DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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NOISY RELIGION.

Description of a Meeting Near the Arctic Circle

IN WHICH ALL IS CONFUSION.

Preaching, Laughing, Crying, Yelling, Smoking and Drinking Constitute Features of Worship.

LULEA, Sweden, Europe,
Oct. 16, 1894.

Editor Deseret News:

Thinking perhaps a few lines from the "land of the midnight sun" would be of interest, I take the pleasure of giving you a brief sketch of my missionary labor travels, etc.

I was called to Elder's mission to Scandinavia and left my mountain home and loved ones on April 14th, 1893, in company with twenty-six Elders, all missionaries for the various parts of Europe. Our journey over land and sea was one of pleasure, with the exception of a couple of days on the stormy ocean. The 5th of May we got to the beautiful city of Copenhagen, which has a population of 350,000. Here is the headquarters of the Scandinavian mission. The company of Elders now only numbered half as we were further divided, one-half to remain in Denmark, the other half to continue the journey to Sweden. Elder David Hoagglen and myself were called to labor in Stockholm's conference, presided over by Aug. Carlson, of Ogden, Utah. After being there one year I was called by N. B. Lundahl, now president of Stockholm's conference, to Norland, to take charge of the district of Lulea. In company with Anton Petersen, of Logan, taking steamer from Stockholm, we arrived in Lulea June 1st, after a rough voyage of seven hundred miles. Here is Lulea is a branch of the Church organized, with a few good and faithful saints who all long to the day to come when they can gather with the Saints in Zion. The hall we hold meetings in belongs to the Saints. During the month of June I visited the city of Haparanda, located at the mouth of the river Torneo, which serves as a dividing line between Sweden and Finland. In company with Elder Anton Petersen, I visited the small villages between Lulea and Haparanda, a distance of 100 miles, selling books and holding meetings, whenever an opportunity of so doing was given us. In a place called Jemton we held an open air meeting on a hill close to town. The population of the whole village turned out to wear for the first time Mormonism preached. Several after the meeting expressed themselves to the effect that what they had heard was the best and most correct doctrine they had heard. Further north the people are most all Lutherans and Laestadians, a queer sect indeed. They derive their name from a man named Laestadius. The headquarters of this sect is at Kalix, half way between Lulea and Haparanda. While I was tracting that city I happened to get into one of their houses of worship. I first came into what I supposed to be a bathroom, around a table were sitting persons of both sexes drinking beer and smoking. This room opened into another of larger dimensions, into which I now entered. Here I found the men with their hats on, smoking big pipes, puffing away, filling the room with smoke, which was now strongly furnigated. I guessed not some of my books, but as they claim they are the only ones who have the true church, with all its powers and blessings, such as healing the sick, casting out devils, talking in tongues, the power to prophesy, etc., of course they did not want any of my books. I was satisfied indeed when they told me they were going to have a religious meeting there, and it was time to commence. I asked permission to attend, which was granted me. Being anxious to have Elder Petersen with me I went to look for him, and when we arrived the service had commenced. The ministers always sit while they preach. The speaker dwelt on the sufferings of the Savior on Calvary, the incidents of which were repeated until the congregation got worked up in their feelings, and all commenced to cry. Now commenced a scene that I shall never forget. The priests, who claim almost God-like claims to have the power and authority to forgive sins, announced in the audience, in the name of Jesus Christ, that their sins were forgiven, and that they are now clean and spotless before God. Then the informal commenced to have strange manifestations of the Holy Ghost. People not used to such phenomena may easily get frightened, as was the case this time. My companion got frightened and made for the door, and I skipped with it to the end, although not very considerable in my heritage. The man was preaching, smoke were coughing, some were yelling while others were crying. Others were barking like dogs. One woman was laying in tongues, going up and down throwing her arms about and making strange sounds. All this was going on for some time. Confusion reigned supreme. This is the general way of conducting their meetings. Much more could be said of their proceedings, but this is probably enough.

Sweden is a beautiful country in the summer time. I have ascended to the top of a mountain to view the surrounding country. At midnight, June 21st, the sun was in the north. I reached in street snapshot a few minutes before 12 o'clock, and then began to rise. It never went out at night. It was a most beautiful spectacle. I also went to the Lapland country and seen the Lapp church, tents and there a small village among the Lapps, which is to the south of us. The eye could reach nothing but the wastes of the gulf of Bothnia was seen. While thus engaged admiring the landscape with the picturesque surroundings, I was sore busy fighting mosquitos, which infest the forests of Norrland by the millions. There is also the horse fly, which is terrible to the poor animals, especially in the reindeer. I have seen big herds of these poor brutes suffering terribly, set frantic by the stings.

Our missionaries have worked energetically in spreading books and holding meetings. The seed has been sown, and in the Lord's own time, I hope it will bear fruit. Here as in other lands the people are prejudiced against us as a people.

