

blessing him; the Lord would bless him, if he were thus blessed. But I am now speaking of the authority and power of the holy priesthood. The blessing of such men or by such men, would not bestow upon him any additional authority or any more keys, presuming that he already had received the fullness of the Apostleship. Some may feel that the Lord should raise up a man by special manifestations of power to preside over his church—they having an expectation of that kind. Whenever the Lord does it will be because of there being a necessity for it, and whenever there is a necessity for it, it will not be made plain through one of the Twelve aside from the President, it will not be made plain through a Seventy, it will not be made plain through a High Priest, through an Elder, through a Patriarch; it will come as all revelations from the Lord come, to be binding upon this people, through the voice of him whom the Lord chooses to be his voice, sanctioned by the Twelve Apostles. Hear it, O Israel! and remember it. Have I the right to say who shall preside over this people? No. Although an Apostle, holding the keys with my brethren and being side by side with them, having equal authority with them. Why? Because I am not chosen by the Lord to be his mouthpiece to the Latter-day Saints; what I mean by this, to give them revelation. It is my right to instruct and teach, to labor and to counsel; but it is not my right to organize a First Presidency for this church, neither is it the right of any other man, excepting him whom the Lord has chosen the President of the Twelve, with that Quorum standing as the First Presidency. A day or two ago, a man came here and notified the President of the Twelve that he was to be the successor to Brigham. The most charitable construction you can put upon such speeches is that the man is crazy. Whenever the voice of the Lord comes upon such a subject, it will come with the power and demonstration of the Holy Ghost and with much assurance, and every Latter-day Saint on the earth will receive it, because the Spirit of God will bear testimony to our spirits that it is from Him, so that we cannot be deceived. It is our privilege to so live that we know the voice of the true shepherd, and can not be deceived by those who profess to have revelation and have authority, when they have it not. And every man and woman in this church should so live that when they hear the true voice, they will know it as they would know the voice of their nearest friend, and not be deceived or led astray. Well but, says one, Why cannot you organize a First Presidency now, if the Twelve have this authority? Do you want to know the reason, brethren and sisters, why we do not take such a step? I suspect you would like to know why a man and his two counselors are not singled out, called and set apart by the voice of the people at this conference as the First Presidency of the church? The reason is simply this—the Lord has not revealed it to us; he has not commanded us to do this, and until he does require this at our hands, we shall not do it. For the present, it seems to be the mind and will of God, as manifested to us, that the Twelve should preside over the church. And until he does reveal unto his servants that it is right and proper that a First Presidency should be organized again, we shall wait, we shall do nothing of that kind. When the voice of God comes, when it shall be the counsel of our Heavenly Father that a First Presidency shall be again organized, the Quorum of the Twelve will be organized in its fullness as before. Therefore you can wait, as well as we, for the voice of the Lord; and when it does come, whenever it will be, you will see the church take action in this matter; but until then, Latter-day Saints, you will be governed by the authority that already exists. If three men have the right to govern, certainly twelve men, all possessing the same keys, have that right and that authority. Then let us wait the good pleasure of the Lord, and cease surmises, and cease indulging in vain and foolish ideas upon these subjects.

I pray God to bless you, and pour out his Spirit upon us all, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

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Local and Other Matters.

FROM TUESDAY'S DAILY, APRIL 2.

Found.—There is a valuable paper at this office belonging to Julia S. Whitehead. Call and get it.

Arrived.—Col. Michael Shaughnessy, the new United States Marshal for Utah, reached here last night.

Railroad Celebrities.—S. S. H. Clark, Esq., General Superintendent of the U. P. R. R. and Royal M. Bassett, Esq., arrived in the city by last evening's train.

Found.—The body of David Powell, buried in a snowslide in Payson Cañon, a week ago to-day, was recovered between four and five o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A Break.—During last night a break occurred in a waterworks pipe, a short distance north of the Eagle Gate, causing quite a flow of water in that locality. Workmen were engaged in repairing the damage to-day.

Sudden Death.—It will be seen by an obituary notice, in another part of the paper, that Mrs. Polly J. Angell, wife of Elder Truman O. Angell, died quite suddenly yesterday evening. It is thought that death resulted from heart disease.

Narrow Escape.—This morning a small boy, named Garrett, was running after a street car. When he let go his hold on the vehicle, Mr. Henry Wagner accidentally ran upon him with a light wagon. The wheel passed over the little fellow's arm, bruising it and his face was badly scratched. His injuries were not severe.

More Mulberry.—Yesterday the deacons of the Fourteenth Bishop's Ward were busily engaged upon the school house lot, planting out 500 mulberry trees. At the rate that class of trees are being planted all over the Territory, there will soon be an abundance of feed for any amount of silk worms. Let the good work go bravely on.

