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SCHOOL OF THE PROPHETS.

This morning at 9 o'clock a meeting convened in the Council House in this city to inaugurate the opening of the classes advertised by the Board of Regency, in connection with the University of Deseret. There were present Presidents Brigham Young, H. C. Kimball and D. H. Wells, Elders Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith of the Twelve Apostles, Chancellor Carrington, several members of the Board of Regents, with a large number of the Bishops and leading men of the city.

President Young made some remarks at the commencement, which we will publish at length to-morrow; after which he offered the following

OPENING PRAYER:

O God, our Father who lives in the heavens, in the name of Jesus Christ we approach Thee this morning as Thy children, and we come to Thee as our Father and God, even the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father of our Spirits. We thank Thee for the blessings which Thou hast given unto us, and we pray Thee in the name of Jesus to look in mercy upon us. Bless, O Lord, these Thy servants, and wilt Thou be compassionate unto us, and bless us with the outpouring of Thy Spirit as the time has now arrived when we can commence again a school here on this earth for the improvement of the minds of Thy servants, the Elders of Israel in all truth that pertains to heaven and earth, through the Priesthood of the Son of God, and by the learning which we have in books that hath been revealed in days of old, and in this our day. Inasmuch as we enjoy these privileges, we ask Thee to inspire the hearts of Thine Apostles, Elders, High Priests, and Seventies, and pour out Thy Spirit upon the Bishops and every servant of Thine that their eyes may be opened to see and understand things as they are. Bless all who take an interest in the improvement of the minds of Thy people, and wilt Thou instruct them by the revelations of Thy Spirit; for we realize that we are ignorant, and our opportunities to be taught in the learning of men on earth have been few.

We have had the privilege of the gospel revealed unto us through Thy servant Joseph, and of gathering from the nations, to assemble ourselves together where we can improve our lives, and instruct each other in the knowledge of all truth. We ask Thee to give unto us the revelations of Thy Holy Spirit to enable us to commence this school, which is the School of the Prophets, the school of the Saints of the Most High, and we ask that the revelations of the Lord Jesus Christ may rest on those who take the charge of this school in its different branches.

Bless the Chancellor and Regency of the University of Deseret with wisdom that comes from Thee, and all who shall assist in any way in guiding and upholding this institution, that Thy servants and handmaidens may receive instruction which is contained in books, and which flows from the revelations of Thy Spirit. Bless all who shall join this school at this time, and all who shall hereafter join it.

Bless and preserve Thy people throughout the Territory of Utah, and throughout the whole earth; O Lord preserve Thy people in the Gospel of the Lord Jesus; especially Thy people in these mountains, and prepare them to go back and redeem the centre stake of Zion. We ask thee to hasten this time, and aid Thy people to improve, that they may the sooner be able to build up and redeem the waste places of Zion, according to Thy word. Prosper us in these things, O Lord, and bless us in building a Temple to Thy name in this land, and in giving endowments to Thy people. Pour out Thy Spirit upon Thine Apostles, that they may be of one heart and one mind in all things, that we may be more thoroughly instructed from on High in the revelations of the Lord Jesus Christ, looking unto and trusting in Thee for the result in all things, both in the affairs of life and learning, and in the procuring of the necessities of life for our families, and bless all the substance which Thou hast given to Thy people, and which Thou dost desire they shall enjoy upon the earth.

Bless all who manifest an interest in the building up of Thy kingdom in every land; bless the land we occupy, even the valleys of the mountains, with every facility therein contained for Thy people, and bless the whole land of Zion, even the land of Joseph, and bless and multiply Thy Saints until this land shall be filled with those who love and serve Thee. Extend these blessings to all the subjects of our prayers. Preserve us on the earth to do Thy will on earth, and with the sanctified in glory bring us into Thy presence through Jesus our Redeemer. Amen.

The President then stated the nature of the school now being organized, and the objects in view in organizing it.

President H. C. Kimball made a few remarks, in the course of which he spoke of the necessity of good order and strict decorum being enforced among the pupils, whether old or young. He felt well about the opening of the School of the Prophets here and said if we are not all prophets, we ought to be, for it is the duty of all Latter-day Saints to live so that they may act under the guidance and dictation of the Holy Ghost, that constitutes a man a prophet.

President D. H. Wells said he felt the importance of the school now being organized, and was glad to assist in promoting it. It is the privilege and duty of the Latter-day Saints to become acquainted with every true principle pertaining to all science and learning; and it is more incumbent upon the elders of Israel than upon any other men in existence because they are engaged in a greater work than any others, — the building up and establishing the kingdom of God upon the earth. There are men of great attainments in many of the sciences in the outside world, but it is rare that such men, through pride and the circumstances by which they are surrounded, join the church; hence their knowledge and abilities are not available in the kingdom of God. This augments the necessity for the Elders of Israel to become proficient in the sciences. Yet, the wisdom of the world is

not so very desirable, being so mixed up with vain philosophy: It is for the servants of God to acquire knowledge that is really useful, divested of all folly, and bring it into active service in the kingdom of God. By listening to the oracles of God, and following in the channel that He has appointed, the Elders of Israel have the privilege of acquiring true wisdom, even that which emanates from God. He exhorted all to support the school with the utmost of their ability and energy; and prayed that the blessing of God might attend their exertions.