The 30th of September we had here in this city a so-called Christian minister, R. W. Freeman, direct from Utah, before us one of the charges against us. He was deceptive and very evasive in his remarks. I stood up in the church and presented against him. I think the majority of the people are too intelligent to believe what he said. After meeting I had a conversation with him. He told me he had got his information regarding the Mormons from an apostate who had lived in Utah early years.

Your valuable DESERET WEEKLY has been coming regularly to me, and is always a welcome visitor.

Respectfully,
JOHN F. LUNDQUIST.

Saloons Ordered to Close.

Mayor Baskin last night issued the following proclamation:

There being an election in this city on the 6th day of November, A. D. 1894, in pursuance of the authority vested in me by law, I as mayor of said city, do hereby forbid the sale, barter, dealing out, or otherwise disposing of spirituous, vinous, malt or other intoxicating liquors within the limits of said city on said day, between the hours of 6 a. m. and 6 p. m.

Given under my hand, this 5th day of November, A. D., 1894.

H. S. BASKIN, Mayor.

Some Legal Scraps.

Edith C. Kirkwhoo has begun suit against Phineas H. Young in the Third district court, alleging that on August 1, 1893, the defendant sold a one-sixth interest in a piece of property described as part of lot 4, block 78, plat A, Salt Lake City survey, for the sum of $6,750, of which $2,743.35 was paid on November 7, 1890, and the balance, $4,006.65, was to have been paid in two years after November 7, the latter to be secured by a mortgage on the property. The mortgage was never legally executed, for the reason that there was a cloud on the title because of a lease to the premises executed to the Middlebaker company. Plaintiff prays that the note and mortgage be delivered up and cancelled and that the defendant return the amount paid in cash, $2,743.35.

In the case of Orson F. Arnold vs. R. M. Jones and the Big Cottonwood Power company, the defendants have filed their answer and cross-complaint in the third district court.

W. S. Fogarty, who obtained a judgment against A. Page, proprietor of the Walker House, a few days ago for $50 and costs, has caused the arrest of Page on the ground that he was about to leave the city with intent to defraud his creditors. Page will be brought before Commissioner McNally for supplementary proceedings in the course. Fogarty is now awaiting trial on a charge of embezzlement.

The preliminary hearing of John Dubel, U. S. deputy, charged with embezzling money with Mrs. Nellie Dot Arnold, has resulted in the dismissal of the charge by Commissioner McNally.

LAST NIGHT'S RALLIES.

Meetings Held at the Theater, Continental Market, Central Theater, Etc.

There were big rallies held in this city by both the Democratic and Republican parties last night. At the Theater Judge Sutherland presided and Hon. John T. Caine, Delegate Cannon and Moses Thatcher were the speakers. At the Continental Market, Geo. E. Rich, John T. Caine, Hailey D. Johnson, Jerrold B. Lutcher and Mr Hewlins.

The Republicans held an open air meeting at the Emporium corner, Hon. Miller presided. The speakers were C. A. Dougherty, Col. M. M. Ralphs, A. S. Gaines, C. C. Wattlemore, R. W. Sears, Nicholas Dorwark, H. S. Joseph and Wiley Brown.

The Republican Workingmen's committee met north at the Central Theater. Speeches were made by Daniel Harrington, M. R. Smith, Col. Trusting, W. G. Van Horne and J. L. Franks.

Old Courthouse Grounds.

Subsequent to the News report of the county court proceedings yesterday, Sosephus Marks presented the following resolutions. It was adopted:

Resolved, That the members of the board of education of Salt Lake City, together with the trustees of the several school districts of Salt Lake county, be invited to meet with the county court on Wednesday, November 14th next, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of considering the propriety and advisability of dedicating to the uses of a public of Salt Lake county, what is known as the old courthouse grounds, the corner of Second South and Second West streets, conditioned, that there shall be erected thereon a high school building for the use of the several districts of said city and county.

And that the county clerk be directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to each, the superintendent of schools of Salt Lake City and Salt Lake county, board of education of Salt Lake City, also to the school boards of the various districts in Salt Lake county within the city. That said meeting be held in the present courtroom as the joint city and county building.

AMUSEMENTS.

CHARLEY'S AUNT.—The sale of seats for Charley's Aunt began at the box office at the Theater this morning. There will be three performances and a Saturday matinee, commencing Thursday night next. In view of the vehemence of the play and the great amount of gratuitous advertising it has received here of late, it should draw large audiences.

Tooele Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Tooele Stake of Zion was held in the Tooele ward meeting house on Sunday and Monday, October 28th and 29th, 1894. There were present on the stand Elders Abraham H. Cannon, of the Twelve Apostles, Hugh S. Gawaine, Charles L. Anderson and George F. Richards, of the Stake presidency, bishops from each of the wards of the Stake and members of the High Council.

