

Conference held in Centerville, Davis county, beginning Sept. 25, 1856.

Present, of the First Presidency, Jedediah M. Grant; of the Seventies, President Joseph Young; of the home missionaries, Wm. Willes, Gilbert Clements, and J. W. Johnson.

Singing.

Prayer by Prest. J. Young.

Singing.

After which Prest. Grant spoke upon the feelings of the people, of their minds being set upon the things of this world more than upon their religion; of their setting at naught and treating lightly the revelations and sacred things of the kingdom of God.

Song by Elder Willes, difference between a 'Mormon' and a Saint.

Prest. J. Young spoke upon the pure and holy principles that had been and were to be revealed to this people; of the spiritual slothfulness and inactivity of the Saints; and urged them to honor their religion.

Singing.

Benediction by Elder Clements.

2 P. M.

Elder Willes spoke upon the fruits of the Spirit, and the necessity for having our works correspond with our profession.

Elder Clements spoke of the blessings that would be poured out upon the people, if they are faithful to the principles of the gospel; and requested all that wished to keep the commandments of the Lord to rise, whereupon all the congregation arose.

Prest. Grant enquired whether there were any in the congregation that had committed sins that could not be remitted by baptism, if so, he forbid their coming to the water as candidates for the administration of that ordinance.

6 1/2 P. M.

Singing.

Prayer by Elder Willes.

Singing.

Elder Johnson said that the time had come when we must be decided as to whom we would serve; spoke of the evil spirits that are abroad in the earth, and of the key for detecting them; and instructed the Teachers in their duties.

Prest. J. Young spoke of the plainness of the sayings of the Savior; that he spoke to the understanding of the people; how the one class loved his sayings for the truth's sake, while the other class, although religionists, said that his sayings were hard, for they were not living in the light of revelation, consequently could not comprehend the truth. Gave instructions in regard to our duties to our God, of wives to their husbands, and of children to parents.

Song by Elder Willes, "Mormon Creed."

Bishop Smith rejoiced in the teachings that had been given, and urged the people to come with pure hearts to the waters of baptism.

Prest. Grant spoke of the regeneration of the earth; of the spirits that had yet to come here and take bodies; of the manner in which he would have those persons treated, both male and female, that would not control their lusts; and asked those to rise, who were willing to keep the commandments of God. All arose but one.

Benediction by Prest. Grant.

FRIDAY, 9 A. M.

Prest. Grant said that he had considered the matter, and deemed it best to postpone baptism for the present, that the people may have time to prepare their minds, that they may be benefited by the administration of that sacred ordinance.

Prest. J. Young and Elders Willes, Clements and Johnson coincided with Prest. Grant's views, and made appropriate remarks.

Bishop Smith regretted the condition of the people; proposed a fast day and other measures, to prepare the people for baptism; and expressed a great desire to fulfil the duties of his office.

Prest. Grant instructed the Bishop and officers of the ward to cut off every person that would not keep the commandments of God; to put their houses in order; to appoint a fast day for the 16th of October next; to keep a correct account of all that do and those who do not attend the fellowship meetings which are to be held every Sunday, up to the day appointed to hold the fast; and that the officers and all good men assist in carrying out those instructions, that the ward may be purified from all evil and characters. Urged the people to attend their fellowship meetings, and adjourned the conference to the 16th of Oct., 1856.

Benediction by Prest. Grant.

WM. REEVES, Clerk.

SUNDAY, Sept. 23, 1856.

Singing.

Prayer by Elder Gates.

Singing.

Elder Grover spoke in condemnation of every evil practice, and the necessity of our clinging to the light of the gospel.

Elder Gates spoke upon the purposes for which we came here, and cautioned the Saints being lifted up in the pride of their hearts.

Elder H. S. Eldredge reviewed the present state of the people, and spoke of the great privilege we have of again renewing our covenants by baptism.

