

of jurors are drawn from the 20,000 non-Mormons as are drawn from the 120,000 Mormons.

4. The Edmunds law, following the extra-judicial precedents established by the District and Supreme Courts of this Territory, authorizes the rejection of trial jurors for belief, and disfranchises hundreds of Mormons who never in their lives violated any law, either of the United States or of the Territory, but who, seeking redress in the courts of their country, are, therefor, "disloyal."

5. The honorable Prosecuting Attorney for Utah, following the example of the courts, goes beyond the law—possibly in anticipation of future Congressional legislation, for he says they (his party) will have more by and by—rejects from

THE PRESENT GRAND JURY

all Mormons except two, whose belief seemed to be somewhat doubtful. Thus in the jury, twelve of whom can indict on *ex parte* testimony the 120,000 Mormons of Utah, find themselves represented by two only of their own number, while, by the manipulation of a loyal prosecuting attorney, unbound by the restrictions of law, their non-Mormon friends furnish 13.

6. The 120,000 Mormons and the civilized world are informed through the columns of the *Inter-Ocean*, by the Hon. Philip T. Van Zile, prosecuting attorney, etc., that in empanelling this grand jury "to investigate polygamy cases" he could only find two out of all the Mormons summoned that would swear that they did not believe in polygamy. How does this comport with the oft-reiterated charge of perjury made against Mormons? Rather than deny their religious belief, or any portion of it, these, while fully comprehending the danger that might arise from a packed jury, suffered themselves to be deprived, unlawfully, of their sacred right, and left the Hon. United States Prosecuting Attorney of Utah to select a jury of his own choice. The act that caused them to be denied the right to serve as jurors proves them most worthy of it. The present jury

MAY BE SOMEWHAT SURPRISED

when they learn, if they have not already done so, that they were impaneled "to investigate polygamy cases." Heretofore, even in Utah, grand juries have been impaneled to investigate all infractions and violations of the criminal laws, both of the United States and of the Territory. Is the honorable Prosecuting Attorney quite sure that our present grand jury ought not to do likewise? Or have the violations of other than the laws of 1862 and 1882, regarding polygamy, ceased to be crimes in Utah?

7. The polygamous Mormons, so far as known, have strictly observed the rules and orders of the honorable United States Commission, acting under the Edmunds law, and have neither sought to register nor vote; harlots and the avowed keepers of mistresses have done both.

8. The Mormons have sought earnestly and prayerfully to guard their liberties and protect their rights through the peaceful and legitimate channels of the courts, and while doing so, have endeavored "to love their enemies and pray for those who despitefully use them."

9. Without any manifestations of rebellion, they saw what the late lamented Garfield, in his inaugural address, pronounced an act of treason against the sovereign people, namely the striking down of the sacred right of franchise. His Excellency, Governor Eli H. Murray, in violation of law and of his oath of office, struck down with one premeditated blow

THE RIGHT OF SUFFRAGE IN UTAH and, by issuing a fraudulent certificate to a man who received 1,300 votes as against another who received 18,000, strangled the voice of that people, and destroyed popular representation in this Territory. It was an infamous act, condemned almost universally throughout the Union by republicans and democrats alike; and yet with profound sorrow, the injured beheld the Hon. Philip T. Van Zile standing upon a party platform wherein that act is declared to be a virtue and not a crime.

For these reasons the honorable gentleman still contends that no man can believe the Mormon doctrines and be loyal. Christians, heathens, and pagans alike can forgive those who injure them, but those whom they injure, never.

In the heat of passion, in the excitement of debate, men frequently say things they would blush to utter

under other circumstances. But how a gentleman of Mr. Van Zile's position, ability, and reputation can write such unjust, cruel, and untruthful things, about a people who have never done him wrong, as appeared in the *Inter-Ocean* of Oct. 19, is a marvel to hundreds in Utah, with whom in the past he has not appeared ashamed to associate.

