

Duchess of Edinburgh came from London with the Prince and Princess of Wales. John Wotter's chestnut colt "Palmbearer" came in second, and Lord Roseberry's bay colt "Visconti" third. In the books the betting was 50 to 1 against Visconti. Palmbearer had no friends, and seems not to have been quoted. Cadogan, Charibert and Victor Chief had the first, second and third places in the betting.

Correspondence.

TOOLE CITY, May 10, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

We have held several meetings of late of the water owners residing in this place, for the purpose of adjusting some of the water claims with a view to allay any hard feeling that may have been existing with some of the parties; and which has been done to the satisfaction of the majority of the water owners. We have had a very dry season as yet, and the land and also the city lots have suffered very much through the scarcity. The prospect for grain this coming season is below the average, but the fruit, to all prospects, will be a fair yield.

The grasshoppers are quite numerous with us, and have done their share of havoc with the young crops, but as we have plenty of lucern patches around our land this has been quite a saving to the grain, and I don't think any one would mourn if they were all to get fondered on the lucern, so that the grain would be saved; as yet we will not suffer much from the loss of grain.

We have quite a series of accidents among our boys who are engaged in the cañons; some have got their feet crushed and other a cut foot, and some have got their hands mashed by the ties. The general health of the people is good.

Our Sunday School is in first rate condition, and the people generally feel well with all the trouble they have to endure.

Respectfully your brother,
S. S.

Missionary Labors.

ROCKMART, Polk County, Ga.
May 19, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Having recently visited the Saints residing in Floyd, Chattooga and Walker counties, I am pleased to be able to report everything in a favorable and flourishing condition. They are in the enjoyment of the spirit of the gospel, doing their best to make everything ready to emigrate to Zion next fall.

I returned to this place on last Wednesday after an absence of two and a half months, traveling and visiting the Saints in the above named counties. Also holding several meetings with strangers; finding many who were anxious to learn something about us as a people, and our "peculiar doctrines," as they are usually termed; and willing to listen to the teaching of our Elders. While on the other hand many are very bitter and spiteful towards us and the message we bear.

Yesterday I baptized five more, and organized the Rockmart Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, consisting of ten members, and ordained Brother John N. Roberson an Elder and president of the branch, a spirit of unity being manifested, that exists nowhere else only among the people of God, and those who were present at the time the ordinance was attended to, many of whom are most bitterly opposed, could not help but stand and look on in amazement, seeing the spirit manifested by those who had accepted the gospel, and the good feeling that prevailed among them. I anticipate that several more will come forward who are living in this vicinity and ask for baptism and be numbered with the household of faith.

I consider the prospect the brightest and most encouraging for the spreading of the gospel that has been for many years in this country, and at the present time I am satisfied that, three, yes, five times the present number of good faithful Elders could be profitably employed in laying the principles of the gospel before the inhabitants of this country, and be instrumental in the hands of God in gathering into the fold of Christ many of the blood of Israel who are scattered throughout

this broad land; wanderers, who are as sheep without a shepherd, who ignorantly err for the want of light in regard to the pure principles of the gospel.

I have received many invitations to visit sections and preach which I could not attend to, also letters to come and lay before the people the words of life, as they want to learn more about our people and doctrines, and I may say that the spirit of enquiry is being awakened on every hand, and the cry "Come over and help us," is being raised now as anciently.

I wish I could impress upon the minds of the young men of Zion the necessity there is for them to prepare themselves, and be ready to go forth to the inhabitants of the earth to disseminate the glad tidings of great joy; the restoration of the everlasting gospel in this generation.

To think of the millions here in the Southern States alone, that have never had the privilege of hearing the sound of the true gospel, and then compare these few millions with the numbers who are living in South America, Asia, Africa, northern Europe, and the islands of the sea, who have not heard it, but have to have an opportunity of accepting or rejecting it, is indeed a stupendous undertaking, and one that would cause the heart of any but men of God to shrink from so arduous and laborious an undertaking. Still "this gospel of the kingdom must be preached in all the world for a witness, to all nations before the end shall come."

Who are they that are expected to carry these tidings, this testimony, to the world? The sons of the Latter-day Saints, the offspring of the old veterans who have planted the standard of liberty and raised the ensign to the nations on the heights of Zion, and offer peace and freedom to the honest heart from every nation. I ask, can we allow ourselves, as Elders of Israel, the elect of God, to sit and fold our hands and say we have nothing to do? God forbid. But with the energy and zeal which should characterize those who are heirs of the priesthood and children of promise, let us take hold and make ourselves ready for this great work while it is called to-day.

Your brother in the gospel,
A. S. JOHNSON.

WILLARD CITY,

Box Elder, Co., May 25, 1879.

