

BOX ELDER STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular Quarterly Conference of Box Elder Stake was convened in the Public Hall at Brigham City, 10 o'clock a.m., January 25th, 1879. Present on the stand: Lorenzo Snow of the Twelve Apostles, O. G. Snow and E. A. Box, of the Presidency of the Stake, Wm. Box, Patriarch, Bishops and leading Elders from the wards.

After singing and prayer, Bishop Thomas Harper spoke on the authority and government of the holy priesthood, and the duty of the Saints to yield obedience to that divine order.

Bishop Wm. Neeley said the duty before us is to assist in building up the kingdom of God, and we should use ourselves and our means unto this end.

Brother D. M. Burbank alluded to the trials and tribulations of this people in the early days of the kingdom, its gradual growth and onward course, notwithstanding the opposition of the wicked.

Bishop John D. Burt spoke on the confusion existing in the faiths and religious creeds taught and believed in by Christendom. "Let us emulate the example of the three Hebrew children, obey the God of Israel, and not bow down to the image."

Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer.

Elder Geo. Facers made some remarks on building Temples in which blessings are given to the living and the dead.

Bishop A. Hunsaker showed that we are destined to pass through trials and temptations. "Let us do the Lord's will."

Prest. L. Snow, dwelt at length on the subject of our relations with aliens to the kingdom, both in a social and business sense, in amusements and in every variety of life's affairs and conditions thereof. He here read a brief synopsis of a sermon by Prest. John Taylor, delivered in Salt Lake City, January 5th, 1879, and Pres. A. M. Cannon's instruction to the Saints in Salt Lake Stake to abstain from round dancing because it is counsel so to do.

Singing, benediction.

10 a. m., 26th.

Singing and prayer.

Prest. L. Snow read from the DESERET NEWS comments on the decision of the Supreme Court in the Reynolds polygamy case.

Bro. H. P. Jensen gave an account of the settlement, rise and growth of Brigham City, under the leadership of Pres. Snow; exhorted all to yield obedience to the presiding authority.

Patriarch Wm. Box spoke on the mercies of God and of the designs of hiring priests who settle in our midst.

Bishop A. Nichols remarked, we and this nation are in the hands of God; it is our duty to observe his laws.

Councilor E. A. Box said God has decreed that he will have a tried people. Let us keep his commandments, be liberal in tithes and offerings, and secure his spirit to enable us to know right from wrong.

President L. Snow presented the subject "The unity of the Saints" for their deep consideration; we shall have to become united, either willingly or forcibly.

Singing, benediction.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer.

The sacrament was administered. President L. Snow remarked on the poor convenience we have to seat the people in our public meetings. "About one-fourth of the people have had to return home this afternoon in consequence of the want of room. I now propose that we go to work and complete our Tabernacle; let the young men be organized into companies, and get out lumber and procure other material to aid in this work."

Bro. H. P. Jensen urged upon the people to perform this labor. Called on all the Saints in the Stake to assist; exhorted the young brethren to spend their time usefully.

Bishop H. Tingey, said we have nothing to fear from our enemies. The God of the three Hebrew children is our God; He will deliver us if we are faithful to him.

President O. G. Snow thought there was no occasion for alarm on account of the decision of the Supreme Court; reviewed the decision and showed up its fallacy and inconsistencies; counseled parents to see to the education of their

children in the principles of our faith, "It is of vital importance that the rising generation be reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

Bro. C. O. Card. "We have many duties to perform, let us do them well. Assist with our strength in the erection of the temple at Logan."

Bishop Geo. Dunford made a few remarks.

President L. Snow offered further remarks on the subject of the Tabernacle, and called a vote of all who would assist in the labor. The vote was unanimous.

Conference adjourned till the last Saturday in April. Singing and benediction by President O. G. Snow.

Correspondence.

CHESTER, Sanpete County, January 25, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

As it is seldom that we see any communications published in your valuable paper from this county, I thought I would drop a few lines to the NEWS to let the country at large have an idea of our situation at present. We have plenty to sustain life, although money is scarce, yet we manage to get enough of that to meet our every day wants. Improvements of a public nature are progressing nicely throughout the county. Our leading men of this Stake seem to be up and doing, and as a general thing, have the faith and confidence of the people, although we have some that seem to be opposed to truth and godliness in our midst.

The winter, so far, has been very cold, though not much snow as yet; the stock is doing well so far on the range. The health of the people is good as a general thing; although everybody has had a bad cold to contend with of late, yet but very few have died.

Taking all together, I do not see that we have any reason of complaint. Although our Uncle may pass laws and decisions to prevent us from serving God according to our consciences, yet we will live and prosper.

