

Visit of Prests. Joseph Young and A. P. Rockwood to Utah, Juab and San Pete Counties.

[REPORTED BY ELDER G. CLEMENTS.]

On Thursday morning, May 7, Prests. Joseph Young and A. P. Rockwood, accompanied by Elders Jacob Gates, Gilbert Clements and Wm. Caspar, left this city on a special mission to preach the gospel, set in order the Seventies and organize several new quorums in the counties of Utah, Juab and San Pete.

The same evening a meeting was held at Lodi, Utah county, at which Prest. Rockwood and Elder Gates addressed a large assembly in the new Tabernacle, which building is fast being completed and reflects much credit on the public spirit of the citizens, as it affords ample accommodation for religious and educational purposes. They have an excellent choir in this city which adds greatly to the interest and spirit of the meetings. Before leaving on Friday morning arrangements were entered into for the organization of the forty-fourth quorum of Seventies on the return of the mission.

Proceeded to Lake city in the midst of a severe hail storm, and after an hour's cold ride were glad to get into comfortable quarters by the side of a good fire. At 2 p.m. had an excellent meeting with the Saints. Elder Clements preached and was followed by Prest. Joseph Young, who enriched the spirits of the Saints by imparting freely unto them the bread of life. Elder Caspar bore testimony to the truth of the teachings which the people had received.

The accommodation for public worship in this city is very inferior, but the foundation for a large meeting house is dug out, and we saw many loads of splendid granite rock for the basement story, which were brought from a quarry lately opened in the vicinity of the city, and no doubt the discovery of this material will add greatly to the building facilities of this place.

At 3 p.m. we left and reached Pleasant Grove an hour afterwards. At 7 p.m. the people assembled in their large new Tabernacle (the inside work of which is nearly completed) and were addressed by Elder Gates and Prest. Young at considerable length, and seemed much edified and comforted by their remarks.

Saturday, May 11.—Left Pleasant Grove at 8 a.m. and arrived in Provo at noon. At 4 p.m. held a meet in the hall, which was crowded to excess. Elders Clements and Gates preached to the comfort and edification of the Saints, and were followed by Prest. Young, who from the fulness of his heart poured forth "the wine and the oil" till every heart was made glad and every countenance beamed with joy.

At early candle light a conference of Seventies was held in the seminary. Full reports were given in as to the condition of the Seventies in Provo. Prest. Rockwood spoke at considerable length, and gave many choice and valuable instructions to both presidents and members of quorums. The names of Robert Thomas and six others were read and accepted by unanimous vote of the meeting, to fill the council of the forty fifth quorum, and three others were nominated to fill vacancies in the council of the thirty fourth quorum. Solemn injunctions were laid upon these brethren by Prests. Young and Rockwood to watch faithfully over the flock committed to their charge and feed them with the bread of life.

Sunday, 8 a.m.—An ordination meeting took place, when the brethren nominated the evening before were ordained under the hands of Prests. Young and Rockwood, Elders Gates and Clements. At 9 a.m. visited the Sabbath school, under the superintendence of Elder Marsden. From three to four hundred children were present and classified under different teachers, male and female. This is the best school we have ever seen of this kind in the mountains, and it is gratifying to say that its increasing numbers has called for a removal from the seminary to the largest hall in the city.

At 10 a.m. congregation assembled in the bowery, which, though large, was filled to overflowing. Prest. Young preached a highly instructive and edifying discourse. Prest. Rockwood followed with a short sermon on family government, and another on the design and object of the Carrying Company, and showed in its various ramifications that it would be a powerful auxiliary in building up the kingdom of God and be a means of prosperity to the community at large, and hoped the people would readily respond to all the calls made upon them and make a temporary sacrifice to gain a permanent blessing. Elder Gates followed with a powerful exhortation, rich in tone and deep in sentiment.

At 2 p.m. congregation re-assembled. Elder Clements preached from the text, "Who is among you that feareth the Lord, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness and hath no light?—let him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God." (Isa. 1. 10.) Prest. Young and Elder Gates followed with some excellent instructions on the necessity of the Saints cultivating feelings of brotherly love and affection towards each other. Elder Caspar bore testimony to the work.

Elder D. Carter, president pro tem., expressed the joy and satisfaction he felt at the teachings of the missionaries, and could bear witness that the people had been fed with the bread of life. For his part he had not felt for a long time as he had done this day, and he wished now to call for an expression from the people whether they felt satisfied with the labors of Prest. J. Young and his brethren, to which the congregation answered in the affirmative by universal acclamation!

Monday, left Provo at 10 a.m. for Payson. Made arrangements while passing through Springville and Spanish Fork to hold meetings on our return. Arrived at Payson at 4 p.m., and at early candle light met the people in the school house, which was quite full. Elder Clements

preached on the necessity of continuing in the spirit of the reformation, and was followed on the same subject by Prests. Young and Rockwood.

