

CELEBRATION OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH OF JULY.

AT ALPINE CITY.

At an early hour the streets were filled with people passing to and fro, unmistakably indicating that something unusual was in anticipation.

At sunrise the Stars and Stripes were run up to the top of a tall flag-staff and saluted by a volley of musketry.

At 9 o'clock another salute was fired, when the people assembled and a procession was formed under the direction of John W. Vance, marshal of the day.

I will not undertake to give a lengthy description of the order of the procession with its guards, music, local authorities, speakers of the day, committee of arrangements, fathers and mothers in Israel, young gentlemen, young ladies, Sabbath school, etc., with their numerous flags, banners, mottoes and inscriptions, but I will just say that in the front was carried a large, splendid flag attached to a staff beautifully decorated with flowers, which added greatly to the beauty and grandeur of the procession.

After marching through the town, the procession proceeded to and was seated in our new meeting-house, where the following ceremonies were performed:

Called to order by the marshal.

Choir sung, "Behold the mountains of the Lord."

Prayer by the chaplain, T. J. McCullough.

Choir sung, "Oh, ye mountains high."

Orations were then delivered by Elders Morris Phelps and Thomas F. Carlisle, orators of the day. The former gave an historical account of the condition of the Christian world at the time the angel visited the youthful Joseph—the rise and progress of the Church—the trials, persecutions, mobbings, imprisonments, etc., of Joseph the Prophet and others, and finally the expulsion of the Saints from Missouri. He gave many interesting incidents of the doings of the mob and authorities of Missouri with the 'Mormons' that have never been published—himself being one that was imprisoned along with others.

Choir sung, "Great is the Lord and marvelous."

Elder Thomas F. Carlisle continued the history of the Saints—the building up of Nauvoo—the persecutions of the Saints there—the plighted honor of Illinois by Gov. Ford—the death of Joseph and Hyrum Smith—the expulsion of the Church—the calling for five hundred men to fight the battles of the nation that was driving us from its borders—the entrance of the pioneers into G. S. L. valley—our destitute condition, but through faith, works and the blessings of God, our prosperity; spreading over these valleys building cities, beautifying the earth, feeding travelers passing from the east and west through these valleys, and our general prosperity as a people, which were both eloquent and instructive.

Choir sung, "How beautiful upon the mountains."

The congregation was then dismissed by the chaplain until 3 o'clock p.m., when the people again assembled and all who chose went forth in the dance till 5 o'clock, when the marshal requested the assembly to be seated, and Bishop McCullough and Elders Hamilton and Booth each spoke much to our edification and benefit, interspersed with singing, etc., after which dancing was again resumed and kept up until a late hour of the night, when the assembly was dismissed and all went home well pleased and gratified with the celebration of the 24th of July, 1863, in Alpine city.

JOHN W. VANCE, } Committee
MORRIS PHELPS, } of
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J. W. VANCE, Reporter.

AT PROVO.

The following is a brief synopsis of the celebration of the 24th of July, in Provo City:

At sunrise a salute of artillery was given on the Union Square, the Stars and Stripes were hoisted, whose broad folds fluttered in the breeze, accompanied with music by the brass and martial bands, after which they paraded through several of the principal streets of the city, playing some of their favorite airs and serenading many of their friends.

At 9 o'clock a.m. a salute of artillery was given as a signal for the citizens to assemble on Temple Square, when the procession was formed, under the direction of Wm. W. Haws, Marshal of the day; when the escort marched to the residence of Bishop William Miller, formed in the following order:

A platoon of infantry, as advance guard, under command of Capt. Thos. J. Patten.

Provo brass band, under command of Capt. George Wardle.

Presiding Bishop and suite.

The members of the High Council.

The Bishops of the several wards, their Counselors, Committee of Arrangements, Daniel W. Jones, Esq., Orator of the day, Reporter, and Elder Isaac Higbee, Chaplain.

The Mayor and City Council.

Martial band, under the direction of Capt. Dominicus Carter.

Pioneers of 1847, under the direction of Edson Whipple.

Mormon Battalion, under the direction of Joseph Clark.

Members and Ex-members of the Council

and House of Representatives of the Legislative Assembly.

Twenty-four aged fathers in Israel, under the direction of Moses Jones.