Chancellor Carrington spoke briefly upon the objects designed in the commencement of this school. He rejoiced that the Presidency had seen fit to make a move in this direction, and had met with the brethren at its opening.

Professor Calder then gave an outline of the course of instruction that would be imparted and the time during each day that would be devoted to it. Every day in the week but Saturday, school will be held from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m.; from 2 to 4 p.m. and from 7 till 9 in the evening. Book-keeping will be one of the first branches taught; not book-keeping in the restricted sense, which merely teaches how to make correct entries in a day book, journal and ledger; but all the branches in actual use, and as practiced in the great business marts of the world. No text books will be used; but in the school the students will have a little commercial world of their own, in which, after going through the primary department, they will be initiated into the various transactions of actual business.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Pres. D. H. Wells.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Bishop E. D. Woolley spoke on several points, and particularly on the gathering of the Saints from the nations, which the Lord requires at the hands of His people in these valleys.

AFTERNOON. Elder Orson Pratt, reasoned on the necessity for men who are called and set apart to preach the gospel seeking to qualify themselves for so doing by storing their minds with useful knowledge, that the Spirit of the Lord might take from the treasury of their heart to lay before the people when they stood up to declare the truth to a congregation. He referred to the revelation which requires the Saints to gain knowledge from all good books, advocated the improving of the mind during leisure hours and the studying of various branches of education, arts and sciences; and urged the young to turn their attention to the subject of education and devote part of the time now spent in amusement in the improvement of the mind.

Elder W. Woodruff, quoted the language of the Book of Mormon that whosoever dwelleth on this land must serve the Lord or He will destroy them; and reasoned that we must obey the commandments of God and bear off the responsibilities placed upon us. He also spoke on the importance of Sunday Schools and of the young studying the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants and other good books.

THEATRICAL.—On Saturday night the "Ticket of Leave Man" was presented and excellently played. We were astonished to see so many there, considering the weather, which was most inclement, and it stormed so very severely that we thought scarcely anybody would venture out. The audience, however, not only went to be entertained, but expressed their approbation of the performance in most unqualified applause. We were glad to see Mrs. Clawson greeted so warmly on her appearance; she was always a favorite. Miss Colebrook made a most excellent May Edwards; and all the other characters were sustained in the best style of those to whom they were committed. Mr. McKenzie, Mr. Dunbar, Miss Alexander and Mrs. Clawson shine in the characters of Brierly, old Moss, Sam and Mrs. Willoughby. Messrs. Graham, Lindsay, Margetts and Mrs. Bowring are extremely good as Hawkshaw, Dalton, Green Joens and Emily. And on Saturday night all in the cast exerted themselves most creditably.

Mr. and Miss Coudock having arrived by stage from Montana will appear to-morrow evening in the ever favorite play of the "Stranger." Mr. Coudock sustaining the title role, and Miss Coudock that of Mrs. Haller. They are supported by an excellent cast.

Miss Nunn will also appear in a song; and "The Lost Child," in which Mr. Margetts is imitable, will be the farce.

The bill is an excellent one, the attraction great; and if the weather is at all favorable we shall look for a crowded house.

THE WEATHER.—It rains without any effort here to-day. We heard a gentleman remark the other day that he could account for the late change in our climate only by attributing it to the influx of people from Great Britain. We have weather now that would either answer for California or England, and is unusual in these latitudes at this season of the year. Umbrellas are in demand at present. We have been kindly furnished with a report—received by Deseret State Telegraph Line—of the state of the weather this morning in the following places:

Logan; cloudy and damp; snow nearly gone in the valley; rained hard last night.

Ogden; dull and looks like rain.

American Fork; warm, but raining; very muddy.

Springville; muddy; raining a little.

Nephi; cloudy and raining.

Scipio; rained all night; very muddy; still raining.

Cove Creek; cloudy; has the appearance of a storm.

Beaver; cloudy and warm.

Parowan; cloudy, but very pleasant.

Tokerville; very cloudy; looks like storming before long; no frost.

St. George; cloudy; thermometer at 60.

COMMENCING.—From Bishop N. Davis we this morning learned that the woolen and cloth factory of Messrs. Smoot, Burton & Sharp will commence carding to-day. They tried the machine a little on Saturday, quite satisfactorily. Their spinning machinery and power looms will commence work in a short time.

By Telegraph.

Richmond, 29.

Hunicutt, Editor of the *New Nation*, has been indicted for using incendiary language in a public speech, and has been bailed in \$50,000 to appear at the Charles City County Court, after the adjournment of the convention of which he is a member.

New York, 29.

The *Herald's* Havana special has news from St. Domingo to the 20th. The rebel general Barriac is captured. General Bovidalla, at the head of a column had started for Cobas, President Cabral following.

The funeral procession in honor of the Fenians who were executed at Manchester, transpired yesterday, and was a most imposing spectacle. Five thousand Irishmen in column attended three hearses, each containing a coffin. The procession halted in Union Square where orations were delivered. Superintendent Kennedy refused a police escort on the ground that it was a demonstration of men who murdered a policeman.

