

th America, that the Government of the United States with a kindness which is due all other peoples and governments, hereby asserts that it will insist that its present is a necessary condition precedent to the execution of such a project, and also to the rules and regulations under which other nations shall participate in the use of such canals or other ways either in peace or war.

The comptroller of the currency is called for reports from national banks showing their condition at the close of business Friday the 17th.

The six per cent. bonds received by the treasury department to-day at a continuance at 3 1/2 per cent. was \$366,150. The aggregate amount received and counted up to the close of business yesterday was \$112,551,100. There are still about 350 packages of bonds in the department which have not been counted and upwards of \$15,000,000 in the treasurer's office not included in the above receipts. These bonds inclusive of those which may be presented for continuance by European holders, it is estimated, will swell the aggregate amount to at least \$140,000,000, leaving but about \$50,000,000 of the per cents. to be accounted for.

The republican senators held a caucus yesterday afternoon for the purpose of determining what course should now be pursued in regard to the class of executive business which was left temporarily unprovided for in the programme adopted last week. The meeting, although prolonged to the late hour of 6, was at last adjourned without reaching a point of action on the subject under consideration. At an early stage of the proceedings, resolutions were submitted proposing to declare it the sense of the caucus that it is expedient for the Senate to take action at its session upon any contested nominations to fill an office not now vacant. This gave rise to a long and especially interesting debate as to the general rights and duties of the Senate, and the President, attention being on one hand that the Senate is bound to give respectful consideration to all the nominations sent in by the President, and act upon them promptly, and on the other that the Senate is fairly entitled to exercise its own discretion in regard to the time when any nomination should be considered. About 4 o'clock, Conkling took the floor and proceeded to make a speech which occupied the remainder of the caucus session. It was devoted to the history of the nomination of Robertson for the New York governorship and to a comprehensive statement of the reasons why this nomination was particularly objectionable and offensive to him. In the course of his remarks, he entered extensively into the subject of New York State politics and Judge Robertson's connection with them, particularly at the Chicago convention, and also gave a detailed recital of his inference and understanding with the President in regard to the New York nominations, etc., at various times antecedent to the nomination of Robertson, from all of which circumstances he argued he and the party which he and his colleagues represented in New York had been dealt with in bad faith and treated injuriously. It is also reported that Conkling, in narrating what occurred at Chicago, informed the caucus that Judge Robertson, among other exhibitions of personal hostility then made by him, went so far as to declare he would support no man other than himself for vice-president. At the close of Conkling's speech the caucus adjourned to-day. None of the senators whose position is to any degree doubtful on the main subject in the controversy participated in the debate, and as no vote was taken on the proposition, no indications were given as to what may be the result of the deliberations to-day.

#### CACHE VALLEY STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Cache Valley Quarterly Conference was held April 30th and May 1st, 1881.

Present upon the stand: Presidents John Taylor, George Q. Cannon and Joseph F. Smith; of the quorum of the Twelve—President Vilford Woodruff, Apostles Lorenzo Snow, F. D. Richards, and Brigham Young; also Elders Geo. Reynolds and George F. Gibbs, and Bishop E. D. Wooley.

After the opening services the clerk read the statistical report of the Stake.

Bishop E. D. Wooley spoke of the material growth and prosperity that has attended the Saints from their ingress to these valleys, setting forth the source from which these blessings emanated and the conditions on which they depend.

The remainder of the forenoon session was taken up in hearing reports of several Bishops, which showed a good condition in those wards represented, after which,

President Taylor remarked that he was pleased to hear the reports that had been made by the Bishops. He and the brethren with him were always desirous to learn the condition of the Saints, hence the propriety of these reports, that all may know of the advancement of the Saints.

2 o'clock p. m.

Opening services.

President W. Woodruff remarked that if he had all the Elders of Israel before him, he would exhort them that when they arose to speak to cease making excuses. When they arise to speak or teach the Saints, they should do so by the aid and inspiration of the Holy Spirit. He urged the completion of the Temple in this place, and bore a faithful testimony to the truth of the great latter-day work.

Apostle F. D. Richards said that history gave no account of a people enjoying more of the favor of heaven than do the Latter-day Saints, except in the case of the Nephites who dwelt upon this land, according to the order of heaven. Too many of us cared too much for the things of this world and too little for the things of the Kingdom of God. He spoke of the blessings to be derived from the use of Temples; deprecated the practice of some of the Saints who leave their homes to make money, thus forgetting the great purpose for which we gather together, namely, to build up Zion.

Apostle Lorenzo Snow showed the blessings we would enjoy, if we lived aright; alluded to the favorable circumstances of the Saints of Cache Valley, and advise the obtaining of the blessings of the world upon a correct principle; made reference to the results that will accrue to the Saints when they observe the laws and conditions of the United Order, when it is fully established in their hearts and reduced to daily practice in their lives.

Sunday morning, 10 a. m.

Singing and prayer.

President Joseph F. Smith remarked that the Lord had blessed this people temporally and spiritually since their sojourn in these valleys. The Lord has revealed that our enemies would not prevail against us, neither would they if the Saints would keep the commandments of God. He made reference to the interpretation of the dream of the great king, by Daniel the Prophet, setting forth that God's purposes do not fail. Spoke of the danger that is imminent to us as a people in becoming rich and forgetting God and our obligations to him. As we increase in wealth we should increase proportionately in faithfulness, or else the Lord will chasten us. Referred to the proper training of our children. God would hold every man accountable for every deed performed in the flesh, in view of which he exhorted the Saints to faithfulness to their covenants.

President George Q. Cannon spoke of the contrast noticeable between the spirit of Zion and that of the world; he observed with pleasure the progress of the Saints. He spoke of the despicable means our enemies resorted to to bring us into disrepute. In the midst of the calumny heaped upon us he had striven to maintain an equanimity of feeling, for it was better to return good for evil. Our interests and destiny were in the hands of the Almighty and He would carry on His work triumphant over all opposing powers. He deprecated the existence of division and discord among the Saints, such things should not be among us, and made allusion to many subjects of paramount importance.

2 p. m.

Singing and prayer. Sacrament administered.

President Preston presented the authorities of the Church and Stake, all of whom were unanimously sustained.

Apostle Brigham Young gave a very interesting account of his labors in the south. The country south was not as good as Cache Valley, still it was a good place for the Latter-day Saints whom he found trying to live their religion. He made

allusion to the chicanery practised in that country by bad and corrupt men in election matters, by which the Saints in that region were imposed upon. He spoke of the susceptibility of this valley for sustaining large numbers of Saints.

Prest. John Taylor expressed his approbation of the remarks that had been made. We were living in an important era of the world, and we should be aware of it, and understand the relationship we sustain to the Lord and to each other. He made reference to the evils that exist in our midst, and reviewed in a comprehensive manner the principles of good and evil that have existed from the beginning, and also in the heavens when Lucifer rebelled and the third part of the hosts of heaven were thrust out with him, and the power of opposition would continue until Satan was bound and wickedness overthrown. He spoke of the plan of redemption, and set forth the glory and exaltation that will accrue to those who will abide its requirements; he depicted the life and character of Jesus, which was in every sense humble, godlike and obedient, and counseled the Saints to follow in his footsteps.

The attendance was excellent during the conference, and a good spirit prevailed during the meetings. Much good instruction was imparted, and there was a time of general rejoicing.

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