

Correspondence.

Meetings and Organizations in Sanpete and Sevier Counties.

SALT LAKE CITY, July 20, 1874.
Editor Deseret News:

By request, although somewhat late, we forward the following for publication—

Under the direction of the First Presidency, we started on a mission to Sanpete and Sevier Counties, for the purpose of organizing Sanpete County into the United Order, and also to organize a Stake in the northern part of Sanpete County, and another at Richfield in Sevier Co. We were accompanied on our mission by Elder John Van Cott, and were joined at Provo by Bishop Johnson, of that city.

We started by rail on the 14th of May, and the same evening Elder Taylor held a meeting at Springville.

The following day we went to Nephi and held meeting in the evening.

The next day, 16th, we proceeded on our journey, preaching at Fountain Green and Moroni.

On the 17th we held two meetings at Mount Pleasant, where we had the pleasure of meeting President O. S. Hyde, whom we gladly hailed as president of that district, and a fellow laborer in the great cause.

On the 18th we went to Spring City, and preached in the afternoon, and from thence to Ephraim, the same day.

On the 19th we held two meetings at Ephraim.

On the 20th we preached at Manti in the morning and afternoon, and Elder J. Van Cott and Bishop Johnson held a Danish meeting in the evening. As there are a great many Danish brethren in that county, and as both of them spake that language, they held several meetings of the same kind.

In our various teachings in Sanpete county we laid before the people the principles of the United Order, as made known in the Scriptures and the Book of Mormon, as revealed by Joseph Smith in the Book of Doctrine and Covenants, and the late developments by President Brigham Young. We told them to use prudence and caution in the selection of their own officers, choosing the most trustworthy, honorable and competent men to fill those various offices, and to have their appointees ready, and that when we returned we would again call at the several settlements, hold meetings and organize them in the United Order; and thus they would have time to reflect and deliberate, and select the most suitable persons.

On the 21st we proceeded to Gunnison, and preached in the evening.

From thence we proceeded to Richfield, in Sevier county, at which place we had the pleasure of meeting Joseph A. Young, President of that district, who bade us welcome to his house.

We held a meeting on the 22nd, and on the 24th held two meetings and organized the stake. The following officers were nominated and appointed—

Joseph A. Young, President of Stake; A. K. Thurber, First Counselor; Nelson Higgins, Henry M. Russell, of Salina; Andrew Peterson, of Richfield; Isaac W. Pierce, of Glenwood; Henry C. Jacobs, of Prattsville; Charles W. Seegmiller, of Prattsville; Gottlieb Ence, Paul Paulson, Alonzo L. Farnsworth, of Richfield; Thomas Hunt, P. M. Paulson, of Monroe; Elias Johnson, of Joseph City, High Council; Wm. G. Baker, Clerk of Council.

Wm. M. Morrison was appointed President of the High Priests of this Stake of Zion, Wm. McBride, President of the Mass Quorum of Seventies, and Soren O. Peterson, President of the Elders of the Stake. These various brethren were ordained and set apart at the close of the morning meeting.

On the 25th we returned to Gunnison, and on the 26th held meeting in the bowery, at Manti; Sanpete County, where the following named officers were voted for, in the organization of the United Order—

Bishop Andrew J. Moffit, Prest.; Wm. Anderson, Franklin Spencer, Vice Presidents; Jens Hansen, Wm. A. Cox, Peter Westensrow, James Crawford, John Reid, Andrew C. Van Buren, Hans Jensen, directors; F. R. Kenner, secretary; John H. Howgaard, assistant sec-

retary; Jens Chr. A. Weibyl, treasurer.

We next proceeded to Ephraim and organized as per following report—

"Ephraim, May 27, 1874.

"The following officers were elected to-day by the Ephraim Branch of the United Order—

"Canute Peterson, President; L. S. Anderson, Hans Hanson, Vice Presidents; A. H. Lind, Ang. Anderson, Secretaries; H. F. Peterson, Treasurer; Peter Greaves, Rasmus Larson, Henry Beal, Wm. F. O. Behrmann, Jens Olsen, Directors.

"About 1050 persons have joined the order here.

"E. PETERSON."

The same day we went to Spring City and organized, and give the following as the report from that place—

"Spring City Branch of the United Order, organized May 27th, 1874, with the following named officers and number of members—

"Frederick Olsen, President; James A. Allred, Vice-President; William Blain, Secretary; John Baxter, Asst. Secretary; Lauritz Larson, Treasurer; Rasmus Justen-son, James Christianson, John Lambert, William Street Barney, Isaac Morley Allred, Directors; 474 members.

We went the same day to Mount Pleasant, and on the following, May 28th, we held meetings for organizing the United Order for the city and county, and also for organizing a Stake of Zion.

The following are the minutes—

"MOUNT PLEASANT,
May 28th, 1874.

"To-day a meeting was held, here in Mount Pleasant, for the purpose of organizing a High Council, a Stake of Zion and a branch of the United Order of Zion, and a county organization.

"Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt and John Taylor were present of the Twelve; also Elder John Van Cott and Bishop R. Johnson, and the most of the Bishops and leading men of the county.

