

Thomas Cott Griggs BOOK # 1
14th Ward
Salt Lake City, Utah

At Walker Brothers:

Sunday, August 16th, 1863

Attended meeting at the Bowery in the AM, a short address by Elder J. Van Cott. The remainder of the time by Elder Wm. C. Staines, who had just returned from a mission to England. He spoke at length upon the results of his mission to that country, the arrival of the emigrating saints at New York and subsequent journey by railroad to Florence, etc. and advised the young men to keep a journal of daily events upon which I resolved to act, in connection with my friend Fred J. Taylor in the pm. Daniel Spencer spoke for a short time, followed by Pres. Heber C. Kimball upon the doctrine of Nankim or all war enjoining upon the Saints to produce cloth of similar nature. Attended meeting in the evening at the 14th Ward school house, the time occupied in bearing testimony to the truth of Mormonism etc., at the close of which Perelum Dive was excommunicated for theft.

Monday, August 17th, 1863

The fires in the west and east mountains still continued with unabated fury.

Friday, August 21st, 1863

The weather continued very hot and sultry, rendering it very unhealthy, several dying every day and protracting the drought which had been injurious in all parts of the territory, many not realizing more than half a crop to what they had last year.

Sunday, August 23rd, 1863

Somewhat cooler to what it had been previous. Attended meeting at the Bowery. Pres. Young, Kimball and Wells being on a tour to the saints in Cache Valley, the meeting was presided by Bishop Hunter, who called on Bro. Orson Hyde, who spoke at length upon the prophesies of Isaiah, comparing them to the position occupied by the saints. In the pm, Bro. David Candling made some very interesting remarks upon the principle of charity, education, etc., a meeting was also held at the residence of Judge Drakey by 2 elders who style themselves the "True Latter Day Saints", but are commonly called "Josephites", but with what success I did not learn. In the evening attended the ward meeting and visited my friend, Henry Emery in the 16th ward in company with Bro. Fred J. Taylor.

Saturday, August 29th, 1863

Capt. Murdock's church train arrived, bringing some souls, principally Danish.

Sunday, August 30th, 1863

Attended the "Josephite" meeting which was held at the residence of the Hon. Judge Waite in the 12th ward in company with Fred, who had his "bob tailed" coat on. The meeting was opened by Elder E.C. Briggs without wither singing or prayer, who occupied the time bringing arguments to prove the fallacy of the doctrine of Polygamy, reading extracts from the Book of Mormon. Bible Doctrine and Covenants, etc., quoted a passage from the Book of Jacob and 517th page of Book of Mormon and Hebrew, the 11th chapter, 17th verse, also the 13th, sec. 7, para. of D. of C. and many others from the same books. Stated that in his interview with M. Brigham Young that he (B.Y.) had endeavored to intimidate him by saying that he would be watched. In the afternoon attended meeting at the Bowery. Bro. G. D. Watt spoke at length upon the benefits of prayer, home manufactures etc., followed by Pres. H.C. Kimball who spoke on the necessity of storing grain, preparing to meet the urgent calls that would be made upon us by the immense immigration which was coming in and to prepare to meet a season of scarcity. Attended meeting at the 14th ward in the evening.

Saturday, September 5th, 1863

Having been called upon by Bishop Hoagland to receive my endowments, I in company with Fred Taylor and some 13 others of the 14th ward met at the Endowment House at 7 o'clock. After waiting a short time, we were joined by Bro. J.P. Long who took our names and when were first baptized, mine being of the 17th of May 1856. I was then ordained by Bro. S.L. Sprague to the office of an Elder. We then proceeded to receive our washings and anointings etc., which occupied the time till 2 o'clock, when we returned home feeling thankful for the privileges we had received during the day. Capt. Saunders church train arrived today.

Sunday, September 6th, 1863

Cool and comfortable weather. Attended meeting in the am, addressed by Bro. Tetherland of Holland, who had just returned from a mission to the Cape of Good Hope and who gave an interesting account of his experience there and in England. Followed by Pres. D.H. Wells who spoke upon the subjects of the Oneness of the Saints principles of government. Charity towards the newcomers etc., after which Wilford Woodruff spoke upon the experience gained by the Elders on missions, and of his own while in England, and our lack of faith and unity in our temporal affairs in entrusting our spiritual affairs in the hands of the Presidency, but not our property. The increasing responsibility of the rising generation. In the pm Elder George A. Smith spoke upon the traditional dishonesty of some people coming down rather hard on the English, illustrating the principle by several anecdotes, incidents, etc., classification of labor, ruinous competition in the price of produce, attributing the price at which the saints had sold their grain etc., to the government as the result of their patriotism, and challenged the world to produce a parallel

of such disinterested patriotism, also in being liberal in the payment of our tithing if we expected to get liberally rewarded. In the evening I went and visited Sister Watmough in whose company I passed a agreeable evening.

Sunday, September 13th, 1863

A fine clear cool day. Attended meeting at the Bowery in the am. Elder John Taylor spoke upon the violation and breaking by the U.S. of their covenants with the Saints and the just visitation of God upon them for the measures that they had meted out to his people. Referred to the Military Order directing the citizens of Jackson and adjacent counties to remove to other parts of the state. Followed by Elder Lorenzo Young who spoke with much feeling upon the subject of confidence in God. In the afternoon, Bros. Cluff, Tetherland, Stock and 2 or 3 others who had been on missions to England, South Africa, Scandinavia and elsewhere spoke of their experiences while on their missions.

Thursday, September 17th, 1863

About 250 soldiers with their----of artillery arrived at Camp Douglas today.

