

THE NORTHWESTERN STATES MISSION.

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Progress of the Gospel Work in the
States of Montana, Idaho, Wash-
ington and Oregon.—Elders
Preach the Divine Mission of the
Prophet Joseph Smith, and the
Inspired Leadership of President
Brigham Young—People of the
West Above Mob Rule.—Young
Men Urged to Learn to Sing.

I feel thankful to God for the bless-
ings that we have received this day by
the inspiration of the Holy Spirit in
the inspired remarks of the
brethren who have spoken. To come
from the missionary field and look upon
the faces of the Saints and hear the
voice of inspiration from the mouths
of the prophets, is a great privilege. It
is greatly enjoyed by those who from
day to day and from month to month
go through the great cities of our land
and seldom look upon a friendly face.
The Northwestern States Mission, over
which I have been called to preside, is
a small mission in some respects. It
consists of the State of Washington,
British Columbia, Montana, and a part
of Idaho. I took the presidency of that
mission in May last. I found about twenty
great cities in the mission, and many
large towns, and there were only eight
Elders. They were so few and so inex-
perienced that it seemed when I ar-
rived there like we had nothing to work
with. But we commenced a little more
systematically than the Elders had been
doing, and we started to hold street
meetings in Spokane, and in Butte,
where they had almost given up the
where they had almost given up the
speaking so much upon faith, repentance
and baptism, as we have in years
past, we were led to preach upon the
divinity of the mission, and God had once
and upon the fact that God had once
again uttered His voice from the heav-
ens, and that He had sent forth divine-
ly authorized servants into the great
field of the world to warn the people
of the judgments of God that are com-
ing upon the earth; for the people of
Washington and Montana are so utterly
indifferent to the Bible and its con-
tents that those whom the Elders can
reach seem to have no interest in those
things. We cannot reach the family
members in the various cities where we
labor; for they reject us, shut us out,
and will not have us. When we preach
on the streets our tongues are loosed
upon the subject of the coming of the
son of God and the signs that were to
precede it, and we are led to proclaim
that this people are the ones that are
doing this great and marvelous work.
We have also been able, by the power
and inspiration of the Holy Ghost, to
defend the Prophet Brigham Young, and
to show up the majesty and the
greatness that rested upon him in es-
tablishing the Latter-day Saints in this
place, where in the beginning, when we
looked down at the earth, it was like
a sea-beach, and when we looked at the
heavens, the sun's scorching rays came
down upon our unprotected heads with-
out pity. We did not know anything
about irrigation, and we could not tell,
if we dropped the seed in the soil,
whether it would ever grow. We have
told the people that in the midst of

these difficulties, so huge and so appall-
ing, there was one potent voice—the
voice of Brigham Young, who, sticking
his cane in the soil, said, "Here shall
be erected the Temple of our God;" and
there was one voice that could say,
"Here shall be builded a great city."
We have testified to this, and to what
it has done for the people of the west;
and when we have defended the prophe-
cies and declared these things, we have
been received royally, and our hearts
have been made to rejoice when we
went on the streets without fear and
trembling.
In the mission we now have 15 Elders
in all, a few of whom are in Spokane,
a few in Butte, and a couple in Ana-
conda. Western men do not threaten to
mob us. They seem to feel above it.
When we have been attacked on the
streets by some wicked or quarrelsome
person, we have found that we had de-
fenders, who rose up and spoke well of
us; while some have borne testimony
to the greatness of the men that set-
tled this country and made it possible
to settle the other countries west of
here. We have three branches of the
Church—one in Butte, one in Anaconda,
and one just established in Spokane
with 22 members. In the five months I
have been there we have baptized 17.
We have Sunday schools in two of our
branches, and expect to establish one
in Spokane next Sunday or the Sunday
following. In Spokane we have to hold
our Sabath meetings in our private
residence, and we are beginning to have
it crowded each Sunday, with as many
strangers as Saints. Our Elders are
young men, without any training in
singing. You ought to go out on the
streets and see how lamentable it is to
call what we do singing. Men that
cannot carry a tune, to save their lives;
but, like Brother Grant, they are per-
severing, and we are getting so that we
sometimes sing in harmony, if the Spirit
of the Lord rests upon us. If I were
to speak my mind, I would say to the
rising generation of men who expect to
fulfill missions in this Church, learn to
become good singers; learn to sing in
parts, so that you can form singing
clubs. When you go into the missionary
field it will help you greatly, and it will
open doors to you that will not be
opened if you do not possess that gift.
Brethren and sisters, in our mission
we have not been able to set the world
on fire by any means. I never saw
such indifference as there seems to be
there. Men do not want you to speak
the word "religion" in their hearing.
They have their business to attend to,
and they won't talk religion. There is
only one here and there that cares to
speak upon the principles of the Gospel.
But we have considerable opposition
there from the ministers, and from
some apostates that have been spewed
out of the mouth of the Lord. They
get into our street meetings and begin
to abuse the prophets and find fault
with us and the word of God; but we
ignore them. We will not contend with
them, and they are getting so that they

