

surrounding circumstances. In all the deep trials and unprecedented persecutions of Joseph and the Saints, through which they had to pass, there was the still, small voice that whispered peace, the soul sustaining power of the Almighty, whose hand was, and is, over His servants and people.

Saints have had to suffer in all ages. They had to suffer extremely in the days of Jesus, and so they will still have to suffer persecutions and deep trials from the ungodly, until in the own due time of the Lord, Zion shall arise in her might and great glory, and put all her enemies under her feet. Zion's king will come, with His hosts and He will tread the wine press in the fierceness of His wrath. Fearful indeed will be the day of His wrath, and who may abide the day of His coming? But the Scriptures must be fulfilled; these scenes must be enacted; the wicked must ripen for their own destruction; they must bind themselves in bundles; this great proud nation must, by her rulers and priests, drive the wedge closer and closer until the dividing line is fully drawn in the midst of this people, and righteousness is laid to the line and judgment to the plummet.

This is the way I understand the Scriptures and the revelations of God to His people. The wicked must prepare themselves for their own destruction, and we expect to see all the prophecies of the servants of God, come to pass, for Jesus says: "Though the heavens and the earth pass away, my word shall not pass away."

We, having a knowledge of these things, are looking steadily forward for their fulfillment. Man may propose, man may decree, laws may be unjustly enacted, and enforced with rigor; all the injustice imaginable may reign in the courts; men with no character and reputation for morality—men who, if they had their deserts would be placed behind the prison bars—may be and are impeached, and sit and convict you and send you to prisons. Yet God rules and reigns; the waters trickle down the hills, the sun rises and sets, and the Saints are enabled to rejoice in what they are called upon to pass through, and could in their hearts shout Hosannah! Hosannah to God and the Lamb! They know the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth, and they are steadily looking forward to the coming of the Son of Man, and for the winding up scene.

As I look at these things, these are only the beginning of the days of trouble, the end is not yet, and the crisis has not yet fully come; but in all these great dark days of trial and clouds of persecution there is hope looming up in the heart of every Latter-day Saint, and that sweet voice whispers peace to the soul; stand ye in holy places; stand still and see the salvation of God. It will as surely come to the honest son and daughter of Zion as that to-morrow morning's sun will shine.

When I reflect on this unallowable usage, that is inaugurated with relentless cruelty in Utah, Idaho, Arizona and elsewhere, I can only exclaim: The Lord's will be done, not ours! Let these things come to pass; the wicked are hastening the deliverance of Zion; they are hurrying the downfall of the nation.

Language fails, when we calmly look at the situation of many of the families of the Saints. The husbands and fathers are in prisons or are in jeopardy, their homes are broken up, their houses are empty, their wives and children are scattered abroad, or fleeing from the inquisition of packed jails and unjust judges; peaceful, happy, quiet, contented homes; with cheerful, loving, true-hearted wives, whose affections and endearments are entwined around each other and their husband; where immaculate children prattle, where discord never came, and where life to life each seemed to give, and almost like a family of heaven on earth, peace reigned supreme—these homes are broken up and deserted! What for? They have not committed sin! They do not lie nor steal! They have not committed murder! They are not guilty of incest, infanticide, and the abominable sins committed by the people of the world; they do not hate each other; they have done no mean thing; they worship the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and bow in holy reverence to His name morning and night; they thank Him for life, for the hope of eternal life, for the Gospel of the Son of the living God, and for the ordinances of His house; they labor to do good to each other and to their fellow man; they comfort the sick, and administer relief to the distressed; they help feed the hungry and clothe the naked; many go daily to God's most holy house, and assist to redeem the living and the dead; they seek to honor God and His Christ, and keep His law; and for this, and because they are the children of God, they must be scattered, and their homes broken up, by the wicked who know not God. They are insulted by the Judge upon the bench; they are asked to give up their wives, to make bastards of their children and prostitutes of their daughters; they are required to deny God and renounce His work, and then they will be good citizens and taken to the bosoms of the Judges. They are asked to come out from the people of God and receive liberty and protection! Does the viper protect its victim when once in its power? Does any wild ferocious animal or reptile afford protection to the victim when once in its embrace and ready to be devoured?