Superintendents and Teachers.—The meeting of superintendents and teachers of Sunday Schools, last night, was very large. Not only was the 14th Ward Assembly Hall densely crowded, but several hundreds had to turn away, being unable to gain admission. The Seventh Ward choir furnished the sweet singing for the occasion.

Blue Front.—Mr. L. B. Mattison, the energetic agent of the Mitchell Wagon, Champion Reaper and other agricultural machinery, is somewhat ingenious and original. He has recently fixed up a peculiar blue front to his wagon yard, immediately north of the Old Seventies' Hall. Mr. William V. Morris has done some excellent lettering upon it. The "blue front" of Mr. Mattison has no counterpart in the City.

Improved.—We understand that with the introduction of the present spell of fine weather has come a corresponding general improvement in the condition of many of the children afflicted with whooping cough and kindred complaints. When the little ones appear to be recovering from the malady mothers should not relax their care of them. It is not infrequently the case that when children are apparently getting well, by taking cold the disease is supplanted by something of a more dangerous type, such as pneumonia.

Be careful of the innocents.

Sunday School Examination.—R. Ashworth informs us, by letter, that there was a Sunday school examination at Kayville, Davis County, on Sunday. A hundred and twenty-two questions, upon the birth, life, death, resurrection and teachings of Jesus Christ were answered; in such a manner as to prove that great pains had been taken by those in charge of Sunday school matters in that locality in training the children. Brother John Barnes and James Lintforth are much interested in the movement in that part.

President W. R. Smith and Counselors C. Layton and A. Call were present and highly gratified with the proceedings.

Ball Playing.—To-day, while at play in the vicinity of the City Hall, a school boy threw a ball and struck a lady a violent blow upon the forehead. The lad was arrested, taken before Justice Pyper and fined \$3. It is probable that the boy had no intention of hitting the

lady, yet the playing of a large number of school children in the locality named, every day, has become a source of annoyance and, in some respects, of danger. It is therefore necessary to take some steps toward stopping it. Sometimes the escapes of the little fellows from being run over and mangled by passing street cars, wagons and carriages are really marvellous. The public thoroughfare is not a suitable playground for school children.

Excommunicated.

This is to certify that the following persons were cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, by the unanimous vote of the members of this Ward: John S. Barnes, for apostasy, Sept. 15, 1877.

Adam Patterson, by his own request, Nov. 22, 1877.

Thomas Gollightly, by his own request, March 14, 1878.

Cad Elvers, for apostasy, March 23, 1878.

Mary Elvers, for apostasy, March 23, 1878.

Amelia White, for apostasy, March 23, 1878.

E. F. SHEETS, Bishop.

JOS. McMURRIN, Isaac Brockbank,

Counselors, S. H. LEAVER, Clerk.

Salt Lake City, April 2, 1878.

Coal.—A specimen of coal from a claim a few miles north of Evanston, Bear River Valley, was presented to the Museum by Isaac Groo, Esq. This is a variety of the "black diamond," known as "Peacock" coal, from its peculiar tints. The iridescent colors do not appear to be caused by sulphur in this instance, but are probably due to thin flakes of coal which have been acted upon by water. The colors of this specimen are particularly beautiful and various, resembling those of the inside of some shells, the colors of which are produced by lamination. This coal contains abundance of gas and makes an excellent coke, some of which was also presented to the Museum. There are no traces of fossils visible in the coal itself, but Mr. Groo says the enclosing rocks abound in fossils, some of which he intends to send over to the city for exhibition.

We alluded, a few days since, to the fact of Mr. Groo having discovered the valuable claim from which the specimen was brought.

Returned Missionary.—This morning we were pleased to receive a call from Elder Orson F. Whitney, who arrived last night from a mission to the Eastern States. He left this city on the 6th of November, 1876. He proceeded, in company with Elder A. M. Musser, to Pennsylvania, where he labored about five months, preaching a good deal. He there met with the most bitter opposition he had to encounter during the whole time of his absence. He next proceeded to Ohio, where he remained until his release to return home. He there visited a large number of his relatives, and held a good many public meetings. He baptized sixteen persons in that State. Quite a number of others are convinced of the truth of the gospel as revealed through Joseph Smith, the Prophet, but have not the courage and fortitude to embrace it and meet the opposition of the world.

Elder Whitney is gratified to be once more at home among his friends, although he enjoyed himself greatly while laboring in the ministry. He considers his experience as a missionary most valuable to him. The power and efficacy of the gospel have been manifested to him in many respects, as for instance in the healing of the sick, and his prayers have been frequently answered in such a visible manner as to astonish himself.

All of the persons baptized by him in Ohio are anxious to come to Utah, and will probably be here inside of a year.

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Yours respectfully,
JOHN ROUSE.

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