

LOCAL NEWS.

FROM MONDAY'S DAILY MAY 12.

Crossing the Continent on Bicycles.—Messrs. Woodside & Morgan had made about 50 miles a day up to the 4th day. Reported the roads in bad condition from rains. They calculated to reach Baltimore on the 5th. They left the City Hall, in New York, at noon of the 1st.

Wants to Know.—Brother Hyrum Chapman, of the Fourth Ward, who intends going to Arizona in the fall, would like to know if anyone intends going about the same time with ox-team. Please send the information to this office, or address him direct.

The Sanpete Valley Washout.—The floods in Nephi Cañon are still raging and the washout on the Sanpete Valley Railroad is not yet repaired. Superintendent Bamberger, with a force of men, is actively at work on the damaged track, and the bridge, which was wholly or partly swept away, is being replaced. The Utah Central Company will send a spile-driver out on the morning freight train, for use at the point indicated.

The Logan Excursion.—Tickets for the Logan Excursion on the 15th inst. will be sold at the General Office of the Utah Central Railway, Main Street, as well as at the different stations along the line, on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will be good to return till May 20th. Prices have already been published. The date of departure has been changed from Friday, the 16th, to Thursday, the 15th, to accommodate those who wish to be present at the Cache Stake Conference, which commences on Friday morning in Logan.

The Ontario Accident.—The following particulars of the fatal accident at the Ontario Mine, No. 3, last Sunday morning, have been forwarded by Brother Ernest S. Penrose from Park City. It was about 2 a. m. that Mr. Samuel Stephens was coming up the mine in the cage. The lower shoes of the cage ran off the lower end of the gearing and ripped a piece off. The cage swayed back and forth as it was ascending the shaft. Mr. Stephens called out loudly for them to signal the engineer to stop, but as the rope had been broken by a shot from a blast, they could not signal and the result was Mr. Stephens was crushed between the cage and the timbers of the shaft and instantly killed. His breast was mashed to a jelly. It was impossible to make the engineer hear, as he was 800 feet below. The deceased was late from New Mexico, where he left a wife and two children.

From New Zealand.—We had a pleasant call to-day from Brother W. J. McDonnell, a native of Ireland, but for fifteen years a resident of New Zealand. He arrived from that land on the 26th of April, in company with Brother John Clark, who, like himself, was converted there through the preaching of the Elders. Brother McDonnell has labored considerably among the Maories of New Zealand, and also the natives of the South Sea Islands, he being the one who introduced the Gospel among both those peoples. He has rendered valuable aid to the missionaries from Utah, as he has command of the native languages.

He brings with him some photographs of the latest converts among the Maories, which are a very interesting sight. They are, he says, more intelligent as a race than the South Sea Islanders. An interesting fact in relation to Brother McDonnell's life is that he has at different times saved five persons from drowning. He holds two handsome bronze medals, awarded by the Royal Humane Society, of England, in recognition of his heroic services. He is an expert swimmer, and has used his powers in that respect in a most laudable and praiseworthy way. He is by vocation a mechanical engineer, and held a situation in Auckland under the British Government, which he resigned when he came away. He designs making his home in Utah.

THE DEBATE AT OGDEN.

OGDEN CITY, Utah, May 8th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

The first night's debate is over, and thus far truth uttered in simplicity and plainness by an unsophisticated youth has prevailed.

Long before the time—half-past seven—for opening the doors of the Tabernacle

MANY HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE

Had assembled and waited to gain admission to the building. The immense concourse continued to swell as the moments flew by, and it soon became evident that the house was too small to accommodate all who desired to get inside. At the exact time appointed (7.30) the double doors were thrown open and in a few minutes thereafter the Tabernacle was filled to its utmost capacity. The standing as well as the sitting room was all occupied, and hundreds of people could not gain admission. But so intensely interested were the people in the proceedings and so anxious were they to hear the controversy, that some

PROCURED LADDERS

and climbed up to the east windows and held on to the ropes etc., until the

close of the meeting. There never has been so large a gathering in that house since the Grand Rally just before the last election for Delegate to Congress. The house was illuminated with electric lights.

