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(By J. M. Sjodahl.)

The sick were healed, evil spirits were

Eder O. Lillenguist often tells of how, when the cholera was raging in Copen-

hagen, carrying away hundreds of vic-tims, the Saints were immune. And this

was the power of God alone through which salvation from sickness as well

man given up by the physicians.

Hundreds of cases of such manifesta-tions of divine power attending the

ntroduction of the Gospel in the Scan-linavian countries could be related; in-leed, a volume could be written on that

subject. The following are only a few

among many. We find them in Mor-genstjernen, volume 4, edited by Elder

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At this time the minuters of the | divine power attesting its genuineness. Church of Justie Christ of Latter-day of Scamilylavian extraction are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the introduction of the Gospel to the

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On such an contribut, naturally, the mind dwells on the past, the traveler mind dwells on the past, the traveler pauses and looks hash upon the road he has reversed; he function the scenes he has reversed; he function the scenes he has witnessed, the experiences he has had, the builter his time fought.

Among the monorcles of the past, as from sin, the cause of it, came, many stand out with pargicular boldness ngainst the day horizon, but none, perhaps, more so than three testifying of the Interposition of Divine Providence, in behalf of the Saints. Many of these are indefinity written on the mind, and remain there, when much else has faded away to give room for new impressions. The mighty works of God, through His servants, can never be for- Andrew Jenson.

It was evident to all that the **REMINISCENCES.** brethren who performed the adminis-tration did so with the power of the holy Priesthood. Elder Heber Anderson, of American

Fork, when he came home from a mission to Scandinavia, related that dur-ing his ministry in Copenhagen he visited a Sister Hansen. She had a little boy, about eight years old, who was suffering from a lung disease that threatened to end his life. The physician had given him up, when Eider Anderson was sent for. When he came to the house, the boy was to all apfact became so noted that people used to say the "Mormons" could not dle. This continued until the Saints thempearances very close to the gates of death. He asked him if he desired to be administered to, but he was so weak that he could hardly reply. As soon as he had been anointed he be-came better und the following day came better, and the following day, when the physician came expecting to find a corpse, he found the boy out-side the house, playing with other Sweden, too, one of the first manifesta-tions of divine power was the miraculous healing from consumption boys.

Elder Anderson relates another markable experience. He had preached the Gospel to a man who was so weak physically that it was thought danger-ous to take him to the water of baptism, but when he insisted on having the holy ordinance performed, two brethren carried him with not little trouble to the place of baptism. As soon as the ordinance had been performed, he felt power and strength of

six months he had been helpiess as a child, most of the time unconscious of everything passing in his surroundings. During these six months a ciergy. man had visited him every week a prayed that death might come to his release but no change had come. She nad prayed, hersell, that the Lord would release him, but death scenaed to refuse to enter the house. A physi-

cian that had visited him had given him medicine to aid death in its slow work, but the man had only become unconscious and the physician refused to o anything further. When the woman had told her sad story Elder Moench assured her that if she naa faith, God could help her, either by taking her suffering husband away from this life or restoring him to health. The poor woman to health. The poor wonain exclaimed, while her face was stui bathed in tears: "I do believe, I do believe." The Elder and the woman then knelt by the bed and Brother

Moench said he fervently prayed to the Lord, and then laid hands on the sick man and left him. It was the intention of Brother Moench

o ask the Lord to take him away because, according to all outward appearances, considering his great age and all other circumstances, that was the most natural, but notwithstanding this, ne was impressed very forcibly to bless the sick man with health and strength instead of praying the Lord to cut his days short, as he intended to do. For this reason he left the house full of anxicty; he could not see how his prayer could be heard.

Brother Moench was absent a week before he again paid the poor man a visit. His feelings can be better understood than described when, on his return, he tound the old man standing on the floor

with both hands extended to bid him welcome, Brother Moench says he could hardly believe the testimony of his eyes. When he pressed his hand, the tears flowed from his sunken eyes, as he stammeringly expressed his grati-tude for the miracle that had been performed in his behalf.