MR. VAN ZILE'S REPUTATION.

Through his gentlemanly conduct, though understood to be a partisan, Mr. Van Zile has won the esteem and confidence of many Mormons in Utah who believe that love for and loyalty to their country shines brighter when sanctified and glorified by deeds than when varnished with words only.

These and thousands of others have read with deep regret his expressed wish for further legislation with which to oppress his fellow citizens, who are neither disloyal nor rebellious. Utah, like an unloved child, has endured many afflictions, and she may yet be sold, like Joseph was to the Egyptians, but in all the pangs she may yet have to endure she will never experience the anguish of bearing or fostering traitors.

Fetters may be forged and fastened upon her people; alone and single-handed she may bear the malice of the world; fret and gall under

THE FEARFUL CHARGE OF DISLOYALTY

until her love of country shall have been tested like gold seven times purified in fire; yet her sons, white-robed and beautiful, loving liberty as none can whose rights are not daily innovated, having learned by what they have suffered never to become oppressors, will come forth, and, under the stars and stripes—the God-given emblem of a free people—will prove their loyalty by maintaining inviolate the provisions of the Constitution, the sacred principles of which were, and still are, sanctified in the blood of our fathers. The Mormons will yet assist in extending it as a charter of human rights, broad enough for all, to every man, woman and child struggling for freedom throughout the world.

Under the baneful influence of prejudice, born in the dark days of the Spanish inquisition, the joyous laughter of innocence may be hushed, the wheels of commerce checked, the hum of industry silenced, and the homes of Mormons for a time despoiled; but, in the end, malice shall expend its force, fall short of its mark, and defeated hatred shall punish the hater.

MOSES THATCHER.

SANPETE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Quarterly Conference of the Sanpete Stake of Zion convened at Manti City on the 18th day November.

Present: Presidents John Taylor and George Q. Cannon, Elders Geo. Reynolds, John Irvine, F. Spencer, President Peterson and Counselors.

Conference opened by singing and prayer.

Bishops Anderson, Reid and Allred gave a report of their respective wards, representing the Saints as generally endeavoring to do right.

Statistical report of the Stake and Sabbath school reports were read by Elder A. H. Lund.

Elder George Reynolds bore testimony of the great latter-day work; said that opinions of men were perhaps one as good as another, but it is the province of the Spirit of God to instruct and unite the Saints.

President Peterson referred to the many opportunities afforded to meet with the Apostles, gave a good report of the Saints throughout the Stake. Said the tithing would no doubt be less this year than in preceding years, owing to a frost in the month of July destroying a part of the wheat crop, and in some places the potato crop too. Asked the Saints to make themselves ready to help forward the work on the Temple the present winter. Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

After the usual opening exercises President Geo. Q. Cannon said that much depended upon the faithfulness of the Saints in bringing about the redemption of Zion. Said that the blessings promised were not confined to the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles and a few of the leading Elders, but were given to all the Latter-day Saints who were faithful. Spoke upon the increase

of the Saints as being very gratifying; contrasted the principles that God has revealed with the confusion that exists in the world it is necessary in order to reap the blessings of the Gospel to be pure and upright before God; it is the duty of parents to instruct their children as they arrive at manhood and womanhood how to maintain the purity of their bodies, and that the putting off of marriage till late in life is not good. Reviewed the political situation in the Territory.

Priest. Taylor said it would be well to ask ourselves what we are doing here, and what relation we hold to other people, what we are, where we came from and whither we are bound. Read 2nd chapter of Luke, showing that Adam was the son of God, showed that we are the children of God and that God being our Father it is His right to direct His children, and He is endeavoring to do so. He has revealed the Gospel in which there is a power that impels those who receive it to do the will of God. It is the same power that brought Israel out of Egypt and Pharaoh could not help himself. God had revealed himself to Joseph Smith and introduced to him the leading men of other dispensations that have been on the earth. The Gospel brought us here; if it had not been for it, no doubt we would have been among the people where we came from. The Elders have gone forth to preach the Gospel because there is power in this work that impels them. The organization that we have received came from God. There will be no trouble if we keep the commandments of God. Exhorted the Saints to set themselves right before God, and keep his commandments. Let us do our work faithfully and no power on earth will harm the Saints.