At eight o'clock, standard time, the vast assembly was called to order by Rev. Richard Hartley. His choir sang a beautiful anthem, "Peace, be still," which was rendered in excellent style. Prayer was then offered by Rev. Mr. Adkinson, minister of the Methodist church.

Rev. Mr. Thayer read the 13th cap., 1st of Corinthians, after which

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Delivered the opening speech. He read the words of the Savior to His ancient Apostles—"Seek first the kingdom of God;" and then proceeded to show from the scriptures of what the kingdom of God consisted as it existed in the days of Jesus Christ. He commenced by referring to the angel's visits to Mary and to Zacharias, promising each of them a son. He next noticed the births of these two children of promise, their growth, manhood and ministry, and then showed that in the order of time the kingdom of God was organized with Jesus Christ as King. The

APOSTLES, PROPHETS,

Evangelists, Pastors, Teachers, Bishops, Deacons were the officers of the kingdom. He showed from the Scriptures that they were ordained, set apart and duly commissioned by the King to preach the Gospel of the Kingdom and to administer the ordinances of the Gospel to repentant applicants for admission into the church or kingdom.

The speaker then set forth in simplicity and plainness the principles of Faith, Repentance, Baptism for the remission of sins, the Laying on of Hands for the imparting of the Holy Ghost, etc.; defining and proving every principle from "King James' translation" of the New Testament. He next spoke of the gifts, the blessings and the power of God that followed the ancient believing citizens of the kingdom of God, as recorded in Mark xvi, 15-18; Hebrews xi, xii chap.; First Corinthians and many other passages of Holy Writ, and said when and where the

TRUE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST

was on the earth it was characterized and distinguished from all others by possessing these officers, doctrines, ordinances; gifts and blessings as the fruits of obedience to its requirements.

Elder Rich then contrasted the ancient Church of Christ with those of Modern Christendom, and asked "Where now can be found inspired apostles, prophets, and a people enjoying such power on earth?" He answered: Nowhere except in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and demonstrated thus the cause of the professing Christian churches being destitute of such privileges is that they have forsaken God gone into darkness and established

SYSTEMS OF THEIR OWN.

He closed by quoting the words of Paul: "No man taketh this honor unto himself but he that is called of God as was Aaron"—viz: by revelation from the Lord through His servant the prophet; and declared that if the ministers of modern Christianity have not been called in that manner they have no authority to preach the Gospel or administer any of its ordinances to the people.

THE REV. MR. HARTLEY

followed Elder Rich. He quoted for his text: "God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son, that whosoever believed on Him should not perish," and then proceeded to build upon these words a theory of salvation

BY FAITH ALONE.

He laid particular emphasis on the word "perish" as he wished the audience to keep that word especially green in their memory. He reminded the mothers in the congregation that probably many of their sons were in a perishing condition, being steeped in the vilest of crimes, yet when they return the maternal arms were open to receive them, and press them to their maternal bosoms—because they loved their sons, so, said he, when the vilest sinners returns to the Lord He receives them to his bosom, for He so loved the world that "He gave His Only Begotten Son to die for them, that whosoever believed on Him should not perish." "The Lord," said the reverend gentleman, "said not a word to them about baptism, and the laying on of hands," or any of the things referred to by Elder Rich as being

ESSENTIAL TO SALVATION.

All that was necessary for the people to do was to keep their minds fixed on the cross of Christ and have faith in Him, and they are saved. Mr. Hartley made reference to the baptism of John, to Philip and the eunuch, to the jailor and his household, etc., etc., yet at the same time He declared that baptism was in no way connected with salvation. He is a Baptist minister. He preaches baptism, but not that it is needful for the remission of sins. He said the people are saved before they are baptized, not after; salvation comes first and baptism next, and he said, "I tell you

IN THE NAME OF GOD

that there are thousands of men and women up there in heaven who were

never baptized." He then informed the people that if they only have faith in Christ that is all that is needed, they will be saved.