Elder Grover gave some instructions relative to the order to be observed by the Saints, when attending meetings.

Bishop Smith gave notice that Prest. Grant would be at the school house, at 2 p. m.; and wished the missionaries to rebuke sin of every kind, and those persons that were under the influence of the devil.

Benediction by Elder Grover.

2 P. M.

Singing.

Prayer by Prest. J. Young.

Prest. Grant explained our duties in relation

to the renewal of our covenants, and then asked the Bishop and his counselors whether they were willing to covenant, in the name of God Almighty and his Son Jesus Christ, and in the presence of holy angels, the servants of God, and all men, to discharge their duties in the office and calling whereunto they were called, according to the ability that God should give them. This they did with uplifted hands.—The High Priests, Seventies, Elders, Priests, Teachers, Deacons, male and female members, with uplifted hands, made covenants to discharge all duties pertaining to their respective callings, and to keep all the commandments of God, according to the ability that God should give them.

Prest. Grant then called upon Joseph Rich, President of the High Priests' Quorum, to speak his feelings, which he did, in a short and pleasing manner; as did also the acting Teachers in the ward; each expressing a desire and resolution to reform.

Many acknowledged their faults, with a great desire to amend, renew their covenants before God by baptism, and receive the Holy Ghost.

Prest. Grant was much pleased with the spirit that the officers had manifested, and with the desire manifested for the Spirit of the Lord. Spoke of the spirit that was here on Friday; of his going to Farmington to refresh his spirits, and of the different spirit prevalent on the present occasion. Wished the people to come forward on Monday morning, at 9 o'clock, to renew their covenants by baptism.

Elder Grover spoke of his love for the associations of the Saints, &c.

6 1/2 P. M.

Singing.

Prayer by S. B. Dolten.

Singing.

Elder Gates spoke of the manifestations of the Spirit of the Lord during the day; of the inspiration of the servants of God; of the penetrating power of the Priesthood; and of the necessity of living the lives of Saints.

Bishop Smith acquiesced in what br. Gates had said, and blessed those that had borne testimony to the work of the Lord, and had acknowledged their faults.

MONDAY, 9 A. M.

Singing. Prayer. Singing.

Short addresses were delivered by Elders Willes, Johnson and Clements, on the manner persons should conduct themselves during the administration of the ordinance of baptism.

Bishop Smith made a few remarks, and prayed that the Spirit of the Lord might rest upon the penitent and faithful.

Elder Gates delivered a short address upon the subject of strengthening the weak, assisting those that stand in need, &c.

Meeting dismissed for half an hour, to prepare for baptism.

At the water's edge, after singing, Elder Gates asked the congregation if they were willing to again make covenant to keep the commandments of God, to which all cheerfully responded with uplifted hands. Two hundred and thirty-one persons were baptized by Elders Gates, Willes, Johnson and Clements, and Bishop Smith and his counselors.

SCHOOL-HOUSE, 2 P. M.

Singing.

Prayer by Elder Johnson.

Prest. J. Young felt happy to meet on such an occasion; dwelt upon the solemn covenants the Saints had made, and said it would be better for the Saints had they never made such covenants if they did not abide them; and blessed the people, in the name of the Lord.

Prest. Grant confirmed the Bishop, his counselors and others; and the Elders proceeded to confirm the remainder of the congregation.

Prest. J. Young bore testimony to the Spirit of the Lord's being upon the people, and spoke of the blessings that were in store for the faithful.

Elder Grover spoke against everything calculated, if persisted in, to lead into evils.

Elders Clements, Gates and Willes severally addressed the congregation upon the present reformation, keeping the covenants now made, records being kept, blessings, baptisms, &c.

Elder Willes sang "Parted from this new land of ours."

Prest. Grant made a few remarks; blessed the congregation, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the authority of the Holy Priesthood; blessed their lands, their flocks, their substance, even all they had, and all the Saints responded with a loud amen.

