

"There had been a 'dogery' (saloon) established in the limits of the corporation, which was contrary to the laws of the corporation. The proprietor (a Mr. Cole, I believe,) had been notified several times to close his doors, but failed to take any notice of the same. Brother Joseph was the executive functionary of the corporation at that time, I believe. He ordered out as many men and ox teams as would be necessary to drag the building out of town. The next morning early the building was surrounded. Some of the weather boarding was taken from around the bottom and the chains fastened on. Then the oxen were hitched to it and it was unceremoniously dragged away.

"The city was in a beautiful location, mostly built upon the bluffs, which were a short distance back from the Mississippi river. The people were very thrifty and industrious. At this time they were engaged in building a beautiful Temple. They had many ox teams, which they used for hauling stones to the Temple block, some of the stones being very large. They had built a long shed, under which these stones were dressed. The Temple was then about six feet above the ground, that is, the mason work. There was a large cellar dug underneath the building, in which was a large basin hewn out of stone, I think, which rested upon the backs of twelve oxen. These oxen were beautiful beyond description, the grandeur of which I shall never forget.

"I was there when they used the font for baptizing (the first time it was ever used, I think.) There were a great many people gathered together on that occasion. They had dug a well there for the purpose of supplying the font with water, but the pump would not work, or something was wrong; at any rate they had to haul the water from the river. Brother Joseph, Brigham and Sidney Rigdon were all busy; finally Brother Joseph left, giving Brigham Young charge, and he baptized quite a number that evening."

Mr. Goshorn also gave us a description of the brethren before mentioned as regards their appearance at that time. Thus closed a very interesting interview. Then we traveled on westward into Knox county, where we met a Campbellite minister, with whom we conversed for a short time on the doctrines of the Church of Christ, especially on that subject of divine authority. Finally he became enraged, having contradicted himself a number of times. He took an oath and bade us go on. We thanked him and continued our journey, laboring some in this part, and on July 22nd we returned to our headquarters.

For three days following we were busily engaged in tracting a portion of Bloomfield, and on July 27th we started on another trip, going west and south, laboring in Greene and Knox counties and on our return in Davies county, arriving again in Bloomfield Aug. 7th. During this trip we visited twenty-three families, distributed about the same number of tracts, held five meetings, were disappointed in two meetings, were refused seventeen school and church houses, were refused entertainment by twenty-seven different families, and were compelled to take lodgings in a straw

stack one night (in a so-called Christian neighborhood) in Knox county, having, however, a very soft bed and a pleasant night we rested well; we also walked about 137 miles.

On June 29th last, when we were traveling in the eastern part of this county, we met two young men cradling rye. We preached the Gospel to them for about three hours, during which time they were very attentive and became very much interested. We left them several tracts and went on our way rejoicing being blessed of God by His Spirit. We heard nothing more of the young men till Aug. 8, after our arrival from our last trip, when we learned from the Saints that one of them had been here inquiring for us twice. He returned Aug. 10, after having studied assiduously the principles of the Gospel, and after conversing further on the great plan of salvation. In the evening of Aug. 11 he applied for baptism. Very soon all was ready and the Saints gathered together on the banks of the White river near by, in a rainstorm, to witness the event. They were called to order, sang an appropriate hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder D. S. Robins (who, in company with Elder Ira E. Bradshaw, were visiting us). We then baptized the young man and confirmed him at the water's edge, after which we repaired to the house of Brother Wm. R. Terrill and held meeting. Very instructive and impressive remarks were made by all the brethren and the Spirit of God was made manifest in power, and all rejoiced, giving full vent to their feelings in songs of praise and prayer. After the services were over one of the brethren remarked that the house was filled with angels.

There is a Sabbath school here which was organized by Elders T. H. Barlow and D. R. Roberts the fore part of May last. Brother Wm. R. Terrill is superintendent, Brother Lewis Ashcroft chorister. The school consists of eighteen members and four officers and teachers. It is in a prosperous condition and the progress made since its organization is wonderful. Much interest is being taken by old and young in searching for the things of God. We as Elders rejoice in our labors and feel very thankful to our Heavenly Father that He has seen fit in His mercy to call us to be hunters of the honest in heart. We feel very unworthy for such a position and without His assistance we could not bear up under the responsibilities which are placed upon our shoulders. We feel to acknowledge the hand of God in all things.

The crops here this season are about an average in comparison with other seasons with the exception of fruits, there being but very little to make mention of. The corn crop will be considerably less this year than last on account of the recent drouth of six weeks. This year the average yield of wheat is about thirteen bushels per acre; oats about thirty bushels per acre; potatoes a little more than the seed. The market prices are about as follows at present: Wheat 38c. per bushel; oats 20c. per bushel; corn 50c. per bushel; potatoes 35c. per bushel; butter 12½c. per pound; eggs 8c. per doz.; live spring chickens 6c. per pound; good beeves on foot about 3c. a pound,

Gardens, as a rule, are burned up for want of rain. Horses here, as a rule, are much more valuable than in the West. Coal is from \$1.50 to \$3.00 per ton. After comparing carefully the facilities of the portions of this state which we have visited, with our own dear mountain home, we are led to remark, "Happy Zion, happy Zion, what a favored lot is thine!"

We are inclined to think that the young men and ladies of Zion do not fully appreciate the manifold blessings which God has bestowed upon them, judging somewhat from our own experiences and observations.

Ever praying for the welfare of Zion and for all those who are seeking to establish the Lord's mighty purposes in the earth, we remain humbly and sincerely yours,

DAVID R. ROBERTS,
JAMES R. NILSON,

Indiana Conference of the Northern States Mission.

FROM HUNTINGTON.

HUNTINGTON, Utah,
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This has been a very dry summer in this valley; we have not had any rains that would do the small grain any good. There has been some rain the last few days that will help the corn and other late crops. There has been a little scarcity of water in the Huntington and Price rivers, and one or two settlements have suffered quite a loss. I heard the Bishop of Cleveland make the remark that he thought that settlement would lose ten thousand bushels of grain for want of water.

Harvesting of wheat, oats and barley is now in full blast; some threshing has been done, and some of the wheat has been taken to the mill, and brought home and is being used up in the shape of flour. Flour has been very scarce for a couple of months and the early harvest has been a great blessing to the people.

The Huntington roller grist mill is being pushed rapidly ahead. Several carpenters are busy putting up the frame work, and the company expect to have the mill ready to do most of this fall's grinding in this part of the country.

As a general thing fruit has done well here. Those who have taken care of their orchards are now reaping the benefit. The grain and potato crops are better than an average this year, while the hay and corn are about an average.

Mr. Aleck Johnson staked a fine riding horse too near his father's bee hives the other day. The horse kicked one of the hives over and in return the bees knocked the horse over and stung him so bad that he had to be killed. The horse's cries in his agony were fearful and heartrending to listen to.

We have had quite a number of marriages among our young people the last year; the latest one last week was Mr. Joseph Young, of Huntington, to Miss Delight McConnel, of Long Valley, southern Utah. There are lots more that are old enough and ought to follow the example.

Postmaster Heed, of Albion, Idaho, is short in his accounts \$2,700, caused, it is said, by gambling.