Singing. Benediction.

Sunday, 10 a. m.

Apostles Woodruff, Lyman and Teasdale met with the Saints. Opened by singing and prayer.

Apostle Woodruff said the brethren of the Twelve had visited and held good meetings in the settlements in other parts of the Stake, they had enjoyed much of the Spirit of the Lord. Said many of the sayings of the Prophets were being fulfilled, and that God our Father, and the Lord Jesus, and the ancients who have held the Holy Priesthood, were with the First Presidency, the Twelve Apostles and the Quorums of the Holy Priesthood, and the thousands of the lesser Priesthood. These with the thousands of young men and children that are growing up to take the places of those that are now operating in the Church and Kingdom of God, are a power in the earth. There is no trembling of the knees among those who are faithful; there is a power behind them that nerves them up to their duty. Referred to some of the ancient prophecies; said that in none of them had it been stated that the Kingdom of God should be overthrown in this dispensation. The Lord has set his hand to fulfil his promises to Israel. The word of the Lord to us is, turn to the house of Israel. I feel it my right to call on the Seventies to rise up as men and purify themselves and magnify that Priesthood that has been placed upon you."

Exhorted the Saints to prepare for the great work before them and slacken not their hands in helping forward the Temple.

Apostle Lyman spoke upon the necessity of enjoying the Holy Spirit in all the labors and walks of life; those who enjoy the Spirit are not deceived; those who are called to labor in the Holy Priesthood should keep all the laws of God, and acquire an influence in the midst of the Latter-day Saints by living correct lives. Studious habits should be formed under the guidance of parents that the children be not overcome by the evils that may surround them.

Councilor Maiben read the financial report of Manti Temple.

The General Authorities of the Church and also the Stake Authorities were presented by Councilor Maiben. All of whom were unanimously sustained.

Singing and benediction.

2 p. m.

After singing and prayer, sacrament was administered.

Apostle George Teasdale addressed the conference. Read from Doctrine and Covenants, page 310. Exhorted each one to look well to his own ways; each set his own house in order; by so doing we will have Zion. Said if any were in ignorance

in regard to the principle of plural marriage the fault must certainly rest with themselves. Referred to men having women who were dead sealed to them as wives, and believing they were fulfilling the law, but had never lived in that relationship.

President Geo. Q. Cannon, said there are none of us who can plead ignorance as an excuse for not obeying any law of God; if any of us should learn that we could not obtain celestial glory, there is no doubt we should feel sorrowful and much troubled. It is true we cannot conceive a celestial or terrestrial glory, much less a celestial glory, without it is revealed to us; but there are certain principles that have been revealed, of them we cannot plead ignorance. The offer of celestial glory is for the whole people if they will accept of it on the terms on which it is offered, that is, by keeping every law that God gives to them.

President Taylor, said he believed the Saints were trying to keep the commandments of God. All we have and enjoy we receive from God. He has been very kind to the Latter-day Saints, no people who had the Gospel before our days had the pleasant times we have. True, some have laid down their lives, but after taking their lives that was all that their enemies could do. It is the power of God that surrounds this people, that power is operating for us, let the Saints cease their quarreling and be one. Men set their affection on things of this world, they can only enjoy them for a time. Quoted the parable of the rich man and Lazarus; also of the unjust judge. Said if the Priesthood and the Saints will do right there is no power that will hurt a hair of their heads.

President Peterson announced that Conference would adjourn to meet at Ephraim on the 17th and 18th of February, 1883. Singing. Benediction by Apostle Woodruff.