have no following, and I am glad of it.
In the cities where we preach on the
streets, we have good crowds to hear
us, and some of them are quite intelli-
gent and attentive; but they are not
made up of men who care anything
about it after we are through. Some
of them will come and bear testimony
to the excellent character of our people,
and that is all. We have a number of
scattered Saints there, among them
some young people, and they are hoping
that some day they may come where
they can get good companions and mar-
ry. They are holding themselves from
the company of the wicked, trusting
that in the future they may have the
blessing of becoming united with the
righteous. They are mixed up with the
sectarians, and we cannot hold meet-
ings with them. The best we can do is
to send an Elder among them occasion-
ally, and then very often they cannot
get a schoolhouse to meet in. But we
feel blessed and encouraged. We have
the still small voice up there, and re-
ceive of the inspiration of the Holy
Ghost. We feel to bless the name of
the Lord who gave us that mission, and
to proclaim His Gospel. We would be
discouraged, did we not know that it is
His work, and not ours.
One evening, on the streets of Butte,
we met a minister, who got up a new
argument against us. We had been
preaching that a church without apos-
tles and prophets, pastors and teachers,
called by divine revelation from God,
was not the body of Christ; that a
church which did not have these offi-
cers was a thing without parts, with-
out limbs, without eyes, and that a
church without the Holy Ghost was
dead. This man said that he wanted to
tell the people that we were a deforma-
lity. He had studied Mormonism seven
months, and he said the Mormons be-
lieved in a great many things that were
not in the New Testament. He went
on to say that we believe in three Pres-
idents to preside over the church, and
there was no such thing established by
Jesus; we believed in High Priests, and
there had been no High Priests in the
Church in the days of Jesus; we be-
lieved in Patriarchs, and there was no
such thing as Patriarchs provided for
in the New Testament days. He con-
tinued, "if we are a body that is dead,
without limbs or eyes, what are they?
Are they not a body with three ears,
and four arms, and eight legs?" And
he called us a deformity. Well, the peo-
ple did not receive him very well, and
the answer of the young Elder to his
remarks was so overwhelming against
him that he departed very quickly. We
have been blessed and prospered, and it
has not been possible for whatever in-
telligence has been brought against the
work of God to bring it into shame or
humiliation. I will tell you what we
need in that mission. We need 80 El-
ders. But they are giving us misson-
aries just as fast as they can spare
them, and we are thankful for them.
I ask God the Eternal Father to bless
this work, to promote its interest every-

where, to bless the missions and the
mission presidents, with all the misson-
ary Elders, to bless the Presidency of
the Church and all the interests of this
people everywhere. I ask God to bless
them all, and to plant our feet where-
ever we are colonized, and that our
may be those of salvation that shall
attract men to us. I ask it in the name
of Jesus. Amen.