10 A. M. OCT. 28.

After the opening exercises Counselor George F. Richards gave a report of the condition of the Stake, and the labors of the presidency. His report showed the general condition of the Stake to be encouraging, the generality of the people living their religion, some more zealous than others, and some neglectful of their privileges and the requirements of the Gospel. He reported a general setting of temporals with the Stake Presidency, High Council and Bishops, each endeavoring to perform their duties.

The Bishops reported their wards in good condition, and the respective organizations, the Relief Society, Young Men's and Young Ladies' Mutual Improvement associations and Primaries in good working order for the coming winter. Within the past two weeks Elder L. John Nuttall has visited the Relief societies of the Stake and in each instance has effected a reorganization of the societies on a system that will be in accordance with the workings of these associated organizations. The day schools of the county are reported in good condition with a prospect before them for a good work in the educational interests of the community.

Elder Abraham H. Cannon addressed the Saints at each meeting, speaking on the necessity of punctuality in all things, and the need of the Saints of this living up to the spirit of the Word of Wisdom, so that when sickness and disease come in the midst of the people the Saints will have a claim on God to obtain the same through the anointing and administration of the Elders and the prayer of faith, that when a physician is called he should be an assistant to the Elder and not the Elder an assistant to the physician. In the political situation before the Saints, they should remember their covenants with the Lord, and not allow political opinions to cause such a condition to exist that we cannot fellowship our brother of the opposite side. The Gospel of life and salvation should be more to a Latter-day Saint than the issues of any political campaign.

The general authorities of the Church and of the Davis Stake were presented and sustained by unanimous vote of the conference.

Elders Charles L. Anderson and William Spry welcomed the Saints to Tooele and the duty of their respective bishoprics in the building of their respective wards. Elder Anderson bore testimony to the reports and instructions given in the conference, as calculated to inspire the Saints to a renewed diligence in the work of the Lord.

On Monday evening a special meeting was held, when Elder A. H. Cannon addressed the congregation, composed mainly of young people, admonishing them to so live humble as to be in such a way as to insure peace and prosperity; cautioning the young men not to become addicted to vices forbidden by the Lord in the Word of Wisdom; young ladies should use their influence for good among the young men to induce them to live lives of reform.

At the last meeting of the conference, held at 1 p. m. on Monday, the mortal remains of Sister Janet Bevan were brought to the meeting house for funeral services. Brother George Atkin briefly spoke on the uses and integrity of the deceased and briefly commented with the Church side of his being one of that noble and patriotic band of men, the Mormon Battalion. At the close of his address Brother Bevan was the senior president of the Forty-third quorum of Seventies. Elder Abraham H. Cannon commenced the funeral services, speaking of the true worth of such men as Brother Bevan. Death is not a stopping place to a higher calling in the performance of our heavenly Father. We should not reserve all our good words and sayings to be said over the lifeless remains of our fellow laborers, but we should spread peace and sunshine around our brethren and sisters while they are alive and can appreciate them. His remarks were full of comfort to the family of the deceased.

The Tooele ward choir under the able leadership of Brother E. Beesly furnished some excellent singing in the conference, which was only appreciated. A good spirit prevailed throughout the entire conference and all felt it was one of the most pleasant and instructive ever held in the Stake.

JOHN W. TAYLOR,
Clerk of Conference.

Glasgow's Municipal Street Cars.

The enterprising city of Glasgow, which with its immediate suburbs will soon contain a million people, has gone so far as to operate its street railways as well as to own them. It constructs its own cars, which are admirably built and arranged, and it is managing the whole service on a productive municipal enterprise with as much success as has been had in our American cities in the management of their fire departments. This new policy began on the first day of last July. We have taken pains to obtain frequent advices from Glasgow since that date, and we assure our readers that the scheme has been successful thus far and has a most auspicious outlook. But Glasgow has tested its municipal government with many large enterprises, and it has only reached this climax after experiments which prove that the municipal government can control and can directly operate services of local supply even more efficiently than any private company, while at the same time the municipal treasury gets the profits. These profits are the one hand lighten the burden of taxation which would otherwise fall on the wealthier part of the community, while on the other hand they place at the disposal of the municipal government a larger fund with which to provide excellent schools, public baths, and various services and attractions for the benefit of the poorer masses of the people.—From "The Progress of the World," November issue of Review.

OBITUARY NOTE.

ANNIE JANE ANDRUS.

Died at Richmond, Utah, Oct. 27th, 1894, Annie Jane Andrus, relict of Milo Andrus. Deceased was born January 26th, 1813, in New York, and was married Feb. 27, 1833, at Florence, Huron county, Ohio. She embraced the Gospel in 1835, and emigrated to Utah in 1848. She was the mother of eight children; her posterity numbers 70 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild. At her funeral the entire house was filled with mourning relatives, who followed her to her last resting place.

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