Sunday, September 20th, 1863

Early in the forenoon visited the Seventies Reading Room. A useful institution, but hardly known enough to be appreciated, although there does not seem to be any thing lacking on the part of the managers to render it beneficial to the community, for they have there all the leading papers, pamphlets, etc., published in the United States and England. Leaving the Reading Room i proceeded to the Bowery where the absence of the first Presidency was painfully manifest. Rendered more so by the mystery in which it was showed, but I felt it was all for the best. The meeting was addressed by Elder Samuel Smith, a returned missionary who spoke very briefly of his feelings in again being home, followed by Elder George Wallace upon the cause and result of our gathering. The meeting closed by a few remarks by W. Woodruff on the doctrine of faith. In the afternoon, Bro. Daniel Spencer spoke on the subject of the Kingdom of God, followed by Robert Williams who spoke in a very eccentric manner about his having a natural gift for preaching (if not characterized by good sense and judgment, he ought to have said) after which Bishop E.D. Wolley spoke in a very spirited manner of the lukewarmness of a great many of the saints, urged upon such the immediate necessity of reformation also in putting confidence in God and his servants and of attending more strictly to our

Tuesday, September 22nd, 1863

A meeting of Major Romney's battalion was held at the 14th Ward school room at which I attended. A spirit of Union was strongly manifested among the brothers who called upon to prepare themselves for any and every emergency.

Saturday, September 26th, 1863

On going home to supper, I met Major Romney who informed me that Pres. Young had returned from England (many accounting for the absence of the Pres. by stating that he had gone to England), and that he would be at the meeting the following day, (Sunday) and to meet at the school room at 10 o'clock with loaded arms and ammunition at which time I repaired to the school room with my almost inseparable companion, Fred Taylor, armed and equipped as per order from which place the battalion marched to the Tabernacle where we stacked arms in connection with several other battalions numbering some 350 guns. Some 30 or 40 of us were then detailed to stand guard. Fred and I being two of the fortunate individuals while the balance was dismissed leaving their arms etc., behind, very few being able to account satisfactorily for this strange but no doubt necessary movement.

Sunday, September 27th, 1863

A cool cloudy day, attended meeting as usual at the Bowery. Pres. Joseph arose and spoke for a few minutes when Pres. B. Young entered and the look of pleasure and joy that illuminated each face plainly manifested the esteem and respect in which he is held and the anxiety that had been felt during his absence. On the entrance of the Pres., Bro Joseph immediately brought his remarks to a close. Bro. Young then arose and said a great many had felt very anxious about his singular disappearance and for the benefit of such, he would state that he had been on a pleasure excursion among the Islands of Salt Lake, and if he chose to go again, or to Dixie or the Colorado or even to the Gulf of California, he should do so without telling or asking the consent of anybody, and also the day of separation was nigh at hand when the sheep would be separated from the goats, and if there should be any trouble, the hypocrite and traitor should go first, that we should not fellowship such characters any longer. To which the congregation said, "Amen", and to make our enemies pay and pay well for everything they got from us. He also spoke of the reported discovery of a silver mine in the west mountains, saying that it was nothing but lead, and of the folly of the saints in hunting for silver and gold and that those persons or nation who made gold their god would go to hell, also of the interference of some of the government officials in our business and said if such persons had a swarm of bees in the seat of their breeches, they would not know but what it was there brains, and that by and by he would have Provo River brought along the bench to the city, and he would also have the Jordan river turned from it's present course in an artificial channel to the point of the west mountain so as to bring all that land under cultivation, and many interesting remarks which was listened to with the deepest interest. In the afternoon, Bro G. Peacock spoke of his mission to England and Scotland and of his successful endeavors to make a favorable impression upon all with whom he conversed by at first speaking

upon those subjects of which his hearers was familiar with. Bro. Miller, a native of Germany, then related his experience with preaching the Gospel in that country. In the evening I attended the ward meeting, the time being principally occupied by Elder J.P. Long who spoke in behalf of the Desert Agriculture and Manufacturing Society.

Monday, September 28th, 1863

Stood guard at the Tithing office in company with 4 others.

Sunday, October 4th, 1863

Took a pleasant walk to the camp ground where Capt. McArthur's train, consisting of some 65 wagons was camped. From there I proceeded to the Bowery where two brothers, C. and J. Dorius addressed the congregation upon the results of their mission to Scandinavia, of the persecution they had met with. Followed by Bro. J. Needham who had just returned from a mission to England. He spoke in an interesting manner of the way he introduced the principles of the gospel to the people by speaking upon familiar topics, also of the general progress of the work in that country. After, which Bro. Daniel Spencer spoke for a short time stating the time as nigh at hand when the President would control our temporal affairs as well as our spirituality. Pres. H.C. Kimball than spoke in a pithy manner of the inability of our enemies to injure us as long as we've done right. In the pm, Samuel M.B. Smith and Charles C. Rich spoke upon interesting subjects, followed by Amasa Lyman, who in a most eloquent and able manner addressed the "new comers", and all concerned upon the subject of contentment enjoining upon all to be content under all circumstances over which they had no control, also of his familiar acquaintanceship with the old hag, poverty. Elder Jacob Gates concluded the meeting by speaking of his feelings in regard to the Latter Day work. In the evening I in company with Fred attended a meeting of the artillery at the house of Capt. E. Martin where we were received as members by a unanimous vote. Capt's Ricks and Haight's church trains arrived today. The Conference continued the 6th, 7th, 8th and the morning of the 9th, and from all accounts an interesting one, but was through business deprived of the pleasure of attending.

Sunday, October 11th, 1863

Meeting as usual in the Bowery at which I attended. Elder G. D. Watt addressed the congregation for some time upon the subject of the future wealth of the Kingdom of God and of our duty in accumulating riches for its sake and not our own. Followed by Elder Amasa Lyman eulogizing the blessings of true wealth and its superiority over the perishable riches of this world, for the Saints to obtain the blessing of true knowledge and to clothe their minds with wisdom. In the pm Elder J.P. Long delivered a very interesting discourse upon the divine authenticity of the Bible, Book of Mormon and Doctrine and C., showing that not with

standing the variety of writers in the Bible, its various translations and although its errs in some particulars both chronologically and statistically, yet in no one case does it contradict itself, also the perfect agreement with the Bible and the Book of Mormon in several important doctrines such as Faith Baptism etc. Elder Brig. Young Jr. then arose and spoke for a short time upon our neglect in obeying counsel. Attended the meeting of the Artillery.