WHERE WOMAN RULES.
There is a remarkable community in
Abyssinia where the women, without
holding meetings or agitations of any
kind, have emancipated themselves. All
the women work hard, while the men
are idle; but by way of compensation
the house and all it contains belong to
the wife. At the least unkind word she
turns the husband out at night, in
storm or rain, and he cannot come back
until he makes amends by the gift of
a cow. The wife considers it a duty to
abuse the husband, and if she were
well enough to show any love for him
in life or grief at his death she would
be scorned by her tribe. The wife,
without reason, may strike her tent and
go, taking with her one-third of the
joint possessions. The husband, unless
he is traveling, may not live out of his
tent.—Golden Penny.

NOBODY IS EXEMPT.
A New Preparation Which Everyone Will
Need Sooner or Later.
Almost everybody's digestion is disor-
dered more or less, and it is to take some one
of the many so called blood purifiers,
which in many cases are merely strong
cathartics. Such things are not needed.
If the organs are in a clogged condition,
they need only a little help and they
will right themselves. Cathartics irri-
tate the sensitive linings of the stomach
and bowels and often do more harm
than good.
Purging is not what is needed. The
thing to do is to put the food in condi-
tion to be readily digested and assim-
ilated. Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets do
this perfectly. They partly digest what
is eaten and give the stomach just the
help it needs. They stimulate the se-
cretion and excretion of the digestive
fluids and relieve the congested condi-
tion of the glands and membranes.
They put the whole digestive system in
condition to do its work. When that is
done you need take no more tablets,
unless you eat what does not agree with
you. Then take one or two tablets—
give them needed help and you will
have no trouble.
It's a common sense medicine and a
common sense treatment and it will
cure every time. Not only cure the dis-
ease but cure the cause. Goes about it
in a perfectly sensible and scientific
way.
We have testimonials enough to fill a
book, but we don't publish many of
them. However—Mrs. E. M. Faith, of
Byrd's Creek, Wis., says:
"I have taken all the Tablets I got of
you and they have done their work well
in my case, for I feel like a different
person altogether. I don't doubt if I had
not got them I should have been at rest
by this time."
H. E. Willard, Onslow, Ia., says:
"Mr. White of Canton, was telling me
of your Dyspepsia Tablets curing him
of Dyspepsia from which he suffered
for eight years. As I am a sufferer my-
self I wish you to send me a package
by return mail."
Phil Brooks, Detroit, Mich., says:
"Your Dyspepsia cure has worked won-
ders in my case. I suffered for years
from dyspepsia but am now entirely
cured and enjoy life as I never have be-
fore. I gladly recommend them."
It will cost 50c to find out just how
much Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will
help you. Try them—that's the best way
to decide.

HOW THE PUEBLOS KEEP CHRISTMAS,

The Pagan Rites of the Indians Are All Mixed Up With
The Ceremonies of the Catholic Church.

The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico
celebrate Christmas in their primitive
way, and, although they profess Chris-
tianity, they also observe their relig-
ious as well as their tribal customs,
says the New York Evening Post. On
Christmas eve the inhabitants of each
village assemble at the estufa (place
of worship, and elect officers for the
ensuing year. Men and boys over 15
years of age, if the latter have
proved their worthiness in the chase,
select the candidates by a viva voce
vote. Women are not permitted in the
estufa. The officers elected are gov-
ernor of the village, war chief, police
official and a council of five members
as a kind of a cabinet for the govern-
or. The governor, by the advice and
consent of his cabinet, sets the time
for the chase, when the entire village
turns out; also designates the time to
irrigate the little patches, the time to
go to work and is ex-officio adminis-
trator of justice. The war chief di-
rects the pasturing of stock and pres-
ides over the chase, when the village
turns out. He is the chief of police, con-
stable, judge and jury combined. Only
serious cases of crime are referred to
the governor and council.