In relation to the authority of the priesthood spoken of by Elder Rich, the reverend gentleman said it had always been on the earth—God was not so cruel as to take it away and leave His people to perish. He said he had as much authority to preach the gospel as any other person, and all that was necessary to qualify and authorize him to do so was to have faith and to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

And notwithstanding Elder Rich had

DEMONSTRATED

from the scriptures—which was their standard of proof—that no man has authority to preach the Gospel unless he is called of God by immediate revelation for that purpose—the reverend gentleman contradicted this matter. In his appeal to the people he contradicted himself several times. He wrested the scriptures, and tried hard to give them any thing but a true meaning. He adopted the "old tone" in his endeavors to work up a sensation in the minds of the audience. I was among a very great many others who were very much disappointed in Mr. Hartley. It was expected that he would try at least to sustain his assertions by an

ATTEMPT AT ARGUMENTS,

and that he would essay to enforce them by his own reasoning, the reasoning of some of the great religious commentators and by ancient "Church History." But no, he seemed to be entirely thrown off his base, and he did not even set forth in a clear light the doctrines of the Church of which he is a popular Minister in this town. Many of the listeners were astonished at the ease with which the stripling "got away" with the reverend champion of the Ministers of modern Christian denominations in this city.

Throughout the evening peace and good order prevailed,

in the immense audience. No personalities; no criminations, or recriminations were indulged in by the speakers. They were respectful and courteous in their demeanor towards each other and to the associations which they represented. Among the auditors were two priests of the Catholic Church—in fact, every sect of professing Christians in this section was represented. The proceedings were closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Thayer, Presbyterian minister. WEBER.

THE OGDEN DISCUSSION ENDED.

A TRIUMPH OF TRUTH.

OGDEN CITY, Utah, May 9th, 1884.

Editor Deseret News:

The second night's debate came off this evening. The assembly was larger than was that of the first night. About

A THOUSAND

persons of all classes surrounded the building and crowded to the doors before they were open. In fact so great was the pressure that twenty-five minutes before the time one pair of doors were forced open and the crowd rushed in pell mell. In five minutes the house was so crowded that not another individual could press his way into the House. It is estimated that fully a thousand people were

TURNED AWAY

from the doors last night, because there was no room for them on the inside. It is questionable if there will again be such large gatherings in this place for a long time to come. There were scores of teams from all parts of the country. The Ogden Tabernacle Choir furnished the music to-night. They opened the proceedings by singing: "See the mighty Angel dying, See, he speeds his way to earth."

Prayer was offered by Elder Joseph A. West.

Elder Rich then, in a few well chosen words, called on the audience to abstain from any noisy demonstration while the speakers were addressing the congregation.

REV. MR. R. HARTLEY

Was the first speaker. He said he intended to speak plainly; but there was one peculiar feature of the faith of the Latter-day Saints that he would not speak of. He need not name it. (Polygamy. He should speak of revelation, but not of new revelation, as believed in by the Church of Latter-day Saints. He wanted the old revelations, but no modern revelations. He confessed that there were many things in the Scriptures he did not understand; but he could not find anything in the Bible that

INDICATED NEW REVELATION.

He then referred to the prediction of Paul that the time would come when the people would not "endure sound doctrine, but will heap to themselves teachers having itching ears."

The speaker asked, he said, in all candor, whether these predictions referred to the doctrines taught by the Latter-day Saints or by him (the speaker). Mr. Hartley then spoke of a revelation commanding the Saints to build a temple, but, said he, they failed to fulfill the purposes of that command, and thus he concluded that that was not God's way of doing business, and the speaker could discern the finger of a human being in this revelation, and

thus he rejected it as being stamped with human thought only.