As soon as they were able to control their feelings and talk about matters the woman told him that the same day in the afternoon, after the administra tion had been performed, the man felt his physical strength returning, and the following night he rested peaceful-ly as a child. The following day he was sitting up in his bed, and a couple of days later he expressed a desire to leave the bed, and since then, he had been about every day. Since that time he had been able to perform some work to the great wonder of all those who knew him.

The divine power manifested in various signs and wonders among the Scandinavian Saints followed those who re-mained faithful, after they had taken up their abode in Zion. One sister Christopherson of Lynne, Weber county, Stah, relates a remarkable incident as follows

On Sunday morning, the 7th of June, 1874, while we were at breakfast, our attention was suddenly called to some oran that, in some inexplicable manner, had been placed by the side of my hus-band's plate. The circumstance imband's plate. The circumstance im-mediately incited our greatest amaze-ment. I looked towards the ceiling to see if there was a hole through which

wheat,



THE ROUTE.

This seems impossible, and could have been had not pack trains of mules and

horses kept the trail open. Here "Pony Bob" Hasiam took the road from Fort Churchill to Smith's Creek, 120 miles

distant, through a hostile Indian coun-try. From this point, Jay G. Kelley rode from Smith's Creek to Ruby val-ley. Utah, 116 miles: from Ruby valley

o Deep Creek, 105 miles, H. Richardson;

from Deep Creek to Rush Valley, 80 miles; from Rush Valley to Salt Lake,

50 miles, George Thatcher, end of the western division under the manage-

BOB HASLAM'S GREAT RIDE.

"Poney Boh" Haslam is now a business man of Chicago, and he describes one of his runs over the western division, which illustrates the perils faced by

Some eight months after the pony ex-

press was inaugurated, says Bob, the Piute war began in Nevada and a vol-

unteer corps was raised to defend the whites. Virginia City, then in its in-fancy, was hourly expecting an at-

tack, and a partly completed stone hotel was transformed into a fort.

From the town Indian signal fires could be seen on the mountain peaks, and all

ment of Bolivar Roberts.

these men

The pony express met one demand | western summit of the Sierras, through | recalling to Mr. Major's reminiscence, 30 feet of snow. and the stage the other.

CUT THE TIME IN TWO.

In 1858 Alex. Majors made a trip by stage from St. Joseph, Mo., to this city, and was twenty-one days on the road. Mr. Majors soon afterwards bought out this stage line, and by building good stables, stocking them well with feed and getting good stock, the schedule time was cut in two, the distance of 1,200 miles being made in about ten days. In March, 1862, Ben Holliday ten. took the line, and it was run from At-chison to Fort Kearney, thence to Laramle, and up the Sweetwater route and South Pass to Salt Lake.

This was also the route of the famous Pony Express. Mr. Majors employed on his stage line a thousand Kentucky mules and three hundred smaller mules, with fifty coaches on hand, and a small army of drivers.

THE PONY EXPRESS.

The continuation of the fine to Callforania was the idea of Senator Gwin. As to the receipts of the business, Mr. Majors himself says that the part of the line operated by himself and asso-clates received \$400,000 a year for carrying the mails as far as Salt Lake, while Butterfield and company received an

Butterfield and company received an equal amount for carrying the mails on from this city to San Francisco. Speaking of the development of the pony express, Mr. Majors says that a number of Wall street magnates joined in an effort to get the subsidy for the line in 1859. It was proposed to receive mail at St. Joseph and deliver it at San Francisco, a distance of nearly 2,000 available men and horses were pressed into service to repel the impending assault. When Bob reached Reed's sta-tion, on the Carson river, he found that all the horses had been seized by the whites, so he fed his horse and rode on to the next station. Fort Churchill,

of the early days, he said ;

JOHN E. FORSGREN,

The First Missionary to Sweden

WONDER THAT ANY ESCAPED.