Tuesday, October 13th, 1863

Just as I was going to breakfast my employer asked me if I was ready to go to Camp Floyd, if not, I had a half hour to get ready. Started from the city at 10:30 and arrived there at 6pm.

Sunday, October 18th, 1863

Notwithstanding the hard name this place (Fairfield) bears, there were enough of the saints to get up a good meeting at which I attended, and was highly interested by the remarks made by Elders Lyman Stevens, B.B. Messenger and Bishop Carson. The former spoke for sometime upon ancient and modern prophecies and their fulfillment, after which Bro. Messenger upon the necessity of obedience to the Commandments of God and many other remarks of a local nature. The Bishop then spoke upon the importance of knowing who are for and who are against the Kingdom of God, a subject that seems to be considerably agitated throughout the territory at the present time.

Sunday, October 25th, 1863

Attended meeting in the school house adjoining the store. Elder B.B. Messenger spoke upon the mercy of God towards his children, also of the advancement of the Latter day work. Bishop Carson then made a few concluding remarks, bore his testimony to the truth of the work and exhorted the brethren to diligence. I would say of this place, the Saints, and apostate Mormons, gentiles, etc., are about equally divided in members, so the Saints have considerable to contend with.

Monday, October 26th, 1863

Today I read an account of a Conference held in G.S.L. City, August 28th, 1852, when the revelation concerning polygamy was read and published in the Desert News Extra of Sept 14th, 1852 with remarks made at the same time from which I extract the following concerning the Revelation. "The original copy of the revelation was burned up. Wm. Clayton was the man who wrote it from the month of the Prophet. In the meantime it was in Bishop Whitney's possession. He wished the privilege to copy it, which Bro. Joseph granted. Sister Emma burned the original. The reason I mention this is because the people who did know of the Revelation supposed it was not now in existence. The above extract is from the remarks of Pres. Young.

Saturday, October 31st, 1863

The first snow of the season made its appearance today to the depth of several inches.

Sunday, November 1st, 1863

A clear cold day. Attended meeting at which there was a rather slim attendance. The meeting was addressed by Elders Stephens, Smith and Messenger who bore there testimony, expressed their desires to live faithful, etc. About 12 o'clock the train arrived from Carson, loaded with mdse. for the firm.

Friday, November 6th, 1863

Walked over to the Overland Mail Co's office where I received a letter written by Sister Watnough informing me of the serious illness of Charley, and that he had gone home to Farmington on the previous Saturday and that Mother had been sent for on the Thursday. The news gave me considerable anxiety.

Saturday, November 7th, 1863

Just as I was about to retire to bed the telegraph operator brought the following telegram from my employers, Mesr. Walker Bros. "Come by morrows stage, your brother Charles dangerously Sick". The message coupled with the letter gave me so much uneasiness that I obtained but little sleep.

Sunday, November 8th, 1863

A clear calm day. The very opposite to the state of mind. After locking up the store, I went to the office and waited for the stage, which arrived about 11 o'clock and proceeded to the City where we arrived about 6pm. I hastened towards home and was there informed by Liez that Charley was dead, having died on the preceding day of Erysipelas. I then went to the store and the sad news was confirmed that "death" had bereft me of a kind brother and to his parents an ever dutiful son and to his God one who sought to do his duty as a servant.

Monday, November 9th, 1863

Started this am for Farmington upon a mule that had been kindly lent to me by the firm, (I would here observe that throughout all of the trying scenes through which I had and did subsequently pass that Mess. Walker Bros. acted with the greatest kindness and considerations and for which I feel they will have their reward), at which place I arrived about 1pm and had a painful meeting with mother and Madeline who told me all the particulars of the sickness death and burial of Charley and of the respect paid to his memory by the people of Farmington in following his remains to their last resting place.

Tuesday, November 10th, 1863

Started back to the City, leaving Mother and Madeline who expected to be here about Monday, after settling up the affairs

there.

Sunday, November 15th, 1863

Had to work all day.

Monday, November 16th, 1863

Mother and Madeline arrived home today.

Sunday, November 22nd, 1863

Had to work again today, very much against my inclination. Left off in time for to allow me to attend the ward meeting, the time being occupied by the congregation in bearing their testimonies.

Sunday, November 29th, 1863

Attended meeting in the Tabernacle. Bro. J. Taylor occupying the time in speaking upon the advancement of the Kingdom of God and many other interesting remarks. I was very much annoyed in having to work this pm. Weather very cold.

Tuesday, December 1st, 1863

Attended a meeting this evening at the Seventies Hall. It being the first of a series of lectures to be delivered there this coming winter under the direction of a committee of seven persons, J.P. Long, T.B.H. Stenhouse, E.L.T. Harrison, Tullegs and T.B. Broderick, being among the members. The meeting was opened by singing and prayer, after which Bro. E.L.T. Harrison arose and said he should give two short lectures. The first being an introductory one, in which he stat the object of the committee and the conditions on which the lectures would lecture. The lecturer then spoke of the revolution and advancement in literature and of the various speakers he had heard. He also spoke very deprecatingly of the power and majesty of the press. The awe and reverence in which he formerly regarded it having vanished by his contract with editors and related in a humorous manner some of the interviews he had with them, and of the unbelieving character of many the newspaper editorials in consequence of party prejudice. In his second lecture he spoke of modern writers and literature recommending the young and old to read such authors as, Dickens, Scott, Bulwer Lytton and others of a like class, and to repudiate the trifling trash of "sensation" writers who appeal more to the imagination than to facts and solid sense. The lecture interested the audience to the last.

Saturday, December 5th, 1863

The following dispatches appeared in todays extra upon the commencement of the Pacific Railroad at Omaha Neb. To Brigham Young, Director, Union Pacific Rail road, G.S.L. City. We broke ground today amid great rejoicing, cannon firing, flags flying, banquet held, speeches delivered, and an illumination tomorrow. Nebraska shakes hands with Utah over the great National undertaking. Your name will be toasted at the banquet tonight.

Signed "Committee of Arrangements", to which the following was returned: Salt Lake City, Dec. 2nd; To President and committee: Let the hearts of the honest be united to aid the great national improvement. Signed, Brigham Young. Today, Mrs. Walker died of Erysipelas after a sickness of some 3 months.

