

MINUTES

Of a Conference held at St. George, on Saturday and Sunday, March 21st and 22d, 1863.
Elder Erastus Snow, presiding.

On the stand, Erastus Snow, of the Twelve Apostles; Emr Harris, Patriarch; Henry Herriman and Jacob Gates, of the First Presidency of Seventies; John Nebeker, Morias E. sign, John M. Moody, Walter E. Dodge, Albert P. Tyler, James G. Bleak, Franklin B. Woolley and Orson Pratt junior, of the High Council; Robert Gardener, Ute Perkins, Daniel D. McArthur, R. D. Covington, J. T. Willis, A. P. Winsor, Edward Bunker and Henry Lunt, Bishops; John Hawley, James Lewis and Ezra Strong, Presiding Elders.

Meeting opened by singing. Prayer by Elder Herriman. Singing. Bishop Henry Lunt addressed the congregation on the necessity of showing forth their faith by their works.

Bishop Edward Bunker spoke on the inconsistency sometimes apparent between the words and works of the Saints; after which, he briefly treated on the laws of consecration and tithing.

Benediction by John Nebeker.

2 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Franklin B. Woolley. Singing.

President Snow expressed his entire satisfaction with the temporal labors of the people. He asserted and maintained the supremacy of truth, justice and equity. He bore testimony to the divine authority of Joseph Smith as a Prophet, having the words of salvation for this generation; that Joseph had received the Holy Priesthood from Heaven, by the administration of John the Baptist, and afterwards of Peter, James and John; and that Joseph had translated the Book of Mormon by the gift and power of God. He exhorted all, not in the habit of reading the revelations from on high, to read those revelations. Elder Snow afterwards spoke on the doctrines of election, reprobation and predestination, much to the edification of all present.

Elder Herriman delivered a short address, exhorting the people to faithfulness.

Benediction by Elder Herriman.

Sunday, 10 a.m.

Singing. Prayer by Jacob Gates. Singing. The general Authorities of the church were presented to the conference, all of whom were unanimously sustained in their several offices and appointments.

The local authorities of Washington county were presented and sustained in like manner. President Snow, in speaking of the order of God's kingdom, expressed a desire to see the Elders, Priests, Teachers and Deacons' quorums filled up and organized, instead of having every man capable of receiving the priesthood at once ordained into the quorums of Seventies.

A letter from superintendent Duffin was read, reporting favorable progress on the new road from Harmony to St. George.

President Snow presented Isaac Duffin as superintendent of the St. George and Harmony road; which nomination was unanimously sustained.

President Snow stated, that although the sum of three thousand dollars had been donated by the people for the purpose of making the new road, it was more than probable that a larger sum, perhaps two thousand more would be required to make a good thoroughfare over the proposed route. The people manifested their desire for a good road by unanimously voting to donate, until means enough was raised to complete the work already begun.

Benediction by Daniel D. McArthur.

2 p.m.

Singing. Prayer by Erastus Snow. Singing.

Elder John Nebeker spoke on the fitting out of teams in response to the call from the presiding Bishop; saying, that the people would be abundantly blessed in their efforts to gather Israel. He gave some excellent advice to the teamsters.

Miner G. Presby was presented as president of the Elders' quorum, on which position he was unanimously sustained.

The filling up and organization of Priest, Teachers and Deacons' quorums was committed to the Bishop.

President Snow, in the name of Jesus, and by virtue of his priesthood, blessed Daniel D. McArthur as captain, together with the guards and teamsters destined to accompany him on the journey East, to gather the poor. Upon being called upon, the people sustained the blessing by a unanimous uplifting of hands.

Elder F. W. Young gave some news from G. S. L. City, which was productive of some excitement and much good feeling.

Elder Gates delivered a highly instructive address to the Saints, and felt to say Amen to the blessing pronounced on the captain, guard and teamsters by president Snow.

Bishop Willis believed the people to be rapidly progressing, from the fact that they were so willing to contribute towards sending for the poor.

Elder John Hawley stated that he was satisfied with the authorities and the principles of the gospel.

Father Emir Harris, addressed the Saints; relating some of his early experience in the church; concluding by requesting the people to read the Book of Mormon, Bible, and Book of Doctrine and Covenants.

President Snow advocated the necessity of keeping seeds true to their kind—referring particularly to sorghum seed. He advised that broom corn, and all seeds likely to hybridize with the sorghum and imphee, be cultivated in places remote from cultivated fields.

President Snow adjourned the conference till the last Saturday in May, stating that on the following Monday, June 1st, as it would be President B. Young's birthday, the foundation stones of the new meeting house would be laid.

Benediction by Bishop Henry Lunt.

ERASTUS SNOW, President.
JAMES G. BLEAK, Clerk.

EXPEDITION AFTER INDIANS.