Twenty-four aged mothers in Israel, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Duke.

Twenty-four young men, under the direction of Joseph McEwan.

Teachers of academies, common schools, with their scholars, under the direction of David John.

Carpenters, joiners and millwrights, under the direction of Thos. Allman.

Machinists and blacksmiths, under the direction of George Brown.

Tanners, curriers and shoemakers, under the direction of Samuel Clark.

Citizens.

A platoon of infantry as rear guard.

Upon arriving at the bowery all were comfortably seated. The exercises were commenced by music from the instrumental band and prayer by the Chaplain.

Daniel W. Jones, Orator of the day, then addressed the assemblage in an eloquent speech, and whose style of Oratory was very unique.

The remainder of the time was occupied by Edson Whipple, Wm. Miller, Elijah Billingsley and Geo. W. Bean, Esqs., who delivered short extempore addresses, very suitable to the occasion. Song by Saml. S. Jones. Toasts were then read.

The assembly was then dismissed. Not an angry word was heard, nor any intoxication seen during the day; but the day was celebrated with the true spirit of liberty.

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M. TANNER, }
JOHN RIGGS, }
JOHN MCEWAN, Reporter.

AT SPANISH FORK.

The firing of cannon at day break gave the signal to prepare for action; and at sunrise a repetition salute greeted the ears of the inhabitants, and by this time animation prevailed in the streets, each one sanguine of a day's enjoyment; and indeed from appearances, every one appreciated the privilege of having the opportunity of enjoyment.

The Spanish Fork marshal and brass bands did honor to the occasion. A very excellently arranged procession paraded the streets, bearing banners with mottoes suitable to the occasion, after which the company advanced to the Social Hall, to listen to the varieties there presented. James C. Snow, esq. of Provo delivered a short, but highly patriotic address, followed by songs, toasts, etc., sentimental and comic.

Hon. A. K. Thurber then made a few humorous remarks, and adjourned the meeting, for the people to enjoy their "beef roast" etc.

The afternoon was spent in dancing, etc.

The prospects of "our city" are highly encouraging; the progress of our new meeting-house is satisfactory, and the Indians are enjoying their wonted summer retreat in peace.

Wm W. ROCKHILL.

AT MORONI.

As a step preparatory to the celebration of the 24th, the Moroni Dramatic Association put upon the boards the play of "The Stranger," on the night of the 23d, with success, proving, beyond doubt, that Moroni is not without her "Stars," although she may have merited some "Stripes."

At day-break on the morning of the 24th, a heavy volley of musketry announced the coming ceremonies and festivities. At sunrise the Stars and Stripes were run up and saluted. This was the signal for "giving rein" to the champing steeds which conveyed the martial bands, under Capt. Hans Hansen; the Moroni choir, under their talented leader J. Kirkman; also the Moroni quadrille band, under Capt. J. Done, whose enlivening strains resounded through the streets of the town.

At 9 o'clock an imposing procession was formed, by Capt. A. Lowry, Marshal of the day, in the following order:

Martial band.

Committee of Arrangements.

Bishop G. W. Bradley and Council.

Carpenters with appropriate banner—under the direction of N. Faux.

Masons with masonic banner—under the direction of P. A. Nelsen.

Blacksmiths with banner—under the direction of A. C. Nelson.

Shoemakers with boots and shoes—under the direction of A. Aagren.

Brickmakers with brick molds, etc.—under the direction of P. Christisen.

Farmers with sheaves of grain—under the direction of J. Tilby.

School children, under charge of their instructor.

After marching through the principal streets, the procession proceeded to the meeting house, and after being seated and called to order by the Marshal, the choir sung, "The Hymn of Deseret," followed by prayer by the Chaplain, Michael Johnson, and music by the band.

An oration was delivered by Hon. J. Crawford, orator of the day, after which there was martial music, volunteer speeches by distinguished citizens, juvenile songs by the school children; toasts, etc., which finished the chapter of morning exercises; concluding with an original song by J. Child and benediction by the Chaplain.

A cricket match was announced, and came

off very creditably in the afternoon. In the evening, those fond of dancing had full swing. Harmony and good order prevailed throughout.

NATHAN FAUX, Reporter.

AT FOUNTAIN GREEN.