Sunday, December 6th, 1863

During the night it snowed to the depth of several inches. Attended meeting at the tabernacle. The attendance being quite slim. Bro. Joseph R. Smith being called from the congregation spoke upon the necessity of our living up to the laws of God if we wished to realize his blessings and promises and of the debasing habit of swearing, etc. In the pm, I attended the funeral of Mrs. Walker. Her remains being respected by all who were acquainted with her. In the evening walked around to the 14th ward meeting.

Wednesday, December 9th, 1863

Started today for camp in one of Walker Bros. 6 mule teams and camped for the night at the ford. A very cold night, obtained very little sleep.

Thursday, December 10th, 1863

The teams stopped at Utah O.L.M. station to feed and being in a hurry, I started on foot, arriving at camp about 1 o'clock.

Sunday, December 12th, 1863

Attended meeting at the school house. Bro. Joel White arose and acknowledged that he had not lived up to his duties as he ought to have done, but he felt like doing better in the future. Elder B.B. Messenger then gave a short exhortation that we love one another. Bishop Carson arose and said he would like to see a singing class and choir organized and that he had spoken to Bro. Messenger upon the subject and he then appointed a meeting to be held in the same place that evening to adopt the necessary measure to carry the plan in successful operation. In the evening at the time appointed, I repaired to the meeting where after a few exercises in the rudiments of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. Messenger, the terms upon which he would teach were named, viz. 1.50 per

Monday, December 13th, 1863

This evening attended an exhibition of the phantasmagoria Lantern or Dissolving Views representing scenes in England, Germany, Italy, China, Greece, India, America, Etc..

Sunday, December 20th, 1863

Attended meeting in the am, Bros. Stevens, Messenger and Carson each addressed the congregation upon the principles of moral reform. In the evening a special meeting was called to hear Elder John Maiben, who arrived from Cedar Fort late in the pm. The

school room was crowded to excess. Bro. M spoke in a very interesting manner upon the dealing of God with his people and urged upon all to reform and attend more strictly to their duties, etc..

Friday, December 25th, 1863

Christmas, but nothing was done here to celebrate the day. I greatly missed the usual dinner of beef and pudding and could Therefore hardly think it was Christ

Sunday, December 27th, 1863

At the meeting, Bros. King and White made some good remarks on Revelation and the mission of Joseph Smith. In the evening attended the singing school where the pupils made good progress under the tuition of B.B. Messenger.

Sunday, January 3rd, 1864

A cold snow day. Attended the meeting where according to the usual program, Bros. Stevens, Messenger and Carson each in turn addressed the congregation. Bro. Messenger in his remarks said that a saint might know if they were in or out of the track by noticing that when in the society of our enemies if they felt easy and free and if the company of the saints produced an uneasy feeling upon they might be assured that all was not well with them. Bro. Carson reprovved some who were guilty of slander, etc.

Monday, January 4th, 1864

This morning I was agreeable surprised by the entrance of Fred in the store. Informed me he had come with the Camp Douglas minstrels with whom he was connected as a ballad singer in the costume of a female and went under the name of Miss Raffelle, and that they were going to give an exhibition at Livingston's Store. I attended the concern in the pm and was well pleased with the manner in which Fred sustained his character as a ballad girl, but felt very sorry to think he had formed such an association, which I felt will not be of any moral benefit to him. I sincerely hope it may turn out all right.

Wednesday, January 6th, 1864

Intensely cold weather today, colder than ever before known in the Valley.

Sunday, January 10th, 1864

At the meeting this morning, Bro. Messenger spoke in a very interesting manner of the plan of salvation. Tracing it's history from the earliest period to the present time. Followed by Bro. White, who bore testimony to the truth of Bro. Messenger's remarks. In the singing school, I acted as clerk in taking names of the members.

Thursday, January 14th, 1864

This morning I received a letter from the firm informing me that John Fry was coming down to relieve me and for me to remain a few days and give him all necessary information. In the pm, John arrived, having left the city the day before.

Saturday, January 23rd, 1864

Having nothing to do in the store, I took a sleigh ride to the cedars with Greeley for wood. On the way there saw an eagle, which Greeley said would measure 4 feet across the wings.

Sunday, January, 24th, 1864

Attended meeting at which Bro. Messenger spoke in a very interesting manner for ever an hour upon the subject of the Priesthood.

Friday, January 31st, 1864

Started for home this morning at 9am, arrived in the city at 6pm and found the folks all well.

Sunday, January 31st, 1864

Attended meeting at the tabernacle this am and pm. Elders Lyman and Woodruff addressed the congregations.

Sunday, February 7th, 1864

Elders Dorens, J. McKnight and Godbe addressed the meeting which was well attended.

Monday, February 8th, 1864

Attended a lecture at the theater by the celebrated humorist, Artemus Ward.

Thursday, February, 11th, 1864

Attended at the theater, a grand magic act by Professor Simmons in which he exhibited several wonderful tricks in necromancy, etc..

Sunday, February 14th, 1864

This am the meeting at the tabernacle was addressed by Elder George Walte upon the subject of the first love of the saints towards the principles of Mormonism. In the pm, Elders Nebeker and W. Woodruff, the latter spoke in a complimentary manner of the alacrity of the Elders in responding to the calls made upon them.

Wednesday, February 17th, 1864

This evening attended the theater where the play of the "Corsical Brothers" was performed in splendid style. The weather began to feel quite warm.