Col. Evans, as reported, left Camp Douglas on Sunday evening last, with a detachment of about eighty men—cavalry—to hunt up some Indians, said to have congregated somewhere in the mountains east of Utah lake, in consequence of the attack on the small band near Fort Cedar, by the detachment of soldiers under Lieut. Ether, and the subsequent attack on a smaller number of the natives near Payson.

We are informed by a gentleman from Lower California, who came in with Woodmansee's train, that Col. Evans arrived at Pleasant Grove a little before daylight on Monday morning, and that, on Sunday evening, a lieutenant, with a squad of five or six men, who had preceded Col. Evans with one or two baggage wagons, was attacked by a band of red skins at or near that place, where they had encamped for the night, and that a skirmish ensued, resulting favorably to the attacking party.

The soldiers had a howitzer with them, as stated by our informant, which they fired twice at the Indians from a house in which they took refuge. The first time they fired a shell, and then they treated the assailants to a charge of canister, which, however, in consequence of the wrong direction given to it, killed four Government mules in the corral into which they had been turned for the night. The mistake might not, however, have been so very unlucky after all, as the Indians captured the balance of the mules, some six or eight, and put off after an hour's fight, in which none of the soldiers were hurt; but how many Indians were killed and wounded was not known.

If Col. Evans can find the main body of the warriors said to have gathered for a fight, to which, no doubt, the party belonged who made the attack at Pleasant Grove, he will be very apt to chastize them severely.

The policy, however, of provoking a collision in the first instance, with Indian bands heretofore peaceable and friendly, is seriously questioned by many thinking men who have witnessed the horrors of Indian wars.

WAR NEWS.—Some very exciting news from the east relative to the progress of the war may be expected within a week; for since the commencement of the internecine conflict, there has not failed to be some desperate fighting done between the first and fifteenth of April in each year. Rumor says that there has been an unsuccessful attack by Admiral Dupont, with eight or ten iron-clads, on Forts Moultrie and Sumter, presaging that Charleston will have to be taken by land forces, if at all. Reliable information concerning the attack is shortly expected, which, when received, may change the aspect of affairs in that quarter.

CLOSING OF THE THEATRE.

The winter season's performance terminated on Saturday evening with "The Merchant of Venice," a hornpipe, comic songs and the farce of the "Widow's Victim." Between the pieces Mr. Clawson delivered the customary closing farewell, which was received with a cordiality that betokened the appreciation of the season's performances. We have no hesitation in saying that the Deseret Dramatic Association is a popular institution, and that progress and success will hereafter mark its career. The evening's entertainment on Saturday could not have been surpassed anywhere. It gave unqualified satisfaction.

MERCHANT TRAIN.—Some eight or ten of the mule teams belonging to Woodmansee & Bros.' freight train from California, have arrived within the last two days, by the southern route. The remainder, some five or six, are expected to-day. We are informed that the merchandise brought by this train consists of a well selected assortment of staple goods, which the Messrs. Woodmansee intend to sell at wholesale, and to close out as soon as possible.

THE CONFERENCE.—After a session of three days, the annual Conference closed on Wednesday afternoon, and soon thereafter the roads leading out of the city were filled with vehicles of all kinds, returning to the various places from whence they came, conveying those who came to attend the great annual meeting of the Saints. The number in attendance was very great—more than have assembled on such an occasion for many years, probably greater than at any previous conference in Deseret. We expected to have published the proceedings in this number, but for good and sufficient reasons—want of time and space, they have to be deferred till next week.

BOUND FOR THE MINES.—Emigrants are constantly arriving from the east and proceeding onward for the gold fields in Idaho. Many teams from Denver and other places in Colorado Territory have passed through, and from reports, thousands of others are on their way, hastening with all possible speed that they might reach the mines in good season, in order to make claims before the less fleet and fortunate shall arrive. Reports from the North-western States, represent that at least a hundred thousand emigrants will cross the plains the present season, enroute for the mines, in Idaho and Washington Territories.

STRAY STOCK may be found at Snyder's Ranch this afternoon.

FROM UTAH COUNTY.

A correspondent residing near Payson, under date of April 7th, says:

I have no news in particular to communicate, excepting the reported fight between a squad of soldiers and a small band of Indians, near Spanish Fork, on Sunday afternoon the 5th inst. The engagement is reported to have lasted two hours, in which two Indians were wounded. The Indians were a small band that always live about the Spanish Fork, and are civil and considered well behaved generally.

Our farmers are now turning up the soil in good earnest, and gardens and orchards are being planted. The mountain sides and valleys are assuming a verdant hue, and flowers are springing forth. Weather fine, and Dame Nature offers peace, plenty and happiness to all.

CAMP DOUGLAS, U. T., }

April 9th, 1863. }

EDITOR DESERET NEWS:

In a card that appeared in your last issue, I observed that one James A. Thompson, of your city, is highly indignant at what appears to him a "base forgery" of his name to a petition sent to the Governor for the pardon of certain individuals, convicted at the present term of the District Court.