que, N. M., is the largest of the 20
Pueblo villages in the territory, and
the celebration here is always attended
by a large crowd of whites. It lasts two
or three days, during which there are
horse racing, cocking mains and other
night and day. One of the games is
chusa, similar to the American rou-
lette, with a hidden spring which the
dealer touches. Another sport is el
gallo—the burying of a rooster in the
sand, leaving his head above the sur-
face. The best riders in the village
are selected to compete. They form
in a front line at a distance of 100
yards, and charge down upon the roos-
ter. The rider, going at full run leans
from his saddle and grabs at the head
of the rooster. If he catches the fowl,
he is applauded as the victor. He then

paces for his horse with all the other
horsemen after him, with the intention
of depriving him of his trophy. If
they take the fowl from him before he
reaches home, he is shorn of his laurels,
and in the scramble the unfortu-
nate rooster is often torn to pieces.
When a rider misses catching a roos-
ter's head, every one laughs, and if he
falls from his horse he is greeted with
shouts of derision and epithets of
"squaw man."
There are services in the church
each morning during the festa, with
the usual game and sports in the af-
ternoon and dancing at night. The
services are Roman Catholic—all Pue-
blos being members of that church.
They, however, observe some of their
own rights in secret—the dance being
part of their creed worship.

Out of Death's Jaws.
"When death seemed very near from
a severe stomach and liver trouble, that
I had suffered with for years," writes
P. Muse, Durham, N. C. "Dr. King's
New Life Pills saved my life and gave
perfect health." Best pills on earth
and only 25c at Z. C. M. I. Drug depart-
ment.

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THE PRESIDENT

Of the City Council, Wilkes-
barre, Pa., Cured of
Rheumatism.

Col. Wm. J. Harvey, a president of
Wilkesbarre's city council, who will
long be remembered for his great work
for the city, was once a mere physical
wreck, torn in every muscle and nerve
from the frightful pains caused by
rheumatism. He consulted the best
physicians, went abroad, took mud
baths, and almost every known treat-
ment for the disease. One of the city
officials had had a very similar experi-
ence and Dr. David Kennedy's Favorite
Remedy had cured him, so he recom-
mended this great kidney medicine to
his friend, and Col. Harvey is today a
well man, hale and hearty. In his own
abrupt way he states his case:

"Dr. David Kennedy,
"Dear Sir:—This to certify that I
was permanently cured of rheumat-
ism by the use of Dr. David Ken-
nedy's Favorite Remedy."
"WM. J. HARVEY."
Nothing could be more direct or more
to the point than this simple state-
ment.
Rheumatism is but another name for
uric acid poisoning which is caused pri-
marily by diseased kidneys. Cure your
kidneys and the rheumatism disap-
pears.

For all diseases of the kidneys, liver,
bladder and blood, rheumatism, dyspep-
sia and chronic constipation, as well as
sicknesses peculiar to women, Dr.
David Kennedy's Favorite Remedy is
unquestionably the greatest medicine
of our time.
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nedy's Favorite Remedy in the NEW
50 CENT SIZE and the regular \$1.00
size bottles.

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Dr. David Kennedy's Rose Jelly radi-
cal cure Catarrh, Hay Fever and Cold
in Head, 50c.

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Dear Sir,—
In reply to your favor I
would state that I have used the Put-
nam Nail for several years, and have
advised my friends to use it only.
It is hardly necessary for me to add
that I prefer it to all others.

Robert Bonner

The Putnam Nail enjoys the distinction of
being the only Hot-Forged and Hammer-Pointed
nail made by machinery, and which imitates the
old hand process.

ROBERT BONNER
INSISTS ON ITS USE.
All others are COLD ROLLED and SHEARED,
an examination of their edges near the
point will show, and are liable to SPLIT or
SLIVER in driving, to injure and perhaps kill
the horse.

The above picture, from a photo
representing Mr. Bonner in the act of
handling his smith a Putnam nail,
while superintending the shoeing of
Sunol, will be sent in the form of a
half tone, size, 5x8, on thick, white
paper, with wide margin, on receipt
of 2 cent stamp for postage, etc.

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dredge & Co., Salt Lake Hardware Co.,
and George A. Lowe, Salt Lake City
Utah.

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COMMENCING MONDAY, Jan. 5th,
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Sharp Jewelry Co.** will be offered at
ABSOLUTE ACTUAL COST and con-
tinuing until the last piece is sold.

**This Sale includes everything from
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Buttons. Everything goes, everything
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