

Elder Seth M. Blair then rose and addressed the people in a political speech of the right kind.

A song was then sung by Bros. Goddard, Stevens, and Bond:—

### FOR THE 24 YOUNG MEN.

BY JAMES BOND.

Hail to Freedom's celebration,  
Hail the day of Liberty;  
Earth shall hear the proclamation,  
Zion's sons henceforth are free.

CHORUS.

We commemorate with gladness  
Freedom's birth—the twenty-fourth;  
Shout, ye saints! away with sadness,  
We're the happiest on the earth.

Hail the day of our arrival  
To the "everlasting hills;"  
Here we find no jealous rival—  
See how fast the bee-hive fills.

Then with songs of joy abounding,  
We to heav'n our voices raise;  
Lo! the vales and hills resounding,  
Swell the happy notes of praise.

We are free from proud oppression,  
Free from tyrants, mobs, and foes;  
Sacred truth is our possession,  
Here the milk and honey flows.

By the great Almighty guided,  
By His revelations led;  
We have gain'd the home provided,  
Fearing none but Christ our head.

When the Lord in indignation  
From the earth the wicked sweeps,  
Here we find complete salvation,  
Safely God His people keeps.

Yet through earth the call extending,  
Here we bid the honest come;  
Righteousness and truth defending,  
We have made a holy home.

Come ye poor for freedom sighing—  
Come from priestcraft's thralldom too,  
Come, on Israel's God relying,  
He will guide you safely through.

Kings, and potentates, and princes,  
Yet shall come to Zion's light;  
God, our King, the world convinces,  
He is Zion's strength and might.

Thus unto the end enduring,  
We our sacred rights maintain;  
Peace and happiness securing,  
Zion's King on earth will reign.

When an eloquent and appropriate speech was delivered by Elder James Ferguson in behalf of the Young Men.

The following song, by Miss E. R. Snow, was then sung by the 24 Young Ladies:—

Long, long ago, when earth and time  
Were in the morn of life,  
All joyous in their lonely prime,  
With fragrant beauty rife:  
All nature then in order crown'd  
With perfect harmony;  
Luxuriant products cloth'd the ground,  
O, there was liberty.

No veil obscured the world on high,  
From those that dwell on earth;  
But in the pathway of the sky,

They journey'd back and forth:  
Then God and angels talked with men,  
And woman too was free;  
For both were pure and sinless then,  
In perfect liberty.

The curse pursued transgression's track,  
And man from God was driven,  
Until the Priesthood brought him back  
To do the will of heav'n.  
We'll shout hosanna to the Lord,  
For what is yet to be;  
When men and earth will be restored  
To God and liberty.

We see the light-house brightly blaze  
Far o'er the boisterous wave;  
With cheering prospects thus we gaze  
On hopes beyond the grave:  
For woman, if submissive here  
To God and man's decree,  
Restor'd, will fill a nobler sphere  
In glorious liberty.

The Lord has set His gracious hand,  
And by His mighty power  
He led His people to this land,  
Preparing for the hour:  
For earth and time are growing old,  
And soon eternity  
Will to the pure in heart unfold  
Celestial liberty.

The following toast, by Miss E. R. Snow, was then given:—"In behalf of the Ladies of the Territory." Ever feeling ourselves honored by the approbation and esteem of the good and the wise of the other sex; we are ambitious to excel in virtue, modesty, and every refinement conducive to the improvement and happiness of society, in proportion as they seem to regard and appreciate that which is excellent.

After which, the following toast was given: "Dr. Bernhisel, the Friend of Deseret."—May his future missions ever be attended with as much satisfaction to this people as his former one, his days lengthened, his mind strengthened, and his name will be remembered to the latest generation for his righteous and benevolent acts.—[Wm. C. Staines.

Dr. Bernhisel responded and gave the following toast:—"The Ladies." Fair as the morn, beautiful as the day, as the evening mild; from them we realize, the sunshine of love in our youth, and the moonlight of friendship in our decline.

The assemblage were dismissed by Pres't. Daniel Spencer.

The order and decorum which prevailed in such a crowded audience, showed that the spirit of God pervaded the breasts of all.—Every countenance was graced with a smile, and each returned to their homes, thanking the Giver of all good, that they were privileged to witness such happy scenes, and to worship Him under their own vine and fig tree, and none make them afraid.

D. H. WELLS,  
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SETH M. BLAIR,  
JETER CLINTON,  
H. S. ELDREDGE,  
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L. E. HARDY,  
S. W. RICHARDS,  
JOSEPH CAIN.

COMMITTEE  
OF  
ARRANGE-  
MENTS.

President Orson Hyde, Elder A. Carrington, and Judge Brocchus, arrived in our valley on Sunday eve, 17th inst. We get no general news from the States of later date, than before mentioned. The party were robbed by the Pawnees and Omahas, as they believed; or as the Indians would say, swapped shirts with them, neglecting to present their blankets in return. They appear to have had a rough and tedious passage, and confirm the strongest reports of the high waters on the Western Frontier; about 500 wagons on the route; our emigration may be expected to commence in the valley in about two weeks; some merchant trains, perhaps this week.

J. Wesley Jones, Esq., Superintendent of the Grand Panorama of the Plains, Salt Lake, and California, has just arrived from California, with his troupe of artists, and reports the following items:

Met the U. S. Mail six miles north-east of thousand spring valley, and sundry trains of emigrants, all in good health.

A company of packers, fourteen in number, were attacked on the 9th day of August, about seven miles north-east of steeple rocks on the Fort Hall road, by about fifty Indians, supposed to be Snakes and half-breeds. The fire came from the willow bushes, and four men fell dead the first charge. The packers were but poorly prepared for fighting; their ammunition being mostly in their packs;—eight men were killed, and the remaining six succeeded in making good their escape to trains in the rear and across on the Salt Lake road. The company was styled the Galena company, from Illinois. The names of the killed were as follows:—Nathan Stewart, J. R. Garlinger, John Woods, John Burton, Jordon Underwood, Capt. M. Russel of Galena, Louis Berry of Shallsberry, and — Chamberlin of Whiteoak Springs.

About \$2000 worth of property was taken, including 12 horses and about \$1000 in cash.

Mr. Jones will report in full to the U. S. Indian Agent, who will, no doubt, favor us with the report for our next.

Mr. Jones reports a great excitement in Sacramento City, the day before he left, in consequence of two men robbing a third in the streets of about \$500. The populace rose en masse, declaring they would demolish the jail and hang the men. The mayor and Judge Robinson succeeded in allaying the excitement by promising to call a court immediately, and try the prisoners, and if guilty, to pass sentence of death by hanging, this being the law enacted by the Legislature, to take effect on the first of July, 1851, on all persons found guilty of Larceny exceeding \$50. Society must be in a flourishing condition.

Mr. Jones also informs us that a company of volunteers under Gen. Winn, crossed the mountains into Carson valley, to hunt Indians. They succeeded in killing an old squaw and a dog, which were too old to run away. The soldiers returned, after drinking the valley dry of liquor, and kicking up a few rows.