

of Mormon. How very different from this is this covering themselves up in the dark to deceive! The whole spirit world in the lower orders, is full of deception, and unless you have something to detect and understand the true from the false you are liable to be led astray and destroyed.

I do not know that I need say anything further about these two powers, only that all evil powers will go to their own place; and, unless these men repent, the same being that has power over them here in the flesh will hold them in captivity in the next world; unless they repent, the same being who gives them revelation here, will hold the mastery over them there, and will control them; and if they do not find a dictating and controlling power in the priesthood, they will find it among those beings to whom they have yielded themselves subjects to obey; and so will every other person that yields to false influences: they will be overcome and Satan will destroy them, unless they repent. Amen.

MONDAY'S CELEBRATION.

MONDAY was the day appointed for the laying of the last rail of the Utah Central Railroad. The weather was very cold, and a heavy fog and rime frost prevailed until long past mid-day. This, however, did not prevent a large concourse of citizens of all ages and grades assembling on the depot block.

Shortly after noon a salute of three guns was fired as a signal for the hoisting of flags from the various business places throughout the city. Between one and two o'clock the train containing the invited guests from Ogden and the North hove in sight, and immediate preparations were made for the performance of the ceremonies of the day. The citizens assembled by this time numbered not less than fifteen thousand.

On the platform car were the following gentlemen:—

Of the Utah Central: Brigham Young, President; Wm. Jennings, Vice President; D. H. Wells, Christopher Layton and Feramorz Little, Directors; Joseph A. Young, General Superintendent; John W. Young, Secretary; also President Geo. A. Smith, and the following members of the quorum of the Twelve Apostles: President Orson Hyde, John Taylor, Orson Pratt, Wilford Woodruff, C. C. Rich, Lorenzo Snow, F. D. Richards, Geo. Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, jr., and Joseph F. Smith.

Of the Union and Central Pacific Roads: J. E. McEwin, Esq., Master Mechanic C. P. R. R.; G. Cornwell, Esq., C. P. R. R. Conductor, Utah Division; J. Forbes, Esq., General Freight Agent, C. P. R. R.; James Campbell, Esq., Division Superintendent, Utah Division, C. P. R. R.; C. C. Quin, Esq., Master Mechanic, U. P. R. R.; T. B. Morris, Esq., Engineer, Utah Division, U. P. R. R.; Chas. Carr, Esq., Asst. Supt., Utah Division, U. P. R. R.; J. McCormick and S. Edwards, Esqrs., Agents, U. P. R. R.; G. B. Blackwell, Esq., Agent Pullman's Palace Cars; Walter McKay, Esq., Cashier, U. P. R. R.

Col. F. Anderson, Special Correspondent of the New York *Herald*, occupied a seat at the Reporters' table.

From Camp Douglas: Gen. Gibbons, Col. Hancock, Col. Spencer, Capt. Hollister, Major Benham, Lieut. Sanno, Lieut. Coolidge, Lieut. Benson, Lieut. Armstrong, Lieut. Brandt, Lieut. Jacobs, Lieut. Graffan, Lieut. Wright.

The Camp Douglas, Capt. Croxall's and Tenth Ward Brass Bands, also, Captain Beezeley's martial band were in attendance.

The last spike was driven by President Young. A large steel mallet was used on the occasion, made by Mr. James Lawson. It was elegantly chased; on the top there was engraved a bee-hive, surmounted by the inscription "Holiness to the Lord." Underneath the bee-hive were the letters U. C. R. R. The spike, made of home-made iron, manufactured by the late N. V. Jones, was ornamented like the mallet, and was also the work of Brother Lawson.

Just before the ceremony of laying the last rail commenced, the sun, which, during the whole day, had been completely concealed by clouds, burst forth with unclouded brilliancy, as if determined to enhance the general joy by his genial rays.

After the performance of the ceremony, which took place about nine minutes past two o'clock, a salute of thirty-seven guns,—one for each mile of the road, was fired, when Captain Croxall's brass band burst forth with their enlivening strains, after which the following prayer was offered by

ELDER WILFORD WOODRUFF.

O, God, our Eternal Father, we have assembled on this occasion to celebrate one of the greatest and grandest events of the generation in which we live, and we offer up the gratitude of our hearts, with thanksgiving, for thy merciful and protecting care that has been over us. When we were led into these valleys, by thy servant Brigham, twenty-two years ago, we found them a perfect desert, inhabited only by wild beasts, and a few red men who roamed over the plains. To-day we behold teeming thousands of the Anglo-Saxon race, many of whom have assembled here to celebrate the completion of a line of railroad into this city, which has opened up commerce between us and all the world. Thou hast enabled thy Saints, who have gathered here from the nations of the earth, to fill these valleys of the mountains with 600 miles of cities, towns, villages, gardens, orchards and fields, and the desert has been made to blossom as the rose. We should be recreant to our duties did we not acknowledge the hand of thee, our God, in thy protecting care that has been over us, which has enabled us to assist in levelling these mountains and in laying an iron band which has bound this continent together from ocean to ocean, and has made all the various States and Territories of this mighty nation neighbors to each other. For all these blessings we feel to render the gratitude of our hearts unto thee; and we pray that thy blessings may rest upon us this day.