He next attacked the

ORGANIZATION OF THE CHURCH

Of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in which it was claimed there were living Apostles and other officers inspired by the Almighty. Now, said Mr. Hartley, it is necessary that a man must see Jesus Christ in order that he may be his Apostle, and if Elder Rich can prove to him that the twelve men who claim to be the Apostles of Jesus, have seen Christ, he will then believe them and accept them as such, otherwise he will not.

Mr. Hartley argued that as there was only one true Christ, it followed that there were only

ONE TWELVE APOSTLES,

He said we may as well claim that there are other true Christs, as claim there are other Apostles than the Twelve that were with Christ in his ministry on the earth. In quoting the Scripture which says that God has set some in His Church—first Apostles, etc., he argued that it simply tells what God had done in ancient times—but he did not mean that He would do this 1,800 years after that period, and that there is no scripture to prove that he would. The ancient Twelve have their names written on the gates of the beautiful city Jerusalem, and they are crowned in the glory in the Holy City; this being the case, he asked what are you going to do with these other Twelve Apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints?

Mr. Hartley then referred to the gift of healing, and said the "Mormons" claim to have this gift in their Church. He believed the sick could

BE HEALED THROUGH FAITH.

But that faith cannot be exercised at will by any man in these days. Besides in ancient times medical science was but little known, and it was necessary for the Lord to give faith to the people to heal the sick. Now, however, the Lord heals them through the means of medical science. He had been in Ogden some three years, and he was much astonished that he had never seen or heard of any person being healed by the "Mormon" faith. Yet there are vast numbers of afflicted men and women in the hospitals. Why did the "Mormons" not go and heal them if they possess this gift and thus prove it?

If he possessed that gift he would not be so small—he would not confine his labors to Utah; he would go to New York and there he would turn the religions upside down, and cause a big revolution by the good he would do by healing all kinds of afflictions.

Mr. Hartley next said the "Mormons" claim to have power to confer on others the

GIFT OF THE HOLY GHOST

by the laying on of hands. But he believes God gives His Spirit to all men that come into the world without the laying on of hands, which is not necessary, and therefore the claims of the "Mormon" Church in this respect are swept away, and their religion is no better and possesses no more power than the rest of the religions in the world. His thirty minutes had now expired, and Elder Irvine sang: "The Gospel song."

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Then occupied thirty minutes. He said he had been much disappointed the previous evening, as he expected to learn from Mr. Hartley something of the religious tenets of the various sects of Christendom in the world, but this gentleman had said little or nothing about them. But as Mr. Hartley said he believed the Bible was written by holy men of God, and as the Baptists adopt it as

THE SUPREME LAW

for the government of their church, Elder Rich proceeded to answer from that standard, some of the gentleman's objections, and to show that his religion does not correspond with the doctrine taught by Jesus Christ and His Apostles. Hethen read the passages in Deuteronomy and Revelations, which Mr. Hartley had quoted to prove that there would be no more revelations given to man, and showed that many revelations had been given to the human family since those times through the prophets of the Lord, and also proved from the record that many more revelations are to be given in the latter days, and that John himself was yet to prophecy before many peoples and nations; that ultimately the spirit of God will be poured out upon all flesh, and as the "testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy," all who come in possession of that spirit will be prophets to a greater or less extent.

Elder Rich next proceeded to show how Mr. Hartley, the previous evening,

CONTRADICTED HIMSELF.