My dear brethren, can we do this: can we afford to break the most solemn

covenants that man ever made with God in the presence of angels? Can we afford to break the heartstrings, and put from us pure and spotless women, and cause them to become outcasts? Can we afford to deny our own flesh and blood—our children, born to us by the authority of God in the new and everlasting covenant? Can we afford to prove recreant to our vows, and break the sanctity of the holy bonds of matrimony, made for time and all eternity? Can we afford to deny the Lord and his goodness, and sink ourselves down to hell in order to please the judges? Can we afford to bow the knee to Baal, and renounce our holy religion? Can we afford to deny our own existence and forsake God and His Christ, because the fiat of the judge has gone forth that we must come under the law?

You, each of you, by your manly course, have testified by your action that you are what you profess to be—servants of the Almighty! and that you will never seek, the Lord being your helper, to dissolve your marriage vows and become like some who bow down like cringing slaves to the mandates of unjust, unholy decrees of wicked men.

No; every true son of Zion knows too much for that! They have been in holy places before God, and have felt His power and influence, even to the burning of the marrow in the bones; they know by unspeakable testimonies that this work is true; they know there is a hereafter! they know that God lives, and that His power, His authority, and His rule are upon the earth, and abides in the hearts of His holy anointed. And that His law, His authority, His divine decrees, and His Spirit, have no place in the hearts of those who are seeking to drive his people to the wall.

Our great nation is binding itself strong in fetters, by the teachings of men, who while they profess to be followers of the meek and lowly Jesus, know Him not.

Brethren, you bear me witness, that we have been warned and forewarned that these things would be. Shall we shrink from that great responsibility that is placed upon us? Shall we fear chains of bondage and imprisonment from the judge, more than we fear God and His laws?

Your action, your feelings and your decisions are echoed in the hearts of every true Latter-day Saint, Never! no never!

Though prison doors open before us; though they creak on their hinges and the grim, horrid oaths and execrations of murderers and corrupt men therein, greet our ears and cause the heart's blood to chill, yet we cannot, we must not flinch!

Surely your reward will be great in the kingdom of heaven!

Then what more can I write to comfort you in all your lonely prison hours? You have passed the Rubicon! With the Saint there is no go back! Our homes, our wives, our children, our lives, all that we possess; our blessings for time and all eternity are upon the altar. We have staked all that we have and all that we ever expect to have for this cause, and we must patiently submit and await the issue and abide by its result.

When I think of these things I cannot unbosom myself and describe to you all that I feel. Language fails; pen, ink and paper are poor mediums of communicating the feelings of our hearts, but they are the best we have.

We are helpless so far as the responsibility of the laws and commandments of God are concerned. We did not make them; we cannot change them. We are in His hands and are in safe keeping. We know our present existence on this earth is only a short probation, sufficient only in which to prepare us for a glorious hereafter, and when we lay our bodies down, either in the midst of friends, in peace, laid away in our robes of state to await the resurrection of the just, or in prisons, among strangers, shorn of our proper clothing, or fall as martyrs, all, all is well with us. We shall arise again, and take our train of wives and children and redeemed friends with us, and receive admission into the Celestial kingdom of God, because of the oath and covenant He has made, and because of the faithfulness on our part.

"How long must these things continue? "How long, O Lord! holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?"

"And white robes were given unto every one of them. And it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled."

Brethren, be faithful to your trust; may grace abound with you; may peace flow unto you; may angels be with you! Day dawn is drawing nigh; there never was a night so long, but what the sun shone afterwards.

Your brother, and fellow servant in the bonds of brotherhood,

MARCUS.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MISSIONARY WORK IN SOUTH CAROLINA.

PARIS, Spartanburg Co., S. C., October 7th, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

Trusting a few words from this section may find room in your valuable paper, we submit the following: The five Elders, W. G. Cragun, J. A. Fraughton, Heber Wright, Wm. H.

Gardner and Jos. Thorup, now laboring in this State and W. E. Bingham met at this point October 3, to welcome the President of the mission and be instructed by him in relation to our duties as the servants of God.

During his stay of two days we held three meetings, and the appreciation of the visit can best be understood by those who have experienced similar meetings.

The majority of this branch is made up of Catawba Lamanites, and it is gratifying to hear them bear their testimonies to the truth of the Gospel and sing the songs of Zion, thus establishing the fact that the time for the redemption has come.

Proselyting here to use a southern phrase is "just sorta," but the mocratic spirit has abated "right smart," and, full of encouragement occasioned by our President's visit, we feel confident that some of the seed now being scattered will fall upon good soil,

HEBER WRIGHT, Secretary pro tem.