"As I look back on those times I of. ten wonder that we were out all i A short time before Malor Ormal Carson City, in command of 75 men, went to Pyramid Lake to battle to the Plutes, who had been ing emigrants and prospectors by wholesale. Nearly all o were killed in a runni miles. In the fight Maj the lamented Harry killed. Another regiment of a men, under Col. Dan. E. Hut and Jack Hayes, was ruised command drove the Indians p for three miles, killing and w them at every jump. and Jack Hayes recei titled to great praise. the war, terms were n kept the Indians peac As I said before, it is may the pony express boys were not killed. There were only four mer at each station and the Indians, who were then hostile, roamed all over country, in bands of from 30 to 100 The telegraph did away with the necessity for the pony express in a few years, and Pullman palace cars thun der over the routes where the stage coach bumped the passengers heads against the roofs in early days.

HALF A CENTURY OF GROWTH

One of the most useful of all the in-ventions that the half century has brought out is the telephone. Its value



P. O. HANSEN, Who Assisted ErastustSnow in Translating the Book of Mormon.

gotten by those who witnessed them, and it is well that it should be so. For Sister Mary Nielson of Hooper, Weber | body, and he was able to walk home, county, relates a wonderful experience. During a conference at Norrkoping, Sweden, in the summer of 1864, she was as it was said of ancient Israel, that hey served the Lord as long as the yet

crans lived who had seen the works o the the Almighty in Egypt and the wilder ane ness, so it will always remain an eterna truth, that the presence of such wit-nesses among the people of God, is one of the greatest helps to their spiritual hav ion, life and development in virtue and righteousness. hro

Whenever the Lord has established a special dispensation among the child-ren of men, this has been manifest in signs and wonders. It was so during the dispensation of the Patriarchs. The Mosaic dispensation was ushered in by a series of miracles, and all through that period the servants of the Al-mighty proved their authority by signs and wonders. The primitive Church similarly extablished amidst some of the greatest wonders ever performed. The success of the Gospel is by all ancient Christian writers associated with the acadon, on the part of our Lord and is Apostles, of miraculous power. Me. eved because divine works atteste truth of the message. Our Lor the sick and even raised and gave similar power to the ce and the Seventy, and others And the sufficiency of the evidence was The Church of Jesus Christ of Lat

e circumstances. ...mong the first as to the Prophet was this: "An shall come to pass that there shall a sreat work in he land, even among foils and abo It he made manifest in th for 1 am God, and ultrickes, signs, and wonders which which holieve on My which shall ask it in faith wick; they shall unth to speak, and and the time speedily things are to o the children of men."

was fulfilled in the early wherever the dalify went to proclaim this day, at home and

if the Gospel in the countries forms no The governing the prison the servants of here with the mesthey did so with

attacked by a disease that seemed to take hold of and penetrate her entire system. She thought the end had come. five of the Elders present Four or anointed her with oil and she was im-mediately restored to health. During



MISSION OFFICE, COPENHAGEN, DENMARK

wife was on one occasion attacked an evil spirit that threatened to troy her. While under the influence this power, she felt as if she were not to dle. After repeated anoint-ni and fervent prayers, the spirit, bised in the new of leave flow

ace, seemed to shake to the founda. I year and a half had been unable to

his side was a poor woman clothed in

rags and with every expression of suf-ferings in her wrinkled face. He told the woman that he was a servant of the Lord, sent out to visit

the slck and to preach the Gospel to the poor. Then the tears started to flow and she told him the most heart-

rending story of sickness and poverty. She told him that her husband for a

mony, later apostatized, and that the sickness returned with such force that The following is the substance of a

Incident is this, perhaps, that the man,

notwithstanding this powerful testi-

we both were viewilig the mystic sub-stance on the table, which was formed in a nicely rounded cone, my husband heard a voice softly whispering: 'Take care of your wheat.' Shortly afterwards an experienced miller visited us. We told him of the circumstance. He examined the bran very closely and ound it to be a mixture barley and oats. He also found five whole wheat kernels in it. I have placed the bran in a tin box, where I keep it as a great treasure which I will not lose for any price. I keep it as a memento of a miracle undoubted-ly performed for a wise purpose. On several occasions 1 have tried to form a cone like the one we first saw, but I

have always failed.