"The following brethren were presented, and elected and nearly all sustained unanimously—

"Wm. S. Seely, President; Peter J. Jensen, First Vice-President; Justus W. Seely, Second Vice-President; Charles Hampshire, Secretary; Christian L. Lund, Assistant Secretary; Rasmus Hichalsen, Treasurer; Loren Jacobsen, Peter M. Peel, Niels P. Madsen, Andrew Madsen and George Frandsen, Directors; 768 members.

"The organization of the County of Sanpete was then presented—

"Orson Hyde, President; Kanute Peterson, first Vice President; W. S. Seely, second Vice President; Wm. Blain, Secretary; James A. Allred, Treasurer; Wm. S. Seely, Frederick Olson, Kanute Peterson, Andrew J. Moffit, directors.

"The organization of a stake of Zion, in the north part of Sanpete County was then attended to, as follows—

"President, Wm. M. Seely; first counselor, Peter J. Jensen; second counselor, Justus W. Seely.

"For High Councilors, Christoffer Johnson, William F. Reynolds, Orange Seely, Edward Cliff, Colman Joplin, Andrew Madsen, Abraham Day, Jens Miller Christensen, R. H. Allred, John H. Robinson, Archibald Anderson, Thomas Davis.

"Orson Hyde, Orson Pratt, and John Taylor then set them apart, and ordained such as required it.

"Lauritz Larson, Secretary."

After the organization we proceeded to Fairview and organized according to the following report—

"At a meeting held in Fairview this 28th of May, the following names were presented, and elected officers of the United Order, in this place—

"Amasa Tucker, President; John Cox, Sen., first Vice President; Phillip Hurst, second Vice President; Henry W. Sanderson, Secretary; Frederick Christensen, assistant Secretary; Wm. Christensen, Treasurer; Andrew Nielson, Otis L. Terry, Archibald Anderson, Peter Nielson Hanson, Jordan Brady, directors; 315 members."

The next day we proceeded to Moroni and organized the United Order as follows—

George W. Bradley, President; Lars S. Vendson, first Vice President; Aaron Hardy, second Vice President; J. M. Christenson, Secretary; Charles Kemp, Assistant Secretary; Peter Olsen, Treasurer; Jens C. Nielsen, John Silby, Niels Christensen, Jabez Faure,

Jens Jensen 2nd, John N. Larsen, Henry Reese, Directors.

George W. Bradley was elected Director for the county organization. 300 members.

John Van Cott, who attended all our meetings, here left us by our consent, having business back.

We proceeded in company with Bishop Johnson, the same day, to Fountain Green, and on May 29 organized a United Order as follows—

The following names were presented, having been previously nominated by a committee of thirteen, chosen by the people, the people, in this as in other places, having followed our directions in the selection of their officers, and they were also voted on separately:

R. L. Johnsen, President; Martin Lund, first Vice President; Reuben Carter, second Vice President; Andrew Leslie, Secretary; Thomas Crowther, Treasurer; Noah T. Guyman, Cornelius Collard, Herbert Longson, Soren A. Berthelsen, Tor N. Peterson, James Neilson, John H. Robertson, Directors.

Bishop R. L. Johnson was elected a director for the county organization. About 380 members.

The next day we bent our course homeward, and arrived at Payson that night.

The next day, early, Elder Pratt went to Provo and preached, and Elder Taylor preached at Payson, Spanish Fork and Springville.

Thus from the 14th of May to the last of the month we visited those counties, organized as above stated, and held 32 or 33 meetings.

ORSON PRATT,
JOHN TAYLOR.

Our Grand Jubilee Concert.

Editor Deseret News:

Dear Sir—The Sunday School Jubilee Concert, commencing at 4:30 p. m., came off yesterday in the New Tabernacle, in splendid style. The exercises opened with prayer by Elder A. Carrington. The programme of the grand performance on the 24th inst., was repeated, with additional music by the orchestra, and songs by Mrs. Professor Thomas, assisted by Miss A. Parke, well rendered. Professor Thomas conducted, excellent order prevailed, and all enjoyed a rare musical treat. If there be one study or exercise more than another, calculated to beautify the countenance, happy and elevate the soul, it is music, instrumental and vocal. It is anticipated that our great success and triumph achieved in this celebration, will open up a broader highway in this delightful section of education than we have been wont to travel. If the sonorous voices of the young men of Israel commingle with the sweet and gentler voices of our young sisters in musical harmony, how exalting and ennobling to the mind! It will lead us to a high state of perfection in general arts and science, promote the happiness of the social circle and refine society. Harmony in its very nature is the soul of good order—"Heaven's first law."

If the superintendents of the S. S. Union were to purchase the unsold copies of the Jubilee songs and music for the use of Sabbath Schools, they would do well. The song books will answer the purpose of the S. S. hymn book until there is one published, which cannot be done for some time. For spiritual songs and hymns have to be composed by the Saints for that purpose, and inspiration is necessary in their composition. For spiritual songs, suitable for public worship, cannot be composed so easily as we work out a mathematical problem; divine inspiration is requisite.

In conclusion, in the words of Superintendent Geo. Q. Cannon, "I hope that this Jubilee and Concert, is only a beginning to such jubilees and concerts in Zion."

Yours truly,
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