Just out from the winding up scene of one of the best 24th of July celebrations ever attended by this Reporter, which came off as follows:

Platoons fired at sun up.

Military company organized for drill at 9 a.m.

Procession formed at 10 a.m.

Martial music.

Six young gentlemen, in charge of George Huggins, with banner "Hope of Israel."

Six young ladies, in charge of Miss Almira Caldwell, with banner "Fair Daughters of Zion."

Six aged fathers with staves, in charge of William Huggins—banner, "Old Men for Council Young Men for War."

School children, in charge of teachers, with banners.

Military under arms, bearing "Flag of the Union."

The procession marched to the house of Bishop R. L. Johnson, where the following gentlemen joined the procession.

Bishop R. L. Johnson, Hon. Bernard Snow, Edward Collard, C. Otison—Jackson and Samuel Miles, Esqs.

The procession then marched to the school house, where the following programme was carried out.

Singing, "Mountain Dell."

Prayer by Elder A. More.

Oration by Bernard Snow, followed by Jackson and Samuel Miles, Esqs.

Mr. R. R. Lewellyn sung the "Battle Cry," the audience joining in chorus.

Adjourned until 2 o'clock, p.m.

Having partaken of a substantial dinner, the citizens again prepared for duty—when dancing commenced and continued until 10 o'clock, p.m., interspersed with songs and recitations.

The only jar in this days proceedings was the breaking of a fiddle string.

I wish to say in conclusion, that the committee of arrangements and Marshal of the day, carried out the programme in good style and received the thanks of the attending citizens.

A. L. SILER, Reporter.

AT BOUNTIFUL.

At early dawn volleys of musketry announced to the citizens that the sixteenth anniversary of the entrance of our Pioneers into the Valley of the Great Salt Lake had arrived.

At 8 o'clock a.m. a detachment of cavalry, under the command of Capt. O. Hatch, formed on the Public Square, and accompanied by the city brass band, Capt. Nichols proceeded to the residence of Gen. Charles C. Rich, at Centerville, and escorted the General and suit, with Bishop Smith, and some of the prominent citizens of Centerville, to the residence of Bishop Stoker, at Bountiful.

The procession, formed on the Public Square, proceeded to the residence of Bishop Stoker to receive the distinguished visitors, and then marched through Main and other streets, in the following order:

1st. Banner, motto "Holiness to the Lord."

2nd. City of Bountiful Brass Band.

3rd. Cavalry.

4th. Marshal of the day, W. H. Lee, Esq.

5th. Gen. Charles C. Rich and suit.

6th. Bishop Smith, with several distinguished citizens of Centerville.

7th. Bishop Stoker and the Chaplain of the day, Elder Reuben Perkins.

8th. Committee of Arrangements and Orator of the day, Judge Holbrook.

9th. Banner, motto "Wisdom."

10th. Twenty-four Fathers in Israel.

11th. Twenty-four Mothers in Israel.

12th. Banner, motto "Zion's Bulwarks."

13th. Twenty-four young gentlemen uniformly attired.

14th. Banner, motto "Purity and Virtue."

15th. Twenty-four young ladies dressed in white with wreaths on their heads and bouquets in their hands.

16th. Flag of our Union.

17th. Assistant Marshal, Jesse N. Perkins.

18th. Banner, motto "Mountain Blossoms."

19th. The District Schools, conducted by their respective teachers, bearing a profusion of flags and banners with a variety of appropriate mottoes.

On arriving at our beautiful and commodious meeting house, the company was seated and called to order by the Marshal, when there was music by the brass band, singing by the choir, and prayer by the Chaplain.

Gen. Rich then delivered an appropriate address, followed by music by the Centerville martial band and an oration by Hon. J. Holbrook. A song, "Israel is Free," sung by Mr. Botterel, music by the Centerville string band and an anthem by the choir, closed the ceremonies for the forenoon, when the assembly was dismissed by the Chaplain, until 2 p.m., when the citizens again assembled and listened to addresses from Bishop Stoker, Bishop Smith and J. C. Rich; songs by T. Botterel and J. W. Fisher; toasts by the assembly and music from the bands. The meeting was dismissed by the Chaplain, at 4 o'clock, p.m. Dancing then commenced in a spacious bowery provided for the occasion and was kept up with spirit until a late hour in the evening, our grandfathers and grandmothers participating with their usual zest in the exhilarating amusement.