Sunday, February 21st, 1864

At the meeting this am, Elder Wm. H. Folsom spoke for a short time upon the efforts of the enemy to overthrow the church. In the

pm, John Taylor spoke upon the subject of the future of the Kingdom of God. In the evening I attended in company with Fred, a meeting at the 13th Ward about one third of the number there being soldiers, miners, and outsiders. After a few good remarks by Elders Lark in and H.S. Eldridge, Bishop E.D. Wooley spoke in a very spirited manner of soldiers, miners, etc., and for the saints not to confide their religion to them. For some time past there seemed to be a spirit of lethargy resting upon the people which spirit seemed to be on the increases and many apparently had lost their faith, and the policy of the government towards the saints began to assume a definite shape, viz, that of developing the mineral resources of the territory well knowing that if they could only discover gold or silver that the country would be swarmed with an anti-mormon population, and the spirit manifested in the "Pedette" was one of exultation as though they had won a great victory over us, and the crowds of soldiers and miners who daily thronged main street too painfully manifested that. The present plan was one of the most formidable that had ever been concocted for our overthrow, and the absence of the first presidency at the meeting made all to feel apprehension for the prosperity of the Church. While many began to speak of the "speculations" of Brigham, as they called it, and a grumbling lying spirit was abroad and altogether I cannot but feel that something is going to happen, but I sincerely hope all will be for the best.

Sunday, February 28th, 1864

Felt very pleased to see the President at the meeting this am which was addressed by Elder A. Musser, who gave an account of his journey through the settlement north. In the pm we were favored with an excellent discourse from Orson Pratt upon the subject of the Divine mission of Joseph Smith, referring as proofs to the gathering, translation of the Book of Mormon and the prophecy concerning the present war in the U.S.. During this afternoons service the choir, the hymn on the 329 page in which the following words so appropriate to the present time occurs. "Though Zion's fees have counseled deep, although they bind with fitters strong, the God of Jacob does not sleep, his vengeance will not slumber long". "Then let your souls be stayed on God". The storm, though fierce, will soon pass by.

Thursday, March 3rd, 1864

This evening Derlum Dive was shot by the police, while trying to escape from them. The Pedette afterwards spoke of it as very extreme measures.

Sunday, March 6th, 1864

At the meeting this am, Elder C.F. Smith was called from the congregation to speak, which he did upon the subject of the spirit of the present age, followed by W.M. Phelps who spoke in his usual unique manner. In the pm services, G.D. Watt and Bishop E.D. Wooley spoke upon the "Greenback" moneys. Attended the ward

meeting in company with Fred. John Taylor spoke.

Monday, March 7th, 1864

In today's Pedette there appeared a lengthy editorial upon the case of the shooting of Dive by the police, under the heading of "was it murder of justifiable homicide", in which the police force are treated more like cowardly ruffians than guardians of the public peace in the discharge of their duties.

Friday, March 11th, 1864

Went on guard at the tithing office tonight with some four others.

Sunday, March 13th, 1864

Attended the meeting at the tabernacle which was addressed by George A. Smith showing under what difficulties the Temple at Nauvoo was built, showing that the greatest perseverance was manifested by the saints in its erection. Also some of Vexations lawsuits to which Joseph Smith was subject too. In the pm, Elder Canfield was called from the congregation to speak, which he did by expressing his willingness to do all that was required of him to do. Followed by Brigham Young Jr., who spoke of the necessity of present action and personal purification. After B.Y. Jr., Robert William arose and spoke for about 10 minutes in usual wild eccentric style. Elder John Taylor then spoke in a very interesting manner of the mission of Joseph Smith.

Monday, March 14th, 1864

This morning I started for Fr. Crittenden to relieve John Fry Esq., arrived there about 7pm in a very pleasant day.

Saturday, March 19th, 1864

Heard a report today that the Walker Bros. had on last Thursday, been excommunicated from the church.

Sunday, March 20th, 1864

A beautiful spring morning. Attended meeting at the building which once was the Overland Hotel. The meeting was addressed by Bros. B.B. Messenger who spoke of his visit to the city with Bishop Carson on the previous Sunday. After which Elder L. Stevens spoke of the latter day plan of redemption. The meeting concluded with a recapitulation by Bishop Carson of which was given by Elders G.A. Smith, S. Young Jr., John Taylor and others in tabernacle on the Sunday previous. In the afternoon attended the singing school and enjoyed myself first rate.

Sunday, March 27th, 1864

A cold snowy day, but few at the meeting, which was addressed by Elder Frost of Willow Creek, who spoke of the reward promised to be faithful, also of a very good plan that had been adopted in Willow Creek, viz, that of considering the feelings of one

another, related one or two instances, illustrative of the principle. In the pm the singing school met as usual and after practicing several new tunes, etc., Bro. Messenger spoke of organizing a choir to be known as the Fairfield Choir, and nominated Bro. Morgan as leader which was seconded and carried. He then said that as I was not a resident he moved that Wm. F. Carson and Jacob Hodge act as assistant to leader and take charge in his absence.

Sunday, April 3rd, 1864

A cold snowy day. At the meeting this am the choir commenced duty standing up and singing a task we managed very well. After the singing, Bishop Carson engaged in prayer and then called upon Bro. Messenger to speak. The speaker then reviewed the organization of the Josephite Schism etc., followed by E. White in a similar strain.

Tuesday, April 5th, 1864

This evening at the singing school in behalf of the choir, we presented Bro. Messenger with a fine silver mounted oil lamp, on which was inscribed, "Presented to B.B. Messenger as a mark of esteem and respect by the Fairfield Choir, April 1st, 1864". Bro. Messenger acknowledged the honor and expressed his gratitude for the kindness and respect shown him.

Sunday, April 10th, 1864

The meeting was addressed by Bros. Bell and King. The former acknowledged the failure of his acquiring wealth as being through his disobedience of counsel. Bro. King spoke of the evil passions of man and of our being too easily led by the evil spirits abroad.

Sunday, April 17th, 1864

A beautiful spring morning. Meet in the meeting room for singing practice. Early in the am, the meeting was unusually well attended. Remarks were made by Elders White of Fairfield and Dayton and Meeke of Cedar Fort. The former spoke for a considerable length of time upon the influence of the servants of God in controlling men of so many different characteristics, and of men who had been brought up to regard themselves as equal to any man.

Sunday, April 24th, 1864

A warm summer like morning, accompanied Miss to Cedar Fort in the pm, attended the meeting there. Arriving in time to hear the concluding remarks of Elder Dayton who followed by Bishop Weeks who made a few remarks of a local nature and then brought the meeting to a close. On our return trip we were met by a violent windstorm. Arrived at Fairfield about dark.