Thus we have had a time ever to be remembered by the Saints now residing in Centerville. The Spirit of the Almighty seems to be lit up in the countenances of all; and each one seems desirous to become a brother and a friend.

Benediction by Prest. Grant.

6 1/2 P. M.

After singing and prayer, there was a unanimous manifestation of gratitude to Prests. Grant and Young and the home missionaries; a large subscription to the Weber canal; harmonious addresses by Prests. Grant and J. Young and the missionaries; and songs from Elder Willes, "Do they miss me at home," and "The Hives of Deseret."

Benediction.

Meeting adjourned until Thursday Oct. 16, 1856.

WM. REEVES, Clerk.

FEVER AND AGUE.—Mr. Editor: I have a few words to say relating to my own experience.—Last fall I had the fever and ague very hard for a long time, and tried many different medicines, all of which were said to be infallible. Most of them did me no good; some would break the ague for a few days. At length I adopted a system that cured me in a few days, and my health has been excellent ever since.

Many others have tried it by my advice, and been cured in the same way. It is simply this—

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER, 1856.

BY HENRY E. PHELPS.

Day of Week.	Day of Month.	Morning.			Noon.			Evening.			REMARKS.
		Thermometer. 6 a. m.	Weather. 6 a. m.	Wind. 6 a. m.	Thermometer. 12 m.	Weather. 12 m.	Wind. 12 m.	Thermometer. 6 p. m.	Weather. 6 p. m.	Wind. 6 p. m.	
Mon'y	1	65	clear	still	84	clear	s	84	clear	s	Fair and warm.
Tues'y	2	60	"	s	86	"	"	85	"	"	Pleasant, dry and warm.
Wed'y	3	53	"	"	85	"	"	78	"	"	do do
Thur'y	4	50	"	n	69	cloudy	n	68	cloudy	n	Began to rain at 3 p. m.
Frid'y	5	45	cloudy	"	56	"	still	60	"	"	Snowing on the mountains; cold rain in valley.
Satur'y	6	40	clear	"	65	clear	s	66	clear	"	Cool and light wind north.
S	7	63	"	"	73	"	"	77	"	s	High wind south.
Mon'y	8	58	"	s	79	cloudy	"	77	cloudy	"	Pleasant weather.
Tues'y	9	51	cloudy	n	60	"	"	56	clear	n	A cool breeze.
Wed'y	10	38	clear	s	60	clear	"	64	"	"	Frost on low ground.
Thur'y	11	37	"	n	72	"	w	70	"	still	Frost; pleasant.
Frid'y	12	56	"	"	75	"	still	77	"	"	Beautiful weather.
Satur'y	13	56	"	still	84	"	"	80	"	"	Summer Weather.
S	14	56	"	"	85	"	"	78	"	"	Appearance of rain; high winds.
Mon'y	15	60	cloudy	s	68	"	"	70	"	still	Weather fine and warm.
Tues'y	16	40	clear	s	73	"	still	74	"	"	Fair; dry.
Wed'y	17	46	"	w	64	"	w	72	"	"	Moderate and cool.
Thur'y	18	44	"	w	66	"	"	68	"	still	To-day as yesterday.
Frid'y	19	40	"	e	75	"	"	70	"	"	Appearance of fall.
Satur'y	20	60	cloudy	still	75	"	still	69	cloudy	"	Dry fall weather.
S	21	60	"	"	76	cloudy	s	73	"	"	do do
Mon'y	22	60	raining	"	79	"	"	60	"	still	Drizzling rain all day.
Tues'y	23	60	"	n	70	"	"	65	"	"	Light showers at 8 a. m.; after, fair.
Wed'y	24	50	clear	e	73	ear	w	66	"	w	Fine weather; airy.
Thur'y	25	50	"	still	79	"	still	70	"	still	Dry and warm.
Frid'y	26	50	"	"	79	"	s	73	"	"	Very fair. First hand-carts arrived.
Satur'y	27	50	"	n	70	"	w	70	clear	w	The same appearance.
S	28	55	"	still	70	"	"	67	"	still	No variation in weather.
Mon'y	29	50	"	"	70	"	"	67	"	"	A few clouds and smoke.
Tues'y	30	50	"	"	70	"	"	68	"	"	Fine weather, but no mail from the States.

