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PEOPLE'S TICKET.

For Delegate to Congress,

GEO. Q. CANNON.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

THIRD DAY.

AFTERNOON.

OCT. 8, 2 p.m.

The choir sang,
Hark! to the trumpeters.
The sound of voices.

Elder Geo. Q. Cannon read the following interesting reports:

PRESIDENT JOHN TAYLOR'S REPORT.

At our last Annual Conference (1878), we had a full session, presided over by the different States, giving a full exhibit of the financial condition of all the various States of Zion. I had quite a desire to have a statement of these facts read at this Conference, but found upon investigation that it could not be done, as it would be absurd or impracticable. The bishops in their several wards do not make a settlement with their wards oftener than once a year, namely at the end of each year. It is true that there are some exceptions, particularly in the patriarchal order; but these, as those settlements are not general, it would only complicate matters to give a partial view, and would not meet the object desired. I have therefore thought it best to let this matter until the next Annual Conference, when the several reports from the several stakes will be in, which will then enable us to make a satisfactory exhibit. I would respectfully request that the Bishops and Presidents of the various States would call me to my office at the first of next March, and during the succeeding year, a full financial report of the several stakes, including schedules of tithing, and also that Bishop Hunter's agenda will furnish him a similar statement, so that his clerk and mine may have time to settle all accounts between the Trustees and Bishop, and a satisfactory financial report may be presented.

In the absence of a financial report, I am very happy to be able to state, that during the last year no person has presented at the Trustee's Office a single bill of expense or acceptance that has not been met on the day, as promptly as at any business house or banking institution, and I see no reason why we shall not be able to do so in the future.

Reports from Arizona and other missions in the south are quite encouraging, and the meetings on the Little Colorado River have met with severe losses in their crops, arising from a very heavy frost.

Brother Erastus Snow, John W. Young, L. John Nuttall, and a company of twelve elders are now on a visit to those far off settlements, with a view to instruct, comfort, organize and regulate the affairs of the Church. The settlements generally there are operating in the interest of the Church, having started out with that intention, and under those instructions.

Our missionary operations in the Southern States are being prosecuted with earnestness and zeal; baptisms have been gratifyingly frequent, and quite a call is being made for additional missionary help.

In the northwestern States also the labors of the brethren have not been without fruit, and it is with much pleasure and gratification that we notice an increase of the missionary spirit in the hearts of our brethren of the Seventies, the Elders and others upon whom the responsibility of the responsibilities of preaching the gospel to all the world; which awaiting, we trust and anticipate, will grow and develop, until every man called to minister for God shall realize the weight and responsibility of his office and calling.

Since our last conference, it has been deemed desirable by the Council of the Apostles to release Elder Joseph F. Smith from the presidency of the Church in Europe, so that he may be the better enabled to give his entire attention to the numerous and responsible duties devolving upon him at home. We have appointed Elder Wm. Budge, of the Bear Lake Stake of Zion, to succeed him in that important position. From the reports of Elders Smith and Budge we learn that the Elders in Europe have, during the past season, increased their number, especially, families and sealings. In most of Europe the Church was never so large as it is to-day, notwithstanding the great number of Saints who are constantly gathering to the body of the Church therewith. In Sweden the progress made by the work of the saints is especially gratifying. Within the last few months the Book of Mormon has been translated, by Elder A. W. Carlson, into the language of that nation, and a periodical, representing the faith and principles of the Church of Jesus Christ, is now being published there regularly. We trust that the great work of the last days in that land will, we trust, cause it to advance with greater speed and to an accomplishment of still more abundant good. In Great Britain, though the Baptisms are not as frequent as in former years, the labors of the brethren are not without encouraging success, especially when we consider the almost universal indifference that is at the present time manifested by the people of that country to all religious matters and themes. In Germany the work is gradually opening for the preaching of the gospel, and we yet look for a glorious and abundant harvest of souls from amongst that people, to add to the strength of Messiah's growing kingdom. In Switzerland also the Elders are patiently and faithfully laboring among the people, and the same may be truthfully said of the labors in the Lord's vineyard in Australia. The Sandwich Islands, and wherever else they may be found ministering.

It is gratifying to learn that the temples and tabernacles, as Salt Lake City, are progressing favorably; and that the Brigham Young Academy, of Provo, and our University, are in a healthy and prosperous condition.

The Relief Societies are progressing with a steady and rapid growth; and the Young Men's and Young Women's Mutual Improvement Societies are performing a valuable service in the instruction, advancement, education and general improvement of our youth.

We are striving to adjust matters relative to our co-operative institutions, and to place them on a

basis more in consonance with the revelations given to us on that subject.

Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution is a stepping stone to the introduction of the United Order, and it is proper that in all of our moves of a temporal nature, we should have this great object in view. That Institution is emphatically called Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, and ought to operate in accordance with the principles indicated in the interests of Zion; and all the various stakes, being what are termed "stakes of Zion," ought to do their business through that institution, and sustain it in all of their mercantile operations, and thereby to secure that institution should act in behalf of the people in the several stakes, and while it is being sustained and helped by all, ought to shield, protect, and help all, that a mutual reciprocity of feeling and action may exist between the people and that institution.

Already a committee has been organized for the purpose of introducing measures to promote the interests of that institution as well as the general interests of the people throughout the Territory. It is contemplated, however, to have a permanent organization, to be known as the "People's Ticket," to be organized in the several stakes, and while it is being sustained and helped by all, ought to shield, protect, and help all, that a mutual reciprocity of feeling and action may exist between the people and that institution.

It is the opinion of your committee that the best means with which to unite our people on our operation in reference to the produce trade of the Territory, is in the opinion of your committee, to take the lead, fully demonstrating that her interests are fully identified with those of the people of our Territory, and that her efforts are for and not against them, and in this connection she should avoid as far as possible, the importation and sale of foreign produce, giving always our home produce, and doing specially regard to the quality of, and prices for the produce of our Territory.

Sixty-four persons have been recruited to the quality of, and price of the produce of our Territory, we would respectfully suggest and earnestly recommend the organization and permanent establishment of a local board of trade in each Stake throughout the Territory, to do business in harmony with the aid of Z. C. M. I.

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