The reverend gentleman said: Sin is the transgression of the law of God; the soul that sinneth shall die; that the transgressor is damned, and that eternally. Yet he said God so loved the world that He gave His Only Begotten Son to die for the world; that whosoever will believe on Him shall not perish, but he shall be saved and the greater the transgression the greater the salvation. All that is required to effect this salvation is simply belief in Christ. The speaker next proved from

scripture that although "without faith it is impossible to please God," "faith without works is dead," and that it requires obedience to the commandments of God to obtain salvation in His kingdom. In answer to the objection to the continuation of Apostles, Prophets, etc., at the present time, Elder Rich demonstrated that they are and will be necessary until all come into the unity of the faith which is not the case now. There are on this stand at the present time four or five ministers representing as many different faiths and modes of baptism, which they teach to the people as the gospel of Jesus Christ. Now these gentlemen take the Bible—go to the heathen nations—each one calls upon the heathen nations to believe it as the word of God, and to be converted—but on investigation the idolator finds these gentlemen all believe the Bible differently from each other—he becomes confused by their contradictions and the poor benighted soul rejects them and the book too. Elder Rich bore testimony that he knew that through faith and the laying on of hands persons not members of the "Mormon" church had been healed by

THE POWER OF GOD.

(His testimony was confirmed by that of Elder Moroni F. Brown.) He also bore testimony that while those who were represented by Mr. Hartley are destitute of the correct knowledge of the principles of the gospel, are without apostles, prophets, signs, gifts and blessings following the believers, all these things are to be found in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and if Mr. Hartley will obey the gospel in sincerity he will have a knowledge of these things for himself.

MR. HARTLEY

Then occupied twenty minutes following Elder Rich. In answer to there being only one plan of salvation—or only one way to heaven—he did not believe it. He found that there were no less than 16 ways that a person can go from that Tabernacle to the railway depots. It makes no difference which of these roads he takes, he will be sure to reach the depots. And so it is with him and his brethren of the different denominations. No matter how varied their faiths and doctrines they will, if they keep on, all reach heaven and sit down in the kingdom of the blessed Savior. All that was required of them was to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, however, that he would not attempt to reply to Mr. Rich, but advised all Latter-day Saints, as long as they remained in the Church to obey the rules of the Church, but if they become dissatisfied, investigate the matter until the doubts are cleared up. He blamed no one for the faith. He was not in Ogden or Utah to fight the

"MORMONS" OR "MORMONISM."

He desired to know nothing but Christ and him crucified. This he would preach, and invited all the "Mormons" to go to his church and hear him. He advised his congregation to go and hear and investigate "Mormonism" and if they like it the best to embrace it. Yet in closing he said he believed in ten years from now the "Mormon" Church will have made great progress—downwards—that it would become merged in the other Christian churches.

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Made the closing remarks. He reviewed the previous address of himself and Mr. Hartley, in which he further demonstrated the fallacy of the mission of Joseph Smith and the Twelve Apostles, and testified that signs followed the believer in the doctrines they taught. He then called upon all who were in that immense congregation who knew that miraculous healings had been wrought by those who had embraced the gospel as taught by Joseph Smith, the Twelve and the Elders of the so-called "Mormon" church to rise to their feet. Immediately

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of Saints stood up like an army, and Mr. Hartley in astonishment stood up to view the, to him, wonderful spectacle. Elder Rich then said all who know that Joseph Smith was a true Prophet of God, let them raise the right hand—a forest of hands was at once uplifted. At this juncture Elder Rich turned himself round and facing the sectarian ministers, said, in a very impressive manner: "Mr. Hartley, six interested witnesses, as recorded in the Testament, have testified that miracles were wrought by the power of God by the disciples of Christ. These witnesses are dead, but you accept their testimony as truth. I have produced to you to-night in this house hundreds of living witnesses who have testified that they know that Joseph Smith was and is a Prophet of God, and that through him and many others numerous cases of miraculous healing of the sick by the power of God have been wrought in this our day. Now Sir,

IMPEACH THEIR TESTIMONY

If you can. But it cannot be done. He closed by bearing a strong testimony to the divine mission of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, John Taylor, the Twelve and the Elders of Israel. The vast audience maintained the strictest order, and listened with profound attention to all that was said by each speaker during the evening. No loud demonstrations of approval or disapproval of anything that was uttered were manifested. All appeared