About two thousand persons were present on the occasion whose bosoms heaved with gratitude to the God of Israel for his blessings so bountifully bestowed upon his people in this our free and happy mountain home.

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J. TELFORD, }
THOMAS F. FISHER, Reporter.

AT LOGAN.

The day dawned with a clear and cloudless sky, when the proceedings of the day commenced with a salute of three guns, and music by the bands.

The flag was unfurled and saluted at sunrise.

At 8 o'clock, one gun was fired as a signal for the people to gather on the public square; at the same time the Marshal and bands were escorting the Chaplain, C. J. Goodwin, Bishop Peter Maughan and the Bishops of the several Wards, to the residence of Pres. E. T. Benson; from whence, with Pres. Benson, and suite, they proceeded to the square and joined the procession, which was formed as follows:

A detachment of minute men, under Lieut. William Ricks; brass and martial bands; colour guard; pioneers; members of the Mormon Battalion; twelve Fathers in Israel; twenty-four Mothers in Israel; twelve young men; twenty-four young ladies; High Priests, under Pres. D. B. Dille; Seventies, under Pres. F. Harmerson; Elders, under Pres. G. L. Farrell; Lesser Priesthood, under Pres. J. Deming; school children, under Wm. Cowley; citizens with their ladies and minute men, under Lieut. Charles Maughan.

The procession then proceeded to the large and commodious bowery where they were comfortably seated by the Marshal and his assistants, and the proceedings of the day were continued, with music, by martial band; music, by brass band; singing, by the Choir; prayer, by the Chaplain; singing, by the Choir; and an address by Maj. William Hyde, in behalf of the Mormon Battalion. The address was short but spirited, followed with music by the band and an address by Pres. Benson. The speaker opened his address by alluding to the deliverance of ancient Israel and the saying of the Prophet that that should be as a by-word compared with God's dealings with the Israel of the last days; said, that the Saints' exodus was one of the events that would help to fulfil that saying. He then referred to the cruelties and injustice that were brought to bear upon this people at that time by our enemies, showing that prophets were again in our midst and God's miraculous power had also been made manifest. Said that although the pioneers and Battalion had done good, yet there were many others of the Saints who were willing to sacrifice and would also receive the blessing of God; and that we are all pioneers to do good and carry out the precepts of the gospel in our lives, acts and dealings with each other.

Addresses were also delivered by Bishop P. Maughan and Maj. S. M. Blair, interspersed with music, toasts and songs.

We are sorry to add an accident occurred during the morning through the bursting of an anvil, which, though not fatal, was serious, as it injured two men, Joseph Hyde and Thomas Lockyear; they are, however, recovering.

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PAUL CORDON, }
NIELS HANSON, }

JOHN REED, Reporter.

AT PAYSON.

The 24th was celebrated by our citizens in their usual spirited manner. The military paraded on the public square at 7 o'clock a.m., where they practiced the manual of arms, and went through a variety of evolutions, under the direction of Col. W. B. Pace.

At 9 o'clock, the citizens and military assembled in front of Union Hall, and formed a procession in the following order, viz:

Pioneers, with arms; soldiers of the Mormon Battalion; Silver Greys; Mothers in Israel; young maidens; school children, and military with arms.

After a short march, the procession was conducted into Union Hall, where all that could be seated within its walls; the balance found seats in a bowery outside. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stewart. The choir sung an appropriate hymn. Prayer by Bishop Fairbanks.

Mayor Stewart delivered an historic address in behalf of the Pioneers, showing the critical position in which, as a people, we were placed when these heroic men volunteered their services to seek a home for the persecuted, houseless wanderers who were even then the meditated prey of mehorocracy.

Col. C. B. Hancock gave a history of the marches and hardships of the Mormon Battalion.

A speech was also delivered by Mr. David Fairbanks in behalf of the Silver Greys, which was followed by a poetic address to the Mothers in Israel, from the pen of Mrs. L. J. Wightman. The audience then listened to a stirring speech in behalf of the military, by Mr. William Heaton; also to an address penned and read by Miss Adalade Webb.

Benediction by Elder O. Simons.

L. M. COOMAS, Reporter.