We dedicate this railroad unto thee, the Lord our God; we pray that thy blessings may rest upon it, and upon those who have erected and labored upon it. We thank thee for the peace and quietude that we have enjoyed for the many years that we have dwelt in these valleys of the mountains. Continue thy blessings, O God, we beseech thee unto the inhabitants here and throughout the nation.

These favors and blessings we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

The following Speech was read by Hon. Geo. Q. Cannon, on behalf of:

PRESIDENT B. YOUNG.

Whilst joining in the pleasing ceremonies of this eventful and auspicious day, our minds naturally revert to the circumstances which led this people to undertake their weary, but hopeful journey across the desert plains and rugged mountains to these, then sterile valleys—to our condition at the time of our advent here, poor, and destitute of the common necessities of life: driven from our homes and possessions and bereft of all that makes life comfortable in consequence of our faith in God and in His Son Jesus Christ, and our obedience to His holy gospel, and without a friend in this wide world to whom we could look for help, except God our heavenly father alone, on whom we could rely.

Since the day that we first trod the soil of these valleys, have we received any assistance from our neighbors? No, we have not. We have built our homes, our cities, have made our farms, have dug our canals and water ditches, have subdued this barren country, have fed the stranger, have clothed the naked, have immigrated the poor from foreign lands, have placed them in a condition to make all comfortable and have made some rich. We have fed the Indians to the amount of thousands of dollars yearly, have clothed them in part, and have sustained several Indian wars, and now we have built thirty-seven miles of railroad.

All this having been done, are not our cities, our counties and the Territory in debt? No, not the first dollar. But the question may be asked, is not the Utah Central Railroad in debt? Yes, but to none but our own people.

Who has helped us to do all this? I will answer this question. It is the Lord Almighty. What are the causes of our success in all this? Union and oneness of purpose in the Lord.

Having by our faith and unaided labors accomplished the work and achieved the triumph, which we to-day celebrate, we are now asking the parent Government to sanction our labors in this commendable work, and the people of this Territory are also asking to be admitted as a sovereign State into the Union, with all the rights and privileges of a State Government: and I move

we have one. Let all in favor of it say "Aye." A unanimous "Aye" from the assembled thousands was the response.

We have felt somewhat to complain of the Union Pacific Railroad Company for not paying us for the work we did, in grading so many miles of their road. But let me say, if they had paid us according to agreement, this road would not have been graded, and this track would not have been laid to-day. It is all right.

To our friends of the Union and Central Pacific Railroads, we offer our congratulations on their success in their mighty enterprise. Receive our thanks for your kindness to our company; for, so far as I have learned, you have refused us no favor. Let us be one in sustaining every laudable undertaking for the benefit of the human family; and I thank the Companies for their kindness to us, as companies, as superintendents, as engineers, as conductors, etc.

I also thank the brethren who have aided to build this, our first railroad. They have acted as Elders of Israel, and what higher praise can I accord to them, for they have worked on the road, they have graded the track, they have laid the rails, they have finished the line, and have done it cheerfully "without purse or scrip."

Our work is not one for individual benefit, but it is an aid to the development of the whole country, and tends to the benefit and prosperity of the whole nation of which we form a part.

To all present I would say, let us lay aside our narrow feelings and prejudices, and, as fellow citizens of this great republic, join in the celebration of this happy day.

May the blessing of Heaven rest upon us all.

Telegrams expressing regret at their inability to accept the invitation of President Young to be present at the celebration, were read from Governor Stanford, President, A. M. Towne, Esq., General Superintendent, and S. S. Montague, Esq., Chief Engineer, of the Central Pacific Road.

Music from the Camp Douglas Band.

The Vice President of the Utah Central, being called upon for a speech, the following response was made by

WM. JENNINGS.