Sunday, May 1st, 1864

Enjoyed a fine walk around the field and then went to the

meeting. Bishop Carson introduced and called upon to speak a stranger by the name of Henry Jacobs, who delivered in a very bold and easy manner an address upon the following topics. Early personal experience in the organization of the Church. Persecution in far west. Corruption of a great portion of the Saints. Speculation, death, in which he stated that the spirit left the body through the head, etc. In many of his remarks he was so extremely egotistic as to produce upon my mind some doubts as to his honesty or saneness, although I may be mistaken. He was followed by Elder Joel White upon the necessity of our striving after our first love for the gospel, etc. He also spoke of his intention of going to Idaho for a short time, expressing his desire to remain faithful and desire to be saved.

Monday, May 2nd, 1864

Attended a party given by the choir and enjoyed myself first rate, although it was rather too crowded to be comfortable.

Sunday, May 8th, 1864

The meeting was opened by unusually good singing by the choir, after which B.B. Messenger was called and spoke upon the necessity of our being more firmly united and of the various attempts made to overthrow the church. Followed by Elder J. King who spoke of the good fruits attending the persecution and of the probable continuance of the same. Bishop Carson then made some pertinent remarks concerning the remarks previously made and of the character of Jacobs in which I was about right in my conclusions.

Tuesday, May 10th, 1864

About noon, Company M.C.P., numbering about 65 men arrived and camped for the day. I was informed that they were on their way to Fort Mojave, Ariz. to explore and make a new road for the purpose of transporting military supplies.

Sunday, May 15th, 1864

The meeting was addressed by Elders Dayton, Mulliner and Stevens upon the subject of polygamy. Initiating principles of the gospel, fulfillment of modern prophecies.

Sunday, May 22nd, 1864

A lovely spring morning. Attended as usual the meeting and was highly interested in the remarks made by Judge Snow, who spoke first of the God head in which he rendered the subject very comprehensive, by his comparisons to an earthly father and son. Following the subject by a short review of proofs of the preexistence of man. In connection with that subject he introduced the history of the ancient Canaanites, now Negroes, and the Jewites, lamanites and Neophytes and the cause of the downfall of the latter, also of the present difficulties in the States.

Sunday, May 29th, 1864

Several O.L.M. Co. teamsters came to the store, from whom I received _ _ _ The meeting was addressed by Elder James King upon the insufficiency of the bible along in saving mankind. Followed by Elder Stevens upon the subject of our love to God and respect for his servants. Spent an agreeable evening at McHodge's at whose house were Bro. and Sister Morgan, who entertained us with several hymns.

Sunday, June 5th, 1864

Bro. Spratley upon being called from the congregation arouse and made some very good remarks upon the subject of the gospel, tracing it from it's origin with Adam to the present time and comparing religion in general to infidelity. He was followed by Elder Stevens upon the simplicity of the bible. The choir in conclusion sang "Hard times Come Again No More".

Wednesday, June 8th, 1864

This afternoon, Charles Read arrived to relieve me.

Friday, June 10th, 1864

Started about 6am for the city by stage, in company with John Hague. After a pleasant ride of six hours, we arrived in the Capital and was quite surprised in the great change that had taken place during by absence. Of the appearance of main street in which several new buildings had been and were being erected.

Sunday, June 12th, 1864

In consequence of the arrival of two trains during the week, we had to work today.

Sunday, June 19th, 1864

At the Bowery this am, the Rev. Mr. Sheepshank, by invitation of Pres. Young, held a service of the Church of England going through about a dozen prayers repeating the articles of Faith, etc. In the pm, John Taylor in an able manner of the various creeds, now extant throughout the world.

Sunday, June 26th 1864

Attended meeting this am. Remarks were made by Elders Spencer and Wallace, both of whom were tedious. In the pm, owing to the protracted length of the fore-noon meeting, I felt justified in remaining at home.

Saturday, July 2nd, 1864

This evening started in company with M.H. Walker, G. Wilding, Wm. Read, G. Crocheron, E. Butterfield, John Anderson, James Hague, Fred Taylor and F. Meyers on a boating trip to the lake. We embarked on board the "Water Nymph" at about 10 pm from Pettets, from whose place we drifted and rowed with the tide about 8 miles down the river where we tied up for the night.

Sunday, July 3rd, 1864

Awoke. or rather was awakened by the mosquitoes at 4am and after bailing out the boat and performing our absolutions, we started down the river at whose mouth we arrived at about 7am, and landed on a small island where we took breakfast. After the morning meal we sailed down the most open channels we could find. The river here dividing into numberless little channels and covering an immense flat, whose shallows were covered with wild ducks, quail, snipes, pelicans etc., and here we found it impossible to float any longer, owing to the shallowness of the water, so we were forced to get out and draw the boat over and through the mud and sand to the line of the lake, which is distinctly discernible by a line of foam which seems to mark the boundary of the lake. After reembarking and hoisting the sails, we sailed off in a splendid manner by the assistance of a good south wind in the direction of Antelope Island, at which place we had intended taking dinner, but were prevented by the increasing to such an extent as to render it dangerous, so we turned and sailed towards Farmington and thence tacked south to the shoals. The lake is so salty that when the spray which dashes upon your face has dried, it leaves a thick incrustation of salt, and our hands after being immersed and allowed to dry by evaporation glistened like diamonds in the rays of the sun.