A disgraceful riot took place in East New York on Wednesday. Some drunken firemen forced their way into a house where a party was held, because they were not invited, a row ensued, and several were injured.

Over 200,000 emigrants have arrived at this port during the year.

Mallory, of Oregon, intends to offer a bill, providing for the same day of holding elections for congressmen all through the States.

The *Herald's* special says, a strict count shows that under the most favorable circumstances only 40 votes can be relied upon in favor of impeachment. Of those several are said to be doubtful. Should the tone of the President's Message be moderate, many now inclined to favor impeachment will approve it.

A strong feeling is manifested in favor of the withdrawal of all National Bank circulation and the issue of Greenbacks.

Admiral Sloat died at Staten Island, aged 87.

Washington, 29.

In the Senate, Chandler offered a resolution, reciting that as hostilities have commenced between England and Abyssinia, it is the determination of the United States to maintain a strict and impartial neutrality. Chandler said the resolution was an exact copy of England's proclamation on neutrality, in 1861, in the case of the rebellion.

Morrill introduced a bill requiring the Secretary of the Treasury, after July 1st, 1869, to redeem greenbacks in gold. Section 2d provides that after the January and July interest has been paid, the Secretary shall be required to sell all the gold, over 75 millions, remaining in the Treasury, in such manner as shall be best for the public interest. Other sections require the National Banks to redeem their notes in coin, after July 4th, 1869. Morrill said he would press the bill at an early date.

The Senate soon after adjourned. The House not in session.

Charleston, 29.

A Bremen bark brought 150 immigrants, under the care of the State immigration Board, who were warmly welcomed by their friends and the citizens generally.

Paris, 28.

La France the government organ, has a long editorial on the subject of the Conference and the settlement of the Roman question. The writer says that it will be impossible for the Conference to maintain the present boundaries of Rome.

Dispatches announce several battles fought in Candia between the Turks and Cretans. Both claim success.

London, 28.

In the House of Commons the Ministers have introduced a plan of an income tax at the rate of a penny per pound, to endure one year, to defray the expenses of the Abyssinian war.

The Seward and Stanley correspondence relative to the Alabama is promised at an early date.

In reply to a question regarding the

mail contracts between Britain and the United States, it was stated that the government has contracted with the Cunard line for a year at fixed sums, as the bids of competing lines were adjudged unsatisfactory; but the transactions could not be deemed settled, as negotiations with the United States on the subject are still pending.

Paris, 29.

The evacuation of the Roman territory by the French forces still continues. All the troops are to be returned by Monday next.

Berlin, 29.

The Prussian *Kreutz Zeitung* has an editorial on the Conference and the settlement of the Roman question. It says that with the exception of Austria, not one of the powers of Europe has accepted the Conference. The other powers have either, like Prussia, exacted explanations, or have given evasive replies.

Liverpool, 29.

While the steamship *Jonbonia* was leaving port for Anbert, one of her boilers exploded with a loud report, which was distinctly felt throughout the city; 33 persons were killed and many others injured. The ship was destroyed.

London, 29.

It now seems that the statement that it will be impossible for the proposed Conference to maintain the present boundaries of Rome, was not the utterance of *La France* but of the *St. Petersburg Journal*, an official newspaper, which is regarded as quite as good authority on diplomatic questions.

Washington, 29.

The President's Message is ready. In the Cabinet to-day all the members are present.

Saratoga, 29.

Chancellor Wentworth died here to-day, aged 79.

Washington, 29.

The Senate to-day confirmed Horace Greeley Minister to Austria. A. C. Hunt, Governor of Colorado, and Horace Capron, Commissioner of Agriculture.

New Orleans, 29.

Hancock has arrived and assumed command.

Montgomery, 29.

In the reconstruction convention an ordinance giving the legislature power to disfranchise the rebels who have not aided in reconstruction was reported from the committee. Its consideration was postponed until to-morrow.

The convention granted eight divorces to-day and dismissed one suit of bigamy.

An ordinance reported, to declare void all marriages between white and freed people and requiring the Legislature to prescribe severe penalties against such marriages, caused considerable discussion, and was tabled until Saturday.

An ordinance passed declaring valid all special acts of public officers under the military authority.

Charleston, 29.

The Convention is certainly defeated, the total vote being far short of the requisite majority of the registered voters.

Havana, 29.

Private accounts from Mexico say Tegethoff has settled all the personal accounts of Maximilian, including a number of impositions.

Cincinnati, 30.

The coroner's jury in the case of the recent disaster on the Hamilton & Dayton railroad, returned a verdict of collision caused by gross neglect of duty on the part of certain employees.

London, 30.

The Cunard line receives £800,000 sterling annually for carrying the British mail weekly.

Liverpool, 30.

The New York *Commercial's* special says the President's Message is moderate and conciliatory, but argues that the Congressional plan of reconstruction is a failure, and the country pronounced against it at the last election. Economy, retrenchment and uniform taxation are advocated.

London, 30.

The proposed income tax to pay the expenses of the Abyssinian war, has passed the second reading in the House of Commons.