Bishop Hancock expressed the satisfaction and pleasure he felt in the spirit and teachings of the brethren. Arrangements were entered into for the organization of the forty-sixth quorum of Seventies, and Mrs. James Bracken and J. T. Hardy were unanimously sustained to be members of its council.

The public works at Payson are going forward remarkably well. The public square is being enclosed by a splendid stone wall. The large Tabernacle is progressing rapidly. The basement story, which is designed for the tithing store is ten feet high, all rock. The bishop and the people generally have left off private improvements for the time being to push forward these works.

Left Payson at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, intending to reach Nephi that evening, but it was so very cold that we accepted the polite invitation of Prest. Johnson to remain all day at Santa Quin. This settlement is only a year old, yet it exhibits a wonderful development for its age.

A big field of 1000 acres has been taken in, and the fence nearly completed. The crops look well and there is every reason to believe that this will be a flourishing settlement. At 11 a.m. met the people in the school house. Elder G. Clements preached and was followed by Prests. Young and Rockwood. At 4 p.m. met the people again, Elder Gates preached and was followed by Prests. Young and Rockwood, the latter of them advocating the cause of the Carrying Company, and the importance with which each Saint should view it, and that every one should feel to help it in its infancy.

Left Santa Quin on Wednesday May 13th at 8 a.m.; preached at Nephi at noon. Found that considerable rain had fallen there. At 4 p.m. we held an excellent meeting. Prest. Rockwood preached a discourse on Patience and Perseverance, and was followed by Elders Gates and Clements. At half-past 7, a meeting of the Seventies was held, the meeting was open to all and the room was crowded, several brethren were ordained to the presidency of the Forty-second Quorum, after which Prest. J. Young addressed the congregation by the Power of the Holy Spirit; every heart was comforted, and all felt it was a refreshing time. Meeting did not terminate till 10 p.m. There is an excellent choir at Nephi and the Saints are justly proud of it.

At 8 a.m. on Thursday morning we left Nephi for San-pete valley. The kanyon road is much improved and can be traveled with as much safety as any road South. After a pleasant drive of nine hours arrived at Fort Ephraim 35 miles from Nephi. We were kindly received by the people, the majority of whom are Danes. The population of this Fort is equal to that of Manti, though it is quite a new settlement.

Br. Kofod, a Dane is the Bishop, he is an excellent man and seems quite a father to the people. The system of agriculture round this fort presents rather a strange spectacle: there is scarcely a fence to be seen. Our Danish brethren take good care of their cattle, which seem to be very mannerly for they never trespass over their "reserved rights." The old settlers of San Pete speak in the highest terms of the industry, energy and perseverance of the Danes, and seem to like them well as neighbors.

At 7 p.m. met the people in a long, low, flat building which was densely crowded, much to our astonishment, for we wondered where the people came from. Elder Clements preached on the necessity of the Saints going on to perfection. Prest. Young followed with many appropriate remarks on the same subject. The congregation seemed much edified, many of the Danes can speak tolerably good English and all can understand it much better than they can speak it; some important remarks, however, of Prest. Young were interpreted by the Bishop, and given to the people in their mother tongue.

The foundation for a large meeting house is dug out and most of the white sand stone (of which material it is to be built entirely) on the ground. With unusual facilities for raising large crops of grain, an abundance of the best materials that the mountains afford for building purposes, and the industry and perseverance of the inhabitants, we may soon expect to see this rising settlement become a great city.

Before leaving Fort Ephraim this morning, a meeting of Seventies was held at 7 a.m. The Forty-seventh Quorum was organized and Tore Thurston and three other brethren were ordained and set apart to the Presidency of said Quorum. Left at 10 a.m. and arrived at Manti a little before noon, were received kindly by Prest. Chapman.

At 5 p.m. held a meeting and had a good attendance. Elder Gates preached a discourse on the Saints and especially the Priesthood, becoming the saviors of men, and not their destroyers, and was followed by Prest. Young on the same subject. Manti has the best meeting house that we have seen in any of the southern settlements; it is built entirely of rock, and in its internal arrangements comfort and convenience have been aimed at as well as display. The spirit of improvement seems predominant. Many excellent private dwelling houses are being put up, and the stone fences that everywhere prevail show the care the people manifest to protect their gardens from intrusion.

Saturday, May 16.—A large assembly of the Seventies convened in the meeting house at 9 a.m. The Forty-Eighth Quorum was organized, and Daniel Leenie and others ordained to the presidency of the same.

At 10 a.m. the house was filled to overflowing. Elder Clements preached on the necessity of man becoming acquainted with himself and was followed by Prest. Rockwood, who laid before the meeting the importance of the Carrying Company.

