

Cheyenne city is built. We killed an old buffalo bull near Independence Rock on the Sweetwater and had a rare feast; arrived in Winter Quarters on the 11th of April safe and sound, with all our animals in tack, but faded like ourselves.

President Brigham Young and the rest of the brethren received us kindly. They were preparing for the journey to the valley and were rejoiced to learn that all was going on right when we left. The brethren separated to find their families, and as there were a great number of letters for St. Louis, President Young called upon me to carry the news to that place. I there found my clothing at Wilford Woodruff's home, sent from St. Louis by the steamboat, in my absence from which I felt gratified, as I had left all to go with the Pioneers, and now my clothing was a Godsend, for I replaced my old gray buckskins for a brand new suit of broadcloth and proceeded on my labors of love to St. Louis, where I was hailed with delight, and lauded by the Saints, who had the welfare of Zion in their hearts. I went to work with a will in the coal mines for a new outfit and returned in 1849, when all the world was on wheels, after gold, in California. Since then I have filled many missions to the states, east and west, and one to Scotland in the year 1860, and returned in 1863 in charge of 750 souls in the old ship Synosure, and crossed the Plains with them in Thomas Roke's company in 1863. On the 5th of October we landed in Salt Lake City and was called upon to tell in the Bowery, by President Brigham Young, our experience. I am here yet among the faithful seeking for a place among the Pioneers of 1847, if you deem me worthy of that honor.

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UTAH EARLY NAIL MAKING.

George J. Taylor informs us in regard to the nail making business referred to by Samuel L. Adams in the NEWS of the 3rd inst., that he never claimed to have made the first cut nails in Utah in 1862. He did state, however, that for two or three years, about 1862 to 1864, he ran the first nail machine ever made in Utah; that it was made by A. W. Sabin some years before. Mr. Taylor still has the machine in his possession. During the time that Mr. Taylor was running the factory the rolling mill gave out and he had a pair of new and larger rollers made. They were forged by James Lawson, out of heavy tire iron, at his shop in the Seventeenth ward, and were turned out by Wm. J. Silver on his lathe. As to whether Mr. Adams's machine (which Mr. Taylor never heard of before) was made earlier than Mr. Sabin's is a matter to be decided by the commission. According to all accounts, Mr. Sabin was an able mechanic and has the credit of making the first revolvers ever made in Utah, as well as the shaper and planer used in their construction. One of these pistols doubtless would prove an object of interest to mechanics, if it could be exhibited at the forthcoming fiftieth 24th. These revolvers were made of tire iron. In regard to the nail business, the credit might be justly given Daniel H. Wells for introducing the first nail

machinery in Utah which made a complete cut nail, as all others, though cut by machinery, were headed by hand. Mr. Taylor has the Sabin machine now in his possession. It is strongly constructed of heavy wrought iron, and contains the steel cutters yet sharp enough to bite the head off a nail. It was exhibited in one of our recent Territorial fairs and was labeled "First nail machine in Utah, made by A. W. Sabin." It was seen by thousands, and Mr. Taylor never heard of this statement of its being the first machine being disputed before, and consequently believed the statement of his informant correct.

JUAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of Jush Stake of Zion was held in the Nephi Tabernacle Saturday and Sunday, April 27th and 18th, 1897.

Saturday, 10 a. m.—There were present during the conference Elder George Teasdale of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, Dr. Karl G. Maeser, general superintendent of the Church schools and religion classes, William Paxman, president of the Juab Stake, and his counselors; also Bishops of some of the wards.

Elder James W. Paxman made opening remarks; spoke of the blessings of the Lord that are bestowed upon the people, and the prophecies that are being fulfilled, and gave a favorable report of the ecclesiastical affairs of the Stake.

Elder Charles Sperry expressed his pleasure at meeting with the Saints in conference, and said it is the right of the Saints to receive the blessings and revelations of God concerning them if they live right.

President Paxman exhorted the Saints to faithfulness that they may receive the blessings of the Gospel, and said we should become acquainted with all the principles of the Gospel and live up to them. Spoke forcibly regarding the law of tithing, the necessity of being more diligent in training the youth of Zion and building up Zion in every way.

Saturday, 2 p. m.—Elder Ira N. Hinckley, president of Millard Stake, was the first speaker. He compared the early conditions of the latter day work with the present; spoke of the duties of the Latter-day Saints and the necessity of living up to the principles of truth.

Elder Karl G. Maeser spoke of our mission upon this earth; said that our life here is a kind of kindergarten to prepare us for a higher life. We are dependent upon God for everything that we enjoy upon this earth. As a token that we recognize His blessings we are requested to give one-tenth of our income. The Latter-day Saints should give due respect to those in authority over them. If we could understand the responsibility of parentage we would be more careful in training the youth. Our missions were assigned to us before we came here. The precious spirits were selected to come forth at this time and their surrounding should be made favorable to a good bringing up.

Elder George Teasdale said he felt pleased with the testimonies borne by the preceding speakers, and said in reflecting upon what had been uttered

his mind was led to the hymn contained on page 277 of the hymn book, he read and commented upon. He said that each one who refrained from complying with the laws and ordinances of the Gospel was just that far in depriving themselves of eternal life in the kingdom of God; exhorted the Saints to so live that they might be worthy to receive a celestial glory; advised the people to attend to their duties and the Lord would aid them by His spirit.

Elder William Paxman made a few closing remarks.

Saturday evening at 7:30 Priesthood meeting was held. Elders George Teasdale and Karl G. Maeser were the speakers. They made some timely remarks upon the duties and privileges of the Priesthood.

Sunday, 10:30 a. m.—Elder John Adams was the first speaker. He bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel; said that he had had a desire from his youth to be connected with the true church of Christ, and compared the condition of the Latter-day Saints with those who know not God. Elder L. A. Bailey related his early experience in the Church and said his labors had been principally among the young as he had been an earnest worker in the Sabbath school for thirty years; bore his testimony to the truth of the Gospel.

Elder David Connelley gave a report of the condition of the Eureka ward; said there was a great interest manifested among the Saints of Eureka. He bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel and the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith.

Elder Hinckley of the Millard Stake said he rejoiced in the testimony of the preceding speakers; said the greatest riches a young man can possess is a knowledge of the Gospel; encouraged the Saints to be faithful to the principles of truth and true to each other.

Sunday, 2 p. m. Elder Kris G. Maeser first addressed the Saints. He quoted from the thirtieth chapter of St. Mark, 22nd verse, "In the last days will come false Christs and false prophets who will lead astray even the elect if it were possible." Who are the elect? They are those who have accepted the Gospel and remained faithful to covenants they made. Our free agency has never been taken from us, neither will it ever be taken away. God never destines one to eternal glory and the other to eternal damnation. The consequences of our present life are the result of our past life, as the consequences of our future life will be the results of our present life. Through baptism we become entitled to all the blessings of the Gospel, but if we exercise our agency in doing wrong these blessings will not be ours. Some minds are led astray by one temptation and some by another. We should fortify ourselves against these temptations. Before the Savior comes to reign upon the earth there will be many things to cause us to stumble and even cause some to fall.

Elder George Teasdale testified to the truths that had been expressed by the previous speaker; said that we receive a testimony of the truth through experience. We are led astray by listening to the whisperings of the evil one. We are prepared by obedience