Sunday, July 3rd, 1864

The lake in all the parts was so shallow that we could easily see the bottom. After again pushing the boat over the shallows to deep water, Wm, Read and myself started for a wounded pelican, which feat was accomplished much to the amusement of our comrades in the boat. Whose curiosity was gratified by our conveying the prisoner to the boat and after a close examination of its disproportionate bill, and other singularities, we left him to the lender mercies of the waves, which seemed to be more agreeable than our company. We here found it necessary for a port of us to tow the boat, owing to the strong south wind and opposing current in accordance with the requirement some 3 or 4 of us landed on the flats. I being at the head of the tow rope and while in the act of crossing an apparently small stream, I found myself in a deep channel entirely under water and beyond my depth, from which unexpected situation I was promptly rescued by Mr. Myers somewhat wetter and frightened by my ducking, which as a matter of course afforded considerable amusement to the company. The boat was then towed up to our breakfast place, and her jolly crew then indulged in that I had prematurely taken a bath, during which time the wind had changed considerably to north, thus enabling us to sail up the river a mile or two, where we landed and partook of dinner. We proceeded up the river till about sunset and landed and camped for the night at a place we named Camp Grindstone in consequence of one of those articles being in close proximity. Our supper table was graced with 3 fine ducks, killed by the commissary, which were not cooked exactly ala Soyer, which was not the fault of the cook,

but the absence of cooking utensils, although some of those of a rather fastidious taste declared that they knew that they had cooked "Buffalo Chips", in their plates instead of duck, but our cook was not to blame if such was the case, as it was difficult in the dark to distinguish which was which. After smoking ourselves to get rid of the mosquitoes, we retired to bed.

Monday, July 4th, 1864

I was awakened very early by the mosquitoes, and washing myself just before sun rise. We heard the city artillery firing a salute in honor of the day. So not to be outdone in any loyal demonstration, J. Hague, J. Anderson and myself fired off two shots each, and gave nine cheers after a sumptuous breakfast of the remains of our supper. We organized ourselves into 3 companies of 3 each to tow the boat upstream, each going to two half an hour, so by means of towing, singing songs and drinking beer we managed to reach Pettet a little before noon. Most of us were quite tired out and presenting quite a demoralized condition. Returned to the city in Kimball and Lawrence's wagon, reaching home about 4pm. The city presented quite a holiday appearance all general business being suspended, flags flying etc. In the evening accompany Mother and Madeline to see the fireworks, but did not stay long in consequence of my being so fatigued.

Sunday, July 10th, 1864

Feeling somewhat unwell, I did not attend meeting today.

Monday, July 11th, 1864

In consequence of Gen. Conner, ordering a company of cavalry to be stationed opposite the tabernacle, under the pretext of a "provost guard", but any acquainted with the orderly state of the city could see it's uselessness. It was deemed necessary to order out a guard so in company with Fred, we repaired to the tithing office and assisted in the collecting together in a very convenient place of a number of cans of tomatoes, oysters, sausages, meat etc., in case of a emergency. About 3pm, Pres. Young and company returned from a visit to Provo accompanied by a very efficient escort of about 130 brethren from American Fork.

Tuesday, July 12th, 1864

Today a petition addressed to his excellency, Gov. Doty was carried by the police for signature praying for the removal of the provost guard and was numerously signed by the leading men of main street and elsewhere. This evening went on guard at the tithing office.

Friday, July 15th, 1864

This pm, started in company with Liez and Caroline for a visit to Cache Valley in an ox team, arrived and camped at Sessions about sundown.

Saturday, July 16th, 1864

Started and traveled to the sand ridges and camped for the night. Mr. Mendenhall being very careful of driving his cattle to far.

Sunday, July 17th, 1864

Took breakfast at a spring about 6 miles from our camping place and pushed on for the Weber, having been about 6 miles out of the way. Arrived at the river about noon and stopped for dinner and also enjoyed a fine bath. Passed through a very scattered place called Staterville, to within a short distance of the Warm Springs and camped, rather a cold night.

Monday, July 18th, 1864

Washed myself in the springs where this remarkable sight of warm and cold water flowing within a few feet of each other may be seen. Stopped for dinner about 3 pm within a mile of Hunsucker's Valley and getting tired of the slow manner of traveling, I started on foot for Logan, at which place I arrived about 10:30pm very much fatigued. Found John and Elizabeth in good health, who made me quite comfortable.

Tuesday, July 19th, 1864

In the am, took a walk around to Loisa's and had dinner and then rode down into the south field and saw Stephen with whom I returned to the town with. Liez and Caroline arrived about 3pm.

Friday, July 22nd, 1864

Slept out by the gate in order to hear the stage coach come, which arrived about 2am, and was prevented in my proposed plan of returning to the city in it by then being nothing left of it but the 2 wheels and tongue.

Monday, July 25th, 1864

The anniversary of the entrance of the pioneers was celebrated by the citizens of Logan, giving the Washakee and about 150 of his band of Indians a public dinner at the meeting previous to the dinner, speeches were made in English by E.T. Benson and in the Indian by Clark. The two Logan bands, Martial and Brass were in attendance and performed their parts in good style. In the evening, dancing was commenced and kept up till morning.

Tuesday, July 26th, 1864

Having no better opportunity, we started for home in an ox wagon, leaving Logan at 11am and camped for the night at the head of Wellsville Canyon.

Wednesday, July 27th, 1864

As the team in which we were traveling was not coming any farther than Ogden, we hailed all passing teams and applied for a passage to the city, but could meet with no success, remained at

Ogden Hole all night.

Thursday, July 28th, 1864

Arrived at Ogden City and disembarked, putting our things in Wm. Jenning's store. On inquiry, I found I could obtain passage to the city by the Bannock Express and there not being room in the coach, I was forced to leave Liez and Caroline to shift for themselves. Left Ogden at 1pm and arrived in the city at 7:10pm, after paying the fare of \$5.00. I walked home and was pleased to find the folks well.

Sunday, July 31st, 1864

At the am meeting Elder G.A. Smith traced the rise of the church from its infancy to the present time and of the discouraging circumstances under which the pioneers labored in the establishment of this city. The Rev. D. Lowe of the Presbyterian Church arose and stated that he had been invited by Pres. Young to make a few remarks, but being somewhat tired with traveling, he asked to be excused. Elder W. Woodruff then made a few concluding remarks. In the afternoon Pres. B. Young spoke the entire afternoon upon the case of Cornelius, receiving the Holy Spirit before baptism, also of the works of the reformers and many other interesting subjects. Attended the meeting at the 13th Ward. Bishop Wooley spoke cautioning the sisters about their intimacy with Gentiles and others.