At 2 p.m. Prest. Young addressed the Saints, and in a thrilling manner portrayed the evils of

selfishness and worldly-mindedness; Elder Gates followed on the same subject. Elders Caspar and Hoyatt bore testimony to the work, and to the truth of the teachings delivered that day.

At 7 p.m., a conference of Seventies was held; fifty-three presented themselves for admission into the Seventies. Several Clerks were appointed to take their Genealogies, and an ordination meeting appointed at 8 o'clock the following morning.

Sunday, 8 a.m.—The fifty-three brethren accepted the evening before were ordained under the hands of Prests. Young, Rockwood, and Elders Gates and Clements and several of the new Presidents.

At 9 a.m. the general meeting was opened, and the people addressed by Prests. Young, Rockwood and Elders Clements and Gates, on many items pertaining to the purity and sanctification of the Saints. The meeting did not terminate till 1 p.m., when every heart felt to rejoice in the blessings they had received through the ministrations of the missionaries.

At 2 p.m. left Manti and returned to Fort Ephraim. Found the people assembled waiting our arrival.

Prests. Young and Rockwood and Elders Gates and Clements addressed the congregation; and spoke on the advantages that would accrue to them by diligently studying the English language, as it would tend greatly to facilitate their advancement in knowledge.

At 7 p.m., a conference of Seventies was held, and 63 were ordained into the Forty-seventh Quorum of Seventies. After the ordination the brethren were addressed at considerable length by Prests. Young and Rockwood.

Left Fort Ephraim on Monday at 7 a.m., and arrived in Nephi at 2½ p.m.; at 5 p.m. attended a meeting of the Saints; Elder Clements preached to the Saints on the necessity of abiding by the counsels of the Holy Priesthood in all things; adjourned the meeting till 7½ o'clock.

During the interval the Forty-ninth Quorum was organized, and John A. Woolf and others ordained to the presidency.

At early candle light the room was crowded to excess. The congregation was addressed by Prest. Young who preached a powerful discourse, and was followed by Elder Gates and Prest. Rockwood, who showed what good effect the Carrying Company would have on the future prosperity of the people.

Left Nephi on Tuesday morning at 7 a.m., and arrived at Spanish Fork at 3½ p.m.; at 5 o'clock the people assembled in the Fort Square and were addressed by Prest. Rockwood and Elders Gates and Clements. A good, lively feeling prevails in this settlement. The Choir is not inferior to any in the Territory.

At 7½ o'clock a Sevenies council was held and the Fiftieth Quorum organized, Dennis Dorrity and others were ordained to the presidency of the Quorum.

Left Spanish Fork at 8 a.m., arrived in Springville at 9½, attended meeting at 10, very large assembly in the new Tabernacle. Elder Gates preached and was followed by Elder J. V. Long with appropriate remarks. Prest. Rockwood closed with a powerful exhortation to the Saints, to be faithful and observe good government in their families.

At the close of the meeting the Fifty-first Quorum was organized, and A. F. McDonald and others ordained Presidents. Things seem to be in a steady, prosperous condition in Springville.

Left at 2½ p.m. and arrived in Provo at 4 p.m., at 5 met the Saints in the Bowery; Elder Clements preached on faith. Meeting closed at 7 p.m.

At 7 a.m., on Thursday morning a council of Seventies was held and the Fifty-second Quorum was organized; Alfred D. Young and others were ordained to the presidency of this Quorum.

Left Provo at 10 a.m. and arrived in Lake City at 2 p.m. Held a council of Seventies at 4, and William Hyde and others were ordained to the presidency of Forty-fourth Quorum, according to previous arrangement. After the ordinations Elder J. Gates delivered an impressive discourse followed by Elder Wm. Hyde, who bore testimony that he knew the labors of Prest. J. Young and those who accompanied him on his southern trip were accepted of the Lord; before the people were dismissed they requested another meeting which was granted.

At early candle light the room was filled to overflowing; Elder Clements addressed the congregation on the subject of the Priesthood; meeting closed at 9½ p.m.

Left Lake City on Friday at 7 a.m. and arrived in G. S. L. City at 3 p.m. after an absence of sixteen days. We were much surprised to find vegetation so far in advance in this valley to the southern valleys, yet there is no reason to doubt but what the anticipations of the people will be fully realized in an abundant harvest. We were no less gratified also to see so many elegant improvements going on in the city, which reflects much credit on those left in charge during the absence of the Presidency.

THE DESERET NEWS.

WEEKLY:

PRINTED ON WEDNESDAY MORNING DELIVERED ON THURSDAY.

Too Late.—There was a Quarterly Conference held at Farmington, Davis County, on the 25th and 26th of April, by the Home Missionaries; the minutes of which did not come to hand till it was too late to publish them in detail, owing perhaps to the slowness of the clerk who reported them.

