism," however, was a living protest against this spirit of infidelity and doubt. It came as the embodiment of the spirit and principle of revelation. It would continue and prevail in spite of all opposition, and the reason why no power on earth could stop its onward progress was that it was God's work, revealed by Him, the beginning of His Kingdom which was shortly to be established upon the earth.

The time was close at hand when with judgments, with fire, with sword, with famine, with pestilence, with earthquakes, with devouring flame, with cyclone and whirlwind, and the heaving of the seas beyond their bounds God would sweep the earth and make a full end of the kingdoms of the wicked and establish His kingdom in power, and all things which he had spoken by the prophets in ancient and in modern times would come to pass. He called upon all men to repent and obey the Gospel and prayed that we might be prepared for the events which are coming on the earth.

The choir sang the anthem:

Unfold ye portals everlasting.

Benediction by Bishop W. B. Preston.

CITY COUNCIL.

The City Council met in regular session Tuesday, July 21, President Loofbourow in the chair. The councilmen in attendance were: Rich, Folland, Hardy, Moran, Horn, Bell, Lawson, Ewing, Simondt, Beardsley, Heise, Evans, Wantland.

Absent—Karrick.

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read, amended and approved, the following

PETITIONS

were read and referred as specified:

J. B. Walden complained of a bad organ nuisance. Committee on police.

The Sierra Nevada Lumber company asked that Third West st. be sprinkled. Committee on sprinkling.

Mrs. A. Crockett asked for a free peddler's license. Committee on license.

J. Weinberger and others protested against granting a railroad franchise

on Second West street between Eighth and Ninth South street. Committee on streets.

M. Fitzgerald asked permission to erect an electric light in front of his place of business. Committee on improvements.

The city school board asked for the extension of water mains on Seventh West street to the Franklin school. Committee on waterworks.

John Williams asked for a free peddler's license on account of being a cripple. Committee on license.

Andrew Ammussen asked a rebate on sprinkling tax. Committee on sprinkling.

L. E. Holt and others asked for an extension of water mains on Third South street. Committee on waterworks.

C. J. and W. A. Thompson offered to sell the city a piece of property in the N. E. quarter of the N. E. quarter of section eight and N. half of N. W. quarter and S. W. quarter S. W. quarter section 9 T. 1 R. 1 W. Committee on public grounds.

Henry George asked a rebate on sprinkling tax. Committee on sprinkling.

200,000 BRICKS.

The superintendent of sewers asked the Council to let a contract for 200,000 bricks and for 100 barrels of cement for sewer purposes. It was referred to the committee on sewers.

FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY.

The city attorney reported that the defect discovered in the title of the "Old Mill" property had been quieted by decree of the court, and that the city's portion of the expense was \$175. Filed.

POLICE COURT REPORT.

Police Justice Kessler reported for the month of June as follows:

Total fines assessed.....	\$2,087 50
Cash for old fines.....	40 00
Amount of fines paid in labor.....	\$ 418 00
Amount paid Treasurer Duke.....	1,226 00
Cash carried forward as old fines.....	83 50

Total.....\$2,127 50 2,127 50

One hundred and eighty-three cases were tried.

THE CLUTE SHORTAGE.

The City Assessor and Collector made the following report in regard to the Clute shortage:

Honorable President and Members of the City Council:

Gentlemen:—In pursuance of a resolution passed by your honorable body July 16th, 1892 I have the honor to exhibit the attached statement:

Amount of Assessment, \$51,004,500; at five mills, \$259,522.50.

Amount allowed for charity.....	\$ 2,223 67
Amount uncollected.....	5,117 33
Cutler & Olawson.....	29 02
Commissions.....	4,619 38
Tax sales.....	5,100 22
Amount paid Treasurer.....	221 882 47

Total.....\$ 603 01

School tax at $\frac{1}{2}$ a mill.....1,969 24

Total.....\$234,003 01

Shortage school tax.....1,968 24

Shortage city tax.....2,619 49

Total.....\$261,590 14

Shortage city tax.....\$ 20 519 19

Shortage sewer tax.....1,3 40

Total.....\$ 21,092 89

The finance committee reported that they had examined the statement of Assessor and Collector Clute and found it correct and that Mr. Clute had come forward and made good the shortage.