Please inform the gentleman that I alone am responsible for said "forgery," having by a remarkable coincidence, the same initials but not the same name, and had the aforesaid Thompson, with a "P," observed closely the signature, he would have seen that only the initials, "J. A." were used, which possibly might mean Jacob, Joseph or Josaphat, or "any other man."

As my place of business is at present at Camp Douglas, the gentleman can have the honor of an introduction to my agent self any time it may suit his convenience, to call upon the "Bench."

His other request, for my autograph, he will find attached to this, in your Office.

Respectfully,
J. A. THOMPSON.

Died:

In Mantle, Sanpete co., after a lingering illness of nearly four months, ELIZABETH, wife of F. C. Robinson, aged 22 years and 5 months.

[Mil. Star please copy.]

At Kaysville, March 13, ISABELLA BURTON, aged sixty years, 11 months and 24 days. She was the mother of nine children—five sons and four daughters, all of whom are now living and are residents of Utah Territory.

[Millennial Star please copy.]

Gentle mother, we do miss thee;
Father, mother—both are gone;
We are lonely here without you,
But shall follow one by one.
Yes, dear parents, soon we'll meet you,
With the pace of time we come;
Soon behind the veil we'll greet you,
Where the faithful find a home.

If we do as you have bidden—
Toll for right as you have done—
We shall find the treasure hidden,
We shall soon a crown have won.
We shall meet where death can't sever,
Far from sin and all its train;
There in peace we'll dwell for ever
And we'll never part again.

New Advertisements.

MRS. C. H. SQUIRES,

MILLINER and DRESS MAKER, 20th Ward. Residence, one block north of Adam Sharp's. 42-1

TAKE NOTICE.

If the Person who stole the BUFFALO ROBE from a wagon, opposite the Theatre, on Wednesday evening last, does not return the same to Nixon's Store, he will be dealt with as the law directs. 42-1

CHICKORY SEED FOR SALE.

CHICKORY SEED can be had at W. D. JOHNSON'S Drug Store, three blocks west of Tabernacle. Also a choice variety of Flower Seeds. 42-1

ESTRAY NOTICE.

A BLACK one-year old Horse-COLT, white nose, two white feet, came to my enclosure from G. S. L. City, on the 4th of April. DAVID W. SESSIONS, City Bountiful, Davis co. 42-1

LOST.

ON the 31st March, between the 6th Ward and Theatre, a PARCEL, tied up in black silk, containing drab lace, ribbon, and sundry other articles. The finder will please leave the above at the Deseret News office. 42-1

LOST.

ON Saturday Evening, the 4th, from a runaway horse, a pair of Black Saddle MACHOIRAS. Any person finding them will confer a favor by leaving them at James Wells', Main Street. 42-1

LOST.

ON the 27th day of February, between Pres. Young's Tannery and the mouth of Smith's Fork, in Parley's Canyon, an AXE, about half worn. The handle was nearly new and made of hickory or pecan. The finder will do me a favor, and himself a greater one, by leaving it with J. R. Winder, at the Tannery, or with F. D. RICHARDS, 14th Ward. 42-1

LOST.

IN the Theatre, or going therefrom, on Saturday night, 11th inst., a small-sized black-finished OPERA GLASS, in a black leather case. The finder will confer a favor and be suitably awarded if he will leave it at the President's office, the "Deseret News" office, or at my residence, North Temple Street. 42-3 A. CARRINGTON.

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THE Undersigned wish to inform the Public that they are prepared to manufacture the following articles on the most substantial principle and improved style: WEAVING LOOMS and every article connected with them; also, Whipple's Celebrated SPINNING WHEELS and REELS, known to be the best made in the State. They are also prepared to furnish Bills of Lumber; or to Cabinet Makers, Timber Sawn to Order, in good style, and turned, if desired.

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N. W. WHIPPLE,
J. G. HARDY,
Mountain Dell.

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TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

FINDING that I should not have sufficient time to have Machinery manufactured in the Eastern States in time to be freighted across the plains the coming season, it has been considered wisdom to defer my visit East.

I, therefore, now propose to leave here about the middle of October, and will spend the winter months in attending to all orders for Machinery, etc., that may be entrusted to me; and by that means will be enabled to freight across the plains the following season as early as the feed will permit.

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E. R. YOUNG.

CRICKET.

THE Members of the Metropolitan Cricket Club are requested to meet for practice on Wednesday the 22d inst., on the 8th Ward Square.

Lovers of the sport are invited to attend and become members. 42-2 H. A. HEDGER, President.

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Eggs,

Cheese,

and other Produce!

WM. JENNINGS,

East Temple Street, opposite Market House.

G. S. L. City, 14th April, 1863.—42-1