It is quite out of taste to be so far behind time in these days, and although we are always pleased to have the privilege of publishing the minutes of Conferences and other

public meetings we hate to do so, after so much time has elapsed, especially when there is no good reason for the delay.

In this instance we will just say that the Conference was addressed by Prest. Joseph Young, Elders Jacob Gates, Truman Leonard, Gilbert Clements, Edward Stevenson and Fathers Gifford and Brownell. Much good teaching and instructions were given, the brethren had a good time and the Conference was adjourned to Saturday the 20th of July, the minutes of which will no doubt be reported in due time and published accordingly.

FESTIVAL.—Mrs. Cooke is making arrangements and preparing her pupils for the performance of the beautiful "Cantata" of "Flora's Festival" the first week in June. Several new characters not heretofore represented will be introduced, such as "The Storm Spirit," "The Moonlight Queen" and attendants, &c.

The services of Mr. Candland and also of Mr. J. T. Caine have been secured to assist in getting up the decorations and in the management of the stage which will enhance the interest of the occasion.

The amusements of the season have been few, and those wishing to treat themselves and their friends to an entertainment of this sort, few, than which, could be more interesting, can obtain tickets at the principal Stores in the City, or by calling at Mrs. Cooke's residence, West Temple Street 14th Ward, next door to Bird's Cabinet Shop where those wishing to pay her in produce for tickets can do so.

For particulars see Hand Bills. Remember the time and place and do not forget to attend.

THANKS to Mrs. Sessions for the pie plant sent us; it was large and excellent.

MR. EDITOR—Will you please publish the following:

An Old Opinion.

In the year 1578 Robert T. Harvey devoutly appended to the 1st verse and 4th chapter of Isaiah, (which reads—"And in that day shall seven women take hold of one man, saying, we will eat our own bread, and we will wear our own garments; only let us be called by thy name, and take away our reproach.") the following sensible note:—

"When God shall execute this vengeance, there shall not be one man found to be the head to many women, and they, contrary to womanly shamefastness, shall seek unto men, and offer themselves to any conditions, be thou our husband, and let us be called thy wives."

For so they thought it: to be without an head and husband."

The Bible from which this extract is taken, was printed in London, 1582, by Christopher Barker, printer to the Queens' Majesty, in the old English type, and has the appearance on every page "OF THE HIGH PRIEST."

PHELPS.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STRAYED OR STOLEN.

FROM the Subscriber, living in South Cottonwood Ward, a light bay MARE, bald face, about 7 years old; branded with a big T on the right thigh, big Spanish brand on the left thigh, and reversed on left shoulder: was missed about the 1st of May.

Whoever returns said mare, or gives any information that may lead to her recovery, shall be liberally rewarded. 12-3 ROBERT P. GIBSON.

FARM FOR SALE.

SITUATED in Lake City, American Fork, consisting of 15 acres of farming, and 15 of grass land; also City Lot adjoining, with commodious house, having large room adapted for a store; a good crop of wheat, corn, potatoes, &c., in the land.

For further particulars enquire of John B. Maiben at his Commission Store and Auction Mart, or Thos. McKenzie, Lake City.

N. B.—City property will be taken in part payment. 12-2

LOST.

ON the 6th of May, between the Hot Springs and Weber Canyon, a SACK, containing a Carpet Bag, Jean Coat and Pants, and other clothing and trinkets.

The finder is requested to leave the same at Bishop Stoker's, and be suitably rewarded, and oblige yours, 12-1 R. W. PERKINS.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

TAKEN up, one dark red HEIFER, 3 years old, some white under the belly, c. o. of left ear, swallow fork in right ear, branded on left shoulder.

One pale red HEIFER, 3 years old, crop off right ear, under bit in the left; branded ⊕ on right hip.

One deep red HEIFER, some white under the belly, both hind feet white, stripe of white across the forehead, branded A A on left hip.

The owners can have them by paying charges, and taking them away. JOSEPH GUERNSEY BROWN, 12-3 Poundkeeper, S. Willow Creek.

STRAYED OR DRIVEN OFF.

FROM the Willow Creek range on the Jordan near the Hot Springs, one 2-year old HEIFER of a yellowish brindle color, with white under the belly, the hind feet and legs up to hocks white, tail white half way up, a brockle face with short crumpled horns, branded on the right hip, with a brand intended for a G; also one yearling HEIFER, of a darkish brindle, some white under the belly; a small star of white in the forehead, on the right shoulder two white spots resembling awkwardly made T J branded on the right hip as the one above.

Said heifers went off during the heavy storms in January last, whoever will deliver them or either of them to the subscriber, or give information where they may be found shall be suitably rewarded. 12-2

EVAN M. GREEN, Hot Springs.