Ladies and gentlemen: I stand before you this day with feelings in my breast which I feel myself inadequate to express. I am proud that I am a citizen of Utah, and that I am participating with you in the celebration of laying the last rail and driving the last spike of the Utah Central,—the first line of railroad that has been constructed in this Territory. I am proud to think that the last spike in the last rail of the Utah Central is constructed of our native iron; but more because of the wonderful progress in the development of our Territory that has been made since our arrival here, twenty-two years ago. (Cheers.) The construction of thirty-seven miles of railroad may, in the eyes of some, seem but a trifling affair; but when the inconveniences attending our isolated position are considered, and it is remembered that we have not had the ready facilities of commerce enjoyed by those who live on or near the seaboard of the Atlantic or Pacific, and that the Utah Central is the result of home enterprise, and has been constructed solely by the laboring population of Utah, I think it is justly entitled to be considered a great enterprise. The Union and Central Pacific lines, and almost every line of railroad throughout the country have had to be assisted largely by State or National aid when in course of construction; but the Utah Central has had neither, but is the result of the enterprise, unity and labor of the people of Utah. I feel proud of the achievement, and on this occasion, I wish to express my joy and pleasure at being one with you.

To the workmen who have aided in the construction of this road I tender my thanks. I have been with and have traveled amongst them a great deal during the past summer, and I am happy to be able to say that they have labored contentedly and with a spirit becoming Latter-day Saints.

I hope that we shall soon see the day when the "iron horse" will not only place us in direct communication, as it does to-day, with San Francisco in the West, and Boston and New York and all the principal cities of the East, but that there may soon be a chain of railways extending to every city in Utah and through our neighboring Territories of the rocky Mountains.

A salute of one gun and music by martial band, were followed by a

speech from Superintendent of the Utah Central Railroad,

JOSEPH A. YOUNG.

I can say to you who hear me to-day, that speaking is not my forte,—the part I have taken in connection with the building of this railroad has been the working part and not the speaking part. But I feel proud to-day that I have lived to witness the consummation of this great event in our history as a people. When we came into these valleys, over twenty years ago, barefooted, almost without clothing, without provisions, trusting on the arm of God for aid and protection, we found the country barren and desolate, and we have need to be thankful to our Heavenly Father that we have lived to take part in the laying of the last rail and the driving of the last spike of the Utah Central Railroad. I consider it something that we, as a people, may justly be proud of. We have been accused of being exclusive. Where is our exclusiveness now? We invite the East and the West and the North and the South to come up to Zion and learn of her ways. The more our actions and works, as a people, are investigated, the higher we stand in the estimation of those whose good opinion is worth having (cheers). I hope that the last spike of this road will be but the first of the next, which shall extend from this place to the cotton country (Dixie) and I trust to live to see the day when every nook and place in this Territory, that is capable of sustaining human beings, will be settled with good, honest, hardworking people, and that the same will be accessible by railroad, that we may travel from one settlement to another and carry our passengers in comfortable cars; and thus show those who want to know, what we are doing.

Salute of one gun and music by Tenth Ward brass band.

COL. B. O. CARR, of the Union Pacific line was then introduced to make a speech. After presenting the regrets of Superintendent Meade, at his inability to be present, the following remarks were made by

MR. CARR.

This is an occasion of congratulation to all of you, but to us who are strangers, it is more an occasion of wonderment than anything else. We, who have come recently from the East, never expected to find anything like this in this country. It is something like forty years since the first railroad was laid in the United States, and twenty years ago there were only six thousand miles laid in all this vast country; but when the Union and Central Pacific lines were completed there were over forty thousand miles. The Utah Central railroad, although only thirty-seven or thirty-eight miles long, is perhaps the only railroad west of the Missouri river that has been built entirely without Government subsidies; it has been built solely with money wrung from soil which, a few years ago, we used to consider a desert, by the strong arms of the men and women who stand before me. And almost everything, used in its construction but especially the last spike is the product of the country.

Your Superintendent, Mr. Young, said that you are not an exclusive people; but I think, ladies and gentlemen, that you are very much so, so far as the Western country is concerned, in accomplishing so much as you have with so little means and so few advantages to do it. [Great cheering]

All that I have to say further, in regard to exclusiveness, is that I cannot imagine how any man, whether 'Mormon,' 'Gentile,' saint or sinner, can do other than feel happy at the completion of this road. I wish it the utmost success on its journey to the far South.

Salute of one gun, and music by Capt. Croxall's Brass Band.

Chief Engineer of the Western Division of the U. P. R. R. was introduced, and addressed the assembly.

T. B. MORRIS, ESQ.

I have but one word to say to the working men of Utah, and that I would say briefly. I have been fifteen years engaged in railroad business; but I have never seen a single road made to which capitalists did not contribute their money, or the responsibility of which did not fall upon the Government or the State in which said road was made. But here, nearly forty miles of railroad have been built, every shovel full of dirt of which has been removed by the working men of Utah, and every bar of the iron of the road has been placed in position