starve the disease to death. The ague usually comes on every other day; no food or other drink or medicine than cold water should enter the stomach for twelve hours previous to the chills coming on, as the stomach at that time is incapable of digesting any thing; nor should any food or other drink than cold water be taken until after the fever has passed away; then eat as little as possible of bread in cold water, or something very plain.

The less you eat the better: there is no fear of starving any thing to death except the fever. Do not let any one persuade you that because you were so sick yesterday, and could not eat any thing, you must have something nice to-day, for it will surely feed the fever. When the chill comes on, just gratify nature to the full extent, and drink all the cold water you want, and try to drink a little more. In addition to this, take a cold bath an hour previous to the chill coming on. Any kind of a Bath will do, but the shower-bath is the best. Then cover yourself up warm in bed, and you will sweat, and very likely get so warm that the ague will not trouble you through the day.

This course of treatment, when rigidly adhered to, I have never known to fail, and a person once cured in this way is thoroughly cured, and has none of the bad effects of drug medicines to combat with, nor doctor's bills to pay. J. L. A.

BEAVER DAM, Wis.—[Life Illustrated.

EXPERIMENTS WITH CAST IRON.—The interest ing fact is developed by experiments of the U. S. Ordnance Department, that iron, by repeated fusion, up to a certain number of times, is thereby greatly improved in strength. Guns cast solidly, and those cast hollow, through which latter water was made to circulate after casting, showed an astonishing difference in their relative strength, the difference being in favor of the hollow-cast gun, which is attributed to the method of cooling, the solid gun, contracting from the outside, exerting a strain upon the arrangement of the particles of the metal in the same direction as the strain of the discharges.

The experiments also showed that old castings are a great deal stronger than new. Eight inch guns, proved thirty days after being cast solid, stood but 72 charges; thirty-four days, 84 charges; one hundred days, 731 charges, and six years, 2,582 charges. This phenomenon is accounted for by supposing that the particles strained in the cooling readjust themselves in the course of time to their new position and free or nearly so. These are important facts for engineers.

MANUFACTURE OF GLASS BEADS.—Most of the glass beads used for needle work are manufactured at Murano, near Venice. Tubes of colored glass are drawn out to great lengths and fineness, in the same manner as those of more moderate lengths are made in this country for thermometers; these are cut into very small pieces, of nearly uniform lengths, on the upright edge of a fixed chisel.—These elementary cylinders are then put into a mixture of fine sand and wood ashes, where they are stirred about until their cavities get filled.

This mixture is then put into an iron pan, suspended over a moderate fire, where, by being kept continually stirred, they assume a smooth rounded form. They are then removed from the fire, cleared out in the bore, and strung in bunches, constituting the beads as we meet with them in commerce. Great quantities of these beads, packed in casks, are exported to all parts of the world.

TEST FOR COPPER.—Olive oil is not only well known as an excellent test for indicating the presence of a salt of copper in any liquid, but it is also a means of cleansing spirits from any traces of copper which may have proceeded from the vessels in which they may have been distilled. If, for this purpose, a few drops of olive oil be introduced into the spirits, and shaken; in a few minutes, as soon as it begins to separate, it will be seen to take a green hue, and absorb all the copper which may happen to be present, so that the most delicate tests will fail to detect any trace of the metal.—[Ex.

CURE FOR RATTLESNAKE BITE.—Take the yolk of a good egg, and put it in a teacup; stir in with it as much salt as will make it thick enough not to run off. Spread it as a plaster and apply it to the wound, and we will insure your life for a sixpence.—[Wis. Farmer.