Editors Deseret News:

Yesterday about noon I bid farewell to Brigham City, and started for Willard. On nearing the town and mounting the summit of a little hill, which furnished a bird's-eye view of the green and beautiful village beneath, the first object of interest that attracted my attention was the folds of our national flag rippling in the fresh breezes from the lake. The occasion was the regular yearly jubilee of the children of the Sunday School. They were going on with their exercises, which had been commenced at 9:30 a. m., and consisted of class examinations from the Bible, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, Catechism, and Juvenile Instructor, interspersed with songs, dialogues, duets, glees, recitations, speeches, and some appropriate music from the Willard brass band.

After the exercises of the afternoon, a match game of base ball was played by the North Ogden boys with the Willard club, the score being 11 to 14 in favor of the latter.

After supper, the people convened at the Ward hall, to witness the performance entitled, "David Garrick," concluding with the farce known as "Tweedleton's Tailcoat," which was rendered in a commendable manner by the members of the Amateur Dramatic Association.

On Sunday morning the exercises were resumed, continuing till 4:30 p. m.

In the settlement there are 120 families, numbering 700 persons in all. There are three school districts in the city, the attendance aggregating something over 300, with 34 teachers.

The people enjoy good health, with the prospect of an abundant harvest, although the dry weather is being felt a little where dry farming is carried on, which mode of agriculture, however, is not very extensive in this district.

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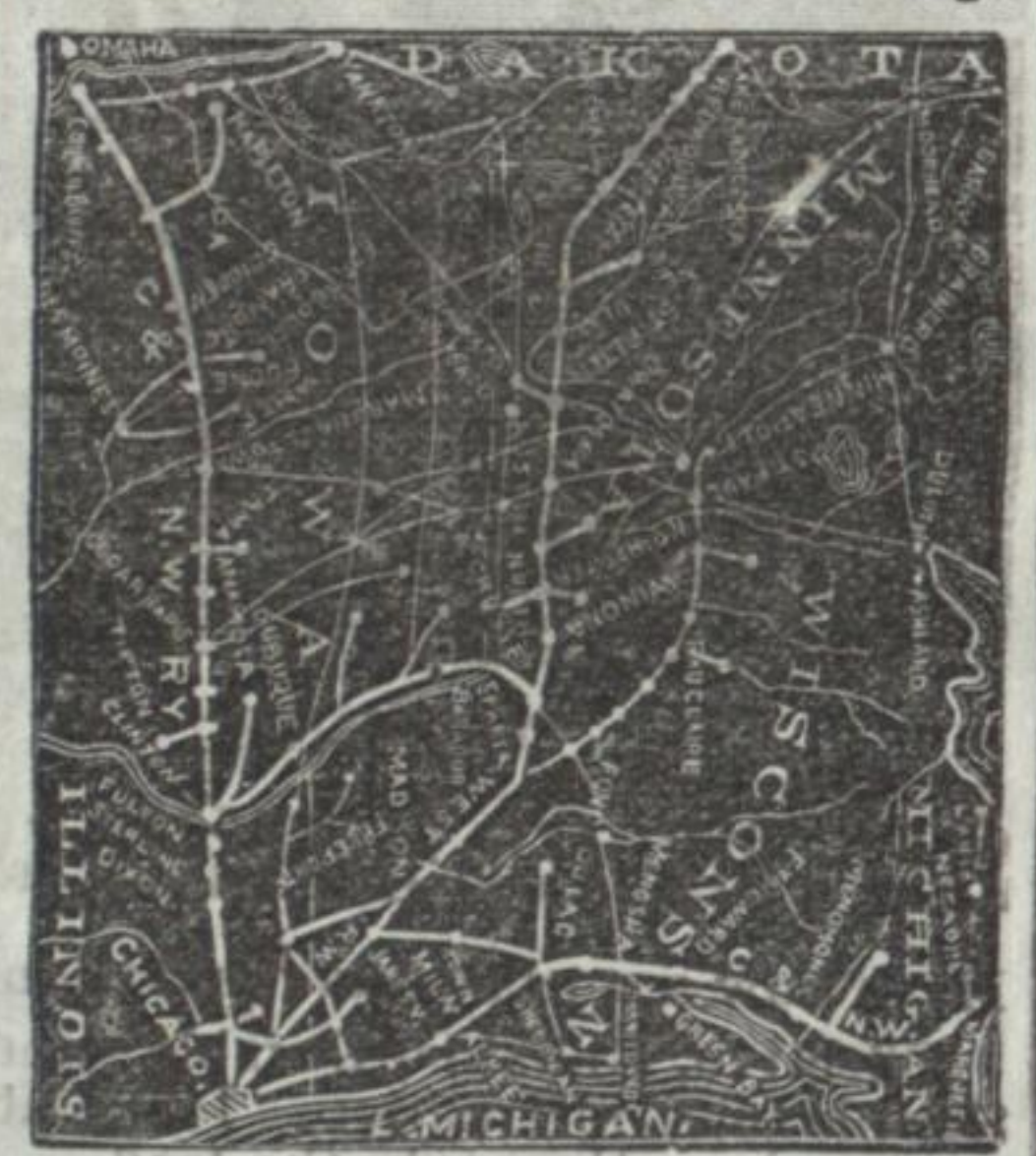
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