Very respectfully,
WM. L. DRAPER.

Croydon to the Front.

CROYDON, Morgan County, Jan. 29th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

I am really pleased to be able to inform you that we feel as though we have been greatly blessed, in this little settlement, and that above all others in the county. The people here are in good spirits, enjoying excellent health, and have passed the winter, thus far, very pleasantly. Notwithstanding diphtheria and fevers of various kinds have been raging in other settlements, we have not had a case this winter. We have a very good day school, and most of our young men and young women attend. We have recently had a good visit from Professor L. F. Monch, of Ogden City, that did us much good in educational matters.

Last Thursday evening we were favored with a lecture on Human Nature, from the well-known and able lecturer and character reader, Henry Clegg, of Provo Valley.

Our four stores are still doing a good business, but there is some talk of their consolidating and doing their business on a co-operative system.

Our school house is lighted up nearly every evening, so you may know we are alive.

Respectfully, et c.,
CORRESPONDENT.

The Gold Plate—Errors Corrected.

BRIGHAM CITY, January 25th, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

It may seem a matter of small moment to some, but to me, I must say, I am rather sensitive on being misrepresented in regard to the employ of Benjamin Styles, although I am convinced it was not purposely done. If the writer Bro. Barnett will refer again to my letter of the 7th ult., he will find that I said nothing about his being in the employ of one of the Pacific Ocean steamers, therefore the mistake was not on my side, but his own, and which, I have no doubt, when he sees his error, he will promptly correct.

Another little error I wish to call

his attention to, he says, the plate of gold spoken of, was "more of a bar than a plate." I respectfully beg leave to differ with Bro. Barnett in regard to the term bar, as having a tendency to convey a wrong impression; to my mind, a bar of gold would imply that it had a considerable degree of thickness and solidity, which was not the case, being no thicker when divested of its frame, than an American coin of 25 cents, if as thick.

In regard to the time and manner of his death, he may be correct, I know not. I have heard he died in Nevada. As regards his having the plate with him in Salt Lake City in 1861, I do know, for I handled it myself in the winter of '61 and '62, and told him it ought to be in possession of the Church, at that time.

He was alone, when in Utah, having left a family (with whom I am well acquainted) in St. Louis. He had no wife, that I am aware of, here; his wife whom he left behind, has since emigrated to this Territory, is married and a Latter-day Saint, as formerly, and from her I purpose to get further information, provided she is willing, or it is in her power to give it to those interested. More anon.

Yours respectfully,
WM. H. MILES.

DO COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE?

The autumn of the year 1876 will long be remembered for the most exciting political contest for the presidential election that ever occurred in the annals of our nation's history. While it was not generally supposed but that the great republican party would still continue for some time to hold the reins of power, notwithstanding the continued declension from its ranks, and the consequent rapid augmentation of its opponents, the political world were hardly prepared for the sudden revulsion in the mind of the American people as was manifested by their suffrages at the ballot box on that occasion.

The writer was sojourning that fall of the year and subsequent winter in the quiet little ville of St. George, in southern Utah. One evening, about a week previous to the "Ides of November," after conning the weekly budget of news received by mail, and endeavoring to scan the political aspect from a journalistic point of view, I retired to rest, and was soon wrapped in the arms of Morpheus. While my physical frame was being strengthened and refreshed by "tired nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep," my mental faculties seemed unusually quickened.

I seemed to be in a crowded metropolis in some populous portion of our country, and judging from the surroundings, evidently indicating the characteristics of an approaching election. As I stood a silent spectator, not seeming to take any active part in the surging crowd that thronged the thoroughfares and who were making their way to and from the polls, suddenly there arose a confused sound in the distance, which increased until I recognized in its tone and bearing the shout of triumph and victory won. I greatly desired to know who were the victors. Gradually came advancing into view a triumphal procession, manifesting the wildest enthusiasm: Victory perched upon their banners, inscribed upon them were various mottoes and devices, all indicating that the struggle for mastery had been decided in favor of the democrats.

While I was gazing upon the animating scene, the sun shining in its splendor, illuminating the gorgeous banners and imposing insignia of its votaries, the stirring strains of music reverberating upon the ear, seemingly, "all went merry, as a marriage bell." Presently pitchy black clouds became visible, and rose up from the horizon, the sun became obscured, discord became apparent in the before united and amicable ranks, and such a tumult ensued that a reign of terror was inaugurated "till anarchy came down like night," tender women and innocent children were fleeing, wildly shrieking, from horrors worse than death before inhuman monsters, "the torch and axe were making wild havoc," and so terrific was the butchery, and so revolting was the scene that I sickened and shuddered at the sight. May I never in reality witness the sequel of that vision of the night.

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