GOOD SHIP CONSTITUTION.

Captain Right Commanding.

October 12th, 1885.

Editor Deseret News:

I send you some of the cogitations of my mind as I voyage.

When the Lord created and set in order the solar system He placed the sun in the centre, to be the fountain and centre of attraction for all the planets revolving around it, all of which receive their light and heat from the great central orb, which is many thousand times larger than all the planets combined.

By contrast, I have been considering another system created and set in order by wise (?) men in our day. I allude to the judiciary system for the overthrow and destruction of the religion of the Latter-day Saints in Utah. The framers and builders placed the little, insignificant act of Congress known as the Edmunds law in the centre, and created out of nothing a large number of huge planets exceeding Jupiter in magnitude, with many moons each, they named them constructions; and they revolve around the little orb in the centre, which, unlike the sun in the solar system is many thousand times smaller than the planets. Another difference is that the planets (constructions) give out all the light for the entire system; the center orb is a little twinkling star of the smallest magnitude in comparison. It makes the penalty for cohabiting with more than one wife only \$300 fine and six months imprisonment, while the great planets (constructions) make it \$387,500, fine and 646 years imprisonment.

I would naturally suppose that the makers of the little star in the center of the system, when they behold these huge planets will feel that they are left far in the rear.

I once heard of a dog that had a monster tail—so large that he could not wag it, and the tail had to wag the dog.

I have also heard it said that when the Lord made men the Devil was much delighted to see such a beautiful piece of work, and knowing himself to be very ingenious and smart, he concluded to make a man also. He went to work, and produced the gorilla, a huge creature with ten times the physical strength of man but entirely destitute of intelligence.

PASSENGER.

JUAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

NEPHI, Utah, October 19, 1885.

The quarterly Conference of the Juab Stake of Zion was held at Nephi, Oct. 17th, and 18th. 1885. There were present of the Quorum of the Twelve, Apostles Lyman, Grant and Taylor, who addressed the Saints, exhorting them to repentance and to be diligent and faithful in keeping the commandments of God. The principles of the Gospel were expounded in great plainness.

Pres. Canute Peterson, of Sanpete Stake, also addressed the Saints on matters relating to the Manti Temple, making an earnest appeal to the Saints to be faithful in paying their Temple donations so that the building may be completed in due time and the Saints receive their blessings.

Brother B. H. Roberts, who has been making a tour through the southern part of Utah, lecturing to the Young Men's and Young Ladies' Improvement Associations, and traveling in the interests of the Contributor, attended our conference, and we had the pleasure of listening to two very eloquent discourses delivered by him.

The general authorities of the Church were sustained and some few changes were made and some vacancies filled in the Church organization of the Nephi branch.

A good spirit prevailed throughout the conference, and the people had an enjoyable time together.

Yours respectfully, THOMAS GRAWLEY, Clerk.

Lord Roseberry, in a speech at Sheffield this evening, said England must be prepared to face the question of State emigration as an antidote to depression in trade.

Professor Edward S. Holden, of the University of Wisconsin, was to-day elected president of the University of California.

TWO NOTED MINSTRELS,

WHO HAVE WON FORTUNES AND WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT STAGE LIFE.

"Billy" Emerson has recently made a phenomenal success in Australia, and is rich.

Emerson was born at Belfast in 1846. He began his career with Joe Sweeney's minstrels in Washington in 1867. Later on he jumped into prominence in connection with Newcomb's minstrels with whom he visited Germany. He visited Australia in 1874 and on his return to America joined Haverly's minstrels in San Francisco at \$500 a week and expenses. With this troupe he played before her majesty, the queen, the Prince of Wales, and royalty generally. After this trip he leased the Standard Theatre, San Francisco, where for three years he did the largest business ever known to minstrelsy. In April last he went to Australia again, where he has "beaten the record."

"Billy" is a very handsome fellow, an excellent singer, dances gracefully, and is a true humorist.

"Yes, sir, I have traveled all over the world, have met all sorts of people, come in contact with all sorts of customs and had all sorts of experiences. One must have a constitution like a locomotive to stand it."

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George H. Primrose, whose name is known in every amusement circle in America, is even more emphatic, if possible, than "Billy" Emerson in commendation of the same article to sporting and traveling men generally, among whom it is a great favorite.

Emerson has grown rich on the boards and so has Primrose, because they have not squandered the public's "favors."

A Winnipeg dispatch says Riel has been respited until Nov. 10th.