When my husband had gone to

meeting, I prayed earnestly to the Lord to reveal unto me the purpose of this

mystic occurrence, and the Spirit told me that if we would take care of our

wheat, we would never lack bread. This has been fulfilled, for although we

have seen hard times we have never

"When we first came to Utah we were very poor. We worked hard. On one occasion I was given some fruit by the wife of Brother Lorin Farr, which I preserved and put into a jar. It was not so ware much and although it was

not so very much and although it was about all we had to eat with our bread, it lasted the entire winter untif the month of July, the following sum-

mer, and during this period we had many visitors with whom we shared our scanty supply. This is one of the many instances in which the Lord miracu-

lously multiplied the provisions of the Saints who were faithful to Him in the

When the circumstances of the Saints

Sister Christopherson further relates

tire crop. On a certain occasion she and her husband stood watching the

days of privation and sufferings."

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miles, in ten days bran might have fallen down on the table, but there was none, and, be-sides, we did not have anything of that THE MEN AND HORSES. Five hundred of the fastest hores to lieve him, however positively refused is estimated at over 1100.000,000.000 kind in the house in any place. While

This was the termination of Bob's run, as an aid to business is ain and he had ridden seventy-five miles. The man who had been secured to re- The wealth of the United States toda



Third President of the Scandinavian Mission

JOHN VAN COTT

at that time are considered, such a miracle as this is clearly understood to be in perfect harmony with the deal-ings of our Eternal Father with His children. They needed some special children. They needed some special instruction as much as did the Prophet Elijah during the famine with which The work was extremely hazardous as the country was filled with Indians and road agents, and the pouches were very did not leave them without the proper valuable

SOME FAMOUS RUNS.

that grasshoppers destroyed during three successive years almost their en-Some great runs were made, as for instance, when the riders carried the news of Lincoln's election. The run from St. Joseph to Denver, 665 miles, was made on that occasion in two days and twenty-one hours, and Bob Hasiam covered the first 120 miles in eight hours and ten minuates, while the bast ten miles in the bost ten the greedy animals destroying the most of the wheat that was nearly ripe. At last there was only a small square piece of the field left. Then her husband knelt down and prayed earnestly to the Lord to preserve this little piece. A the last ten miles into Denver took 31 minutes

few minutes later the grasshoppers had left. His prayers were heard. The remnant had been saved. On another occasion, relates Mr. Majors, the relay men who should have relieved a rider, were disabled and he went 300 miles at top speed in one stretch. As has been stated, hundreds of such

THE COMPANY'S CHARGES.

The distance between the relays was all the way from 65 to 100 miles, and the weight of the pouch and contents was fixed at ten pounds. The company charged \$5 in gold for each half ounce and riders received from \$120 to \$125 per month. The receipts of the com-pany were, of course, very large, but the value of their efforts in cutting down the time between New York and Francisco to fourteen days was fully recognized,

THE FIRST RUN.

Regarding the first run made by the Regarding the first run made by the Pony express from the West, Mr, Ma-jors says that "Harry Roff, mounted on a spirited broncho, started from Sacramento on his perilous ride and covered the first twenty miles, includ-ing one change, in 59 minutes, On reaching Folsom, he changed again and started for Placerville, at the foot of the Sierra Nevada mountains, 55 miles dis-tant. There he connected with 'Boston,' who took the route to Friday's station. crossing the eastern summit of the Sierra Nevada, Sam Hamilton next fell into line and pursued his way to Gene-va, Carson City, Dayton, Reed's station and Fort Churchill. This entire run of 185 miles was made in 15 hours and 20 minutes, including the crossing of the