We truly had a time of refreshing during our two days' conference. The Apostles and Elders were full of good counsel, which was accompanied by the Holy Spirit to a remarkable degree, and especially was this the case on Sunday afternoon, for the Saints felt truly that they were in the presence of a Prophet of God.

GEORGE TAYLOR,
Assistant Clerk.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

Thought works in silence, so does virtue. What folly would one avoid did the tongue be quiet till the mind had finished and was calling for utterance!

The curiosities of railroad traffic are illustrated by the shipment to Chicago of apple cores from New England. They are used for manufacture into jelly.

One hundred thousand elephants are every year slaughtered to supply the ivory of the world. The 1,200,000 pounds of ivory used by England in a year requires the sacrifice of 30,000 of the beasts.

The principal astronomical event of next year is a total eclipse of the sun, which takes place on the 6th of May. At some point on the central line the totality will last nearly six minutes; but so forgetful is the eclipse of the convenience of astronomers that this line, the whole of which is included in the South Pacific Ocean, only touches land on a small island situated north of the Society and west of the Marquesas group.

Mr. Joseph Thomas, the young African traveler and geologist, who accompanied the late Keith Johnston in his explorations of the dark continent, and who, on the death of this geographer, took charge of and so successfully conducted the expedition to the lake region, is about to undertake, under the auspices of the Royal Geographical Society of London, another tour of exploration to the same inhospitable country. The field of the new expedition lies to the east and northeast of the Victoria N'yanza, and special attention is to be directed toward an examination of the mountain peaks Kill-ma-njaro and Kenia.

Professor Alphonse Milne-Edwards, the director of the "Travailleur" deep-sea dredging expedition, in an address on oceanic exploration recently delivered before the French Academy, declared that the jelly-like substances which is spread or found over a considerable portion of the oceanic bottom, and which, un-

der the designation of *Bathylus* had been considered by some naturalists to represent the simplest form of living matter—a sort of intermediate between animate and inanimate bodies—was in reality a mucous excretion from certain sponges and zoophytes, whose tissues came in rude contact with the dredging apparatus. The *Bathylus*, which has too much occupied the scientific world, will thus have to descend from its pedestal and be consigned to oblivion.

Judge Jere Black, the great jurist and sound Democrat, thus expresses himself on his political position, in which he is surrounded by a host who desire the perpetuity of those institutions established by the founders of the nation: "I am a Democrat, with sentiments of unspeakable reverence for the founders of that party and strong attachment to the true and good men who, in latter years, struggled so faithfully and against such fearful odds, for personal liberty and the right of local self-government. But I am a Democrat according to my own definition of democracy, which is this: The common sense and common honesty of a free people, applied within constitutional limits, to the making and administering of the laws."

Mortuary Report.—Following is the City Sexton's report for November, 1882:

Accidental.....	2
Apoplexy.....	1
Consumption (phthisis pulmonalis).....	5
Convulsions (infantile).....	2
Cancer in Stomach.....	1
Diphtheria.....	1
Dropsy.....	1
Fever (typhoid).....	5
" (brain).....	1
Gastric Ulcer.....	3
Heart Disease.....	4
Hypertrophy of Liver.....	1
Lungs (congestion of).....	1
Measles.....	1
Marasmus.....	1
Necrosis.....	1
Old age.....	2
Pneumonia.....	2
Paralysis.....	1
Puerpal Mania.....	1
Septicemia.....	2
Suicide.....	1
Not reported.....	1
Total.....	47

SEX OF DECEDENTS.

Males.....	27
Females.....	20

AGES.

Under 1 year.....	5
One to 5 years.....	5
Five to 10 ".....	0
Ten to 20 ".....	3
Over 20 ".....	34

NATIVITIES.

Utah, 16; Other parts of the United States, 7; England, 10; Scotland, 1; Scandinavia, 4; Ireland, 4; Wales, 1; Germany, 1; Isle of Man, 1. Not reported 2.

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