A powerful committee, composed of Lords Bandon and Castletown and several other prominent gentlemen, has been formed to assist people of every class in Ireland who have been boycotted, and to advance funds to all persons or corporations willing to oppose boycotting.

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It is generally believed in Rome that the Archbishop of Baltimore will shortly be made Cardinal.

A St. Paul dispatch says: Orders were promulgated by the Treasury Department to-day, prohibiting the shipment of wheat from Dublin in Canadian bottoms.

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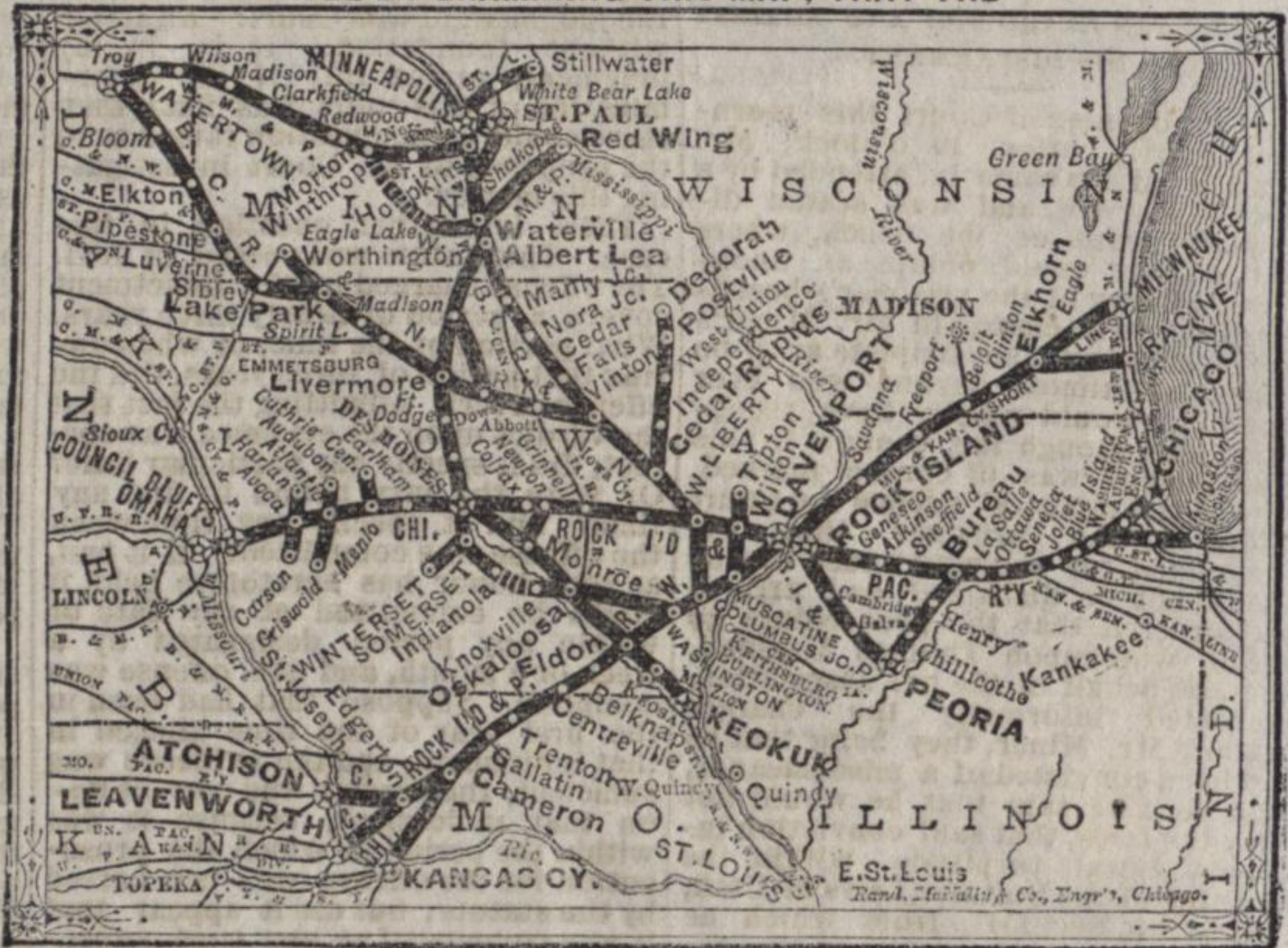
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