be found were purchased and over 200 men employed, 80 of them being care-fully selected as express riders. Sta-tions were scattered along the route. to take the road and the superintendent offered Bob \$50 to make the ride. The cause the extra pay was any inducecause the extra pay was any induce-ment, but through a sense of duty. In ten minutes Bob was on his way going over the lanely and dangerous thirty-five mile ride to the Sink of the Carson. He then pushed on thirty

miles farther, without a drop of water, to Sand Springs, where he changed horses, the distance between the last two stations being thirty-seven miles. Another change and a wild dash over the lonely trail brought him to Smith's Creek, where he was relieved by J. G. Kelley, after having ridden 185 miles

AN INDIAN ATTACK.

Bob remained at Smith's nine hours, and then started back with the return express. When he arrived at Cold Springs, he found the station had been attacked by Indians, the keeper killed and all the horses taken away. Although his horse was fired out and it was getting dark. Bob decided that the only thing for him to do was to push on to Sand Springs, thirty-seven miles distant. The trip was safely made, and Bob related the circumstance of the atack at Smith's and advised the keeper at Sand Springs to go on with him, and thus probably saved the man's life. for Smith's was attacked early the next morning.

There was continuous fighting all along the road to the next station, and several men were killed, but Bob came through unscathed, and continued on westward, until his run footed up 380 mlles.

"DOC" FAUST.

Dr. H. J. Faust was closely connect-ed with the early stage coach and pony express lines, and relates many interesting incidents of those stirring times.

One of the greatest achievements of this enterprise was the carrying of President Lincoln's inaugural address of March 4, 1861, from the Missouri river to Sacramento, 2,000 miles, in seven days and 17 hours, which remains the record time for the trip, on horseback,

results.

making it the richest world. Fifty years ago it was hes than a quarter of that fabulous sum. In 1852 the vote for President was less than 3,000,000, Pierce, Deting 1,601,474, and Scott, At the last presidential

659 votes were cast for candidates, McKinley re-10g 7.111.00 and Bryan 6,509,052. In 1850 the population of Utah at cording to the government census report, was 11,380. This year is will prof wonsus .

ably top 300,000. It is just 50 years since Ca admitted to the Union. A fornia was the sat were mad ime Utah and New Mexi-

Territories. In 1850 the debt of the ted State was 63,452,778. In 1800 amouted to \$1,798,066.971 gold, silver, currency treasury notes of 1820 treasurer's cash, and inof Pacific railroad bonds deemed.

SURGERY AND MEDICINE

In the field of surgery Paren mail tremendous strides have or first if during the last fifty years portance may be mentle which was gradually e periments made by Dr Ga., Dr. Warren, of B ing, and others, until Dr of Edinburg introduced 1847, and for half a cent has be The amount thesia has saved hum

uiable Asepsis is a more Asepsis is a more to than Anesthesia. Its m antiseptic treatment saved thousands of easy operation that were cult or impossible, such surgery. It has made pouse of such things as the Murphy but

of ste importance is the X ray The end-scopes have also done much toward The most recent invent revolutionizing some departments

surgery. In medicine, the discovery of disease germs is one of the accompliahments of the last half century, the introduction of anti-toxine being one example of its

his successors. The Lord healed the sick to prove His power on earth to forgive them their sins. The power to cope with the result of sin is the best proof of authority to remove the source. And that is the great value of miraculous sifts exercised in the of miraculous gifts exercised in PONY EXPRESS AND

STAGE COACH DAYS.

One of the first problems to engage the attention of the early settlers in the West, and especially those of Utah, was the matter of transportation.

Goods might come through by ox trains, instead of by "lightning express" as today, but the growing needs of the country demanded quick transportation of mails and passengers.

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instances could be related. If former dispensations have been established amidst signs and wonders and mighty works, so has this dispensation of the latter days. They all point to the di-vine origin of the Church. They testify to the divinity of the Gospel, and the divine authority of the Prophet and

name of Jesus and with divine author-