MARRIED:

In Farmington, Oct. 1, by Bishop Hess, Mr. WM. O. MAYFIELD and Miss MARGARETTA WILSON.

We wish you both, happiness, long life and prosperity, inasmuch as you seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

STRAYED

PIGS.—In my possession, one SOW and two SMALL PIGS: taken up in the Big Field, two and a half miles south of the city, on Erastus Snow's farm. 31-3 VINCENT SHIRLEIFF.

NAILS! NAILS! NAILS!!

THOSE WISHING NAILS can now be furnished by the undersigned, at his shop, 19th Ward. Bring on the old iron you have. Also, do not forget the produce, the wheat, the corn, &c. Support home manufactures. 31-3 D. SABIN.

ESTRAY.

ONE BROWN COW, five years old, branded on the left hip; belly, hind legs and tail white; star in the forehead; crop off the right ear, under-bit in the same. The owner can have the cow by proving property, paying charges. D W SESSIONS, 31-3 Pound Keeper, North Canyon ward.

STRAYED

FROM THE SUBSCRIBER, a brown and white cow, having a white stripe down her back and marked with W H on the near horn. Any person having found the same or giving information that will lead to her recovery, will be suitably rewarded. S J LEES, 31-3 At Daft & Hague's, East Temple st.

Notice to Cattle hunters.

I HAVE a large speckled OX that has been running between Little Cottonwood and Dry Creek, till within a few weeks. He is branded R C on the left shoulder, and C H on left horn. Whoever will drive the same to me at the upper ford on Big Cottonwood, or give information where he can be found, shall be rewarded for their trouble. 31-2 CHARLES H. HALES.

STRAYED.

ON YELLOW CREEK, 70 miles east of G. S. L. City, THREE HORSES; two cream colored, or claybank, one 4 and other 5 years old; both white in face, larger one branded in front thigh, other has a Spanish brand on left thigh. The

third is an iron grey, 7 years old, branded Y on left thigh; scar on right thigh; had sea grass ro, &c.

Whoever will find said animals or either of them, or give information that will lead to their recovery shall be rewarded liberally. BRIGHAM YOUNG, Jr., 31-3 HEBER P. KIMBALL.

STRAYS.

I HAVE in my possession the following described cattle:—

[If they are not taken away previously they will be sold at public auction on the first day of November next.]
One mot y roan COW, red neck and head, four years old, branded B on the right hip; also branded on the left hip; crop and under-bit off the left ear and under slope in the right.

One pale red cow 5 years old, white face, bolly and hind legs white; branded on the left hip; end of the left horn broken off.

One pale red Cow 3 years old, last spring. No marks or brands perceivable.

One red cow 3 years old, last spring; crop off the right and slit in the left ear. Branded on the left hip.

One brown cow 2 years old last spring; line back, white belly, branded H on the left hip.

One red and white cow 2 years old last spring; white face, spike horns, end of tail off.

One red and white speckled cow 6 years old, branded A T on left hip.

One red cow 7 years old, branded J on right hip, K on right horn.

One small brindle puled cow 2 years old last spring; slit in the left ear; branded E C on left shoulder.

One red brindle steer, 3 years old last spring, crop off the right ear.

One red steer 2 years old last spring, branded J on the left hip.

One flea-bitten white steer 2 years old last spring, red ears and nose, and red spot on each horn.

One brindle steer 2 years old last spring, branded on the left hip.

One black and white steer 2 years old last spring, ends of both ears frozen off, branded on left shoulder.

One white steer 2 years old last spring, some dark red spots on the neck and sides; branded on the left shoulder; under-bit off left ear.

One red steer 2 years old last spring; no marks or brands perceivable.

One dark red ox 8 or 9 years old, blind in the right eye and nearly so in the left.

One black bull 2 years old last spring, with a brockle face. WM SEELY, 31-3 Pound Keeper, Pleasant Grove.