Saturday, August 13th, 1864

This evening attended the Theater and was highly interested with the play "The Little Treasure", at the conclusion of which piece, I went and drank a glass of soda water and returned to the theater when a crowd of soldiers accompanied by a number of citizens passed. The soldiers having a prisoner in charge. As they went by the prisoner broke loose and ran toward the theater followed by the whole crowd. In the front of which I saw a soldier with what I supposed to be a knife in his hand, but which was a revolver, and when within about 2 rods of about 2 or 3 hundred persons in front of the theater he fired at the escaped prisoner, who had taken refuge in the crowd, and shot a young man by the name of Vanderhoff. At the time the soldier fired, I was walking towards the north side of the street and from there I went towards the wounded man who several persons were just raising up, but my attention was attracted by another group around a man by the name of Calkin, whose face and shoulders were covered with blood, caused by his being struck upon the head with a pistol in the hands of some patriotic soldiers. The cause of these brutal attacks by the soldiers was caused by some drunken rowdies shouting for Jeff. Davis, which heinous crime? under the present order of things is almost deserving of death. During the performance I had been sitting beside a good looking young woman who after my return to the theater was requested by the usher to leave the building, and on inquiry I found the cause for such a

request was in consequence of her character not being in accordance with the law of Moses.

Sunday, August 14th, 1864

Attended meeting at the Bowery in the pm. Remarks were made by Elders Spencer and Kimball upon the subject of the late resolutions of the convention.

Tuesday, August 16th, 1864

Started in company with Fred & Johnny for camp. Camped for the night on the Jordan.

Wednesday, August 17th, 1864

Arrived at camp about 1 pm.

Sunday, August 21st, 1864

At the meeting this am in the Overland Hotel, Bros White on being called by Bishop Carson arose and took a text from the last chapter of Micah, a chapter full of prophecy from which he made some very good remarks occupying the whole time.

Sunday, August 28th, 1864

Took a walk with W. Carson to Bro. J. Morgan's house, and obtained the loan of Watt's celebrated book, "Improvement of the Mind", from Bro. Morgans we went to the meeting which was addressed by Elder Messenger upon the subjects of the Eternal Fulfillment of the decrees of God, and of the benefits to be derived from attending to the resolution of the late convention. Concluding remarks by B. White.

Sunday, September 4th, 1864

The meeting this morning was addressed by Elder Milliner. Tax collector who spoke of the oneness and its necessity in some particulars, among the saints, also of the different characters and dispositions existing which were to be modified by the gospel and to be directed by the Gospel and to be directed by the spirit of God, so that all of the differences might be directed to the accomplishment of the establishment of the Kingdom of God. Also some very good arguments in support of the Convention assuring the skeptical that the poor would not suffer. Bishop Carson then arose and partly reviewed the remarks of his Bro. Milliner. This pm went in company with Bro. Morgan and Finn to Cedar Fort.

Sunday, September 18th, 1864

The meeting had been appointed on the previous Sunday for all those who wished to be baptized and the Sermon by B.B. Messenger was on the first four principles of the gospel, which he took up and examined separately and then showed their connection. In the afternoon about 50 persons assembled at the Mill Pond to witness the baptism of some 28 persons, principally children. After the Neophytes had redressed themselves, they assembled at the meeting

house for confirmation, which ordinance was performed by Elders Stevens, Messenger, and Carson, myself acting as clerk in registering the names.

Sunday, September 25th, 1864

At the meeting this AM, Bishop Carson arose and said that Bro. White had applied for a recommend, as he was about to move to the sevier, and he therefore gave the subject of recommend as a text and showed the necessity of Bishops being fully acquainted with those who applied for recommends, and many other pertinent remarks upon the same subject. The Bishop expressed his approval of the remarks made and said that if some applied for recommends he should be truthful, recommended them as being persons who on Sunday came to meeting and another would be hauling wood, breaking in houses, etc.

Sunday, October 2nd, 1864

Bro. King being one of those who were going to the Sevier and there for applied for a recommend. Bishop Carson gave him an opportunity this AM to make a few remarks upon the subject which Bro. King did in brief, and then passed on to a great many other subjects. Elder Stevens made a few remarks upon the ancient and modern means for the Sustenance of the people of God, and also the effects of Obedience and Rebellion. Nothing occurred during the previous week, different from the usual routine of camp life, it generally consisted of my getting up about sunrise, washing and dressing and then with Fido, go to the upper spring for some water, and fired at a target with my pistol, returning to the store, fed the cats, reloaded my revolver, and dusted down the counters by which time breakfast is ready, was announced by one of the children. Returning from breakfast, I posted the books, wrote for about an hour or so, read or studied a little while and in the meantime sold some calico, tea, etc., which brings us to dinner already. After dinner, which like breakfast and supper consisted of very plain, but wholesome food, returned to find someone whose greeting was generally, "Tom, I've been waiting for you". After supplying their wants, I retired to the back room and read or played upon my instrument, a B flat cornet. The music was commonly interrupted by the entrance into the store of some child with a "mother wants some soap" or something else in the grocery line. About 3 or 4 o'clock some of those drones of society, loafers, come in and discuss for an hour or so the very interesting subjects of horses, cattle, wheat or matters of a more national character. I generally got rid of them by informing them of my having to go to the "Sanctorium" or the P.O., then passed the PM till 6 o'clock when the readiness of the evening meal was announced. After which a walk to see some acquaintance, or a stay at Carson's until 9 or 10 o'clock brought bedtime, to be followed by another day as full of exciting events as its predecessor.

Sunday, October 9th, 1864

The meeting this AM was addressed by Elder Messenger who gave as a synopsis of the doings of "Conference". He was followed in his remarks by Bishop Carson, who spoke of the President's exhortation to the Seventies and High Priests to assist the Bishops, and a few local items.

Sunday, October 16th, 1864

Judge L. Snow, being at the meeting was called and spoke of his partiality for preaching and the supremacy of the gospel, and then passed to the subjects of Life and Immortality. Preexistence of Man which he connected with the apparent in justice of Noah in cursing Canaan 4500 years ago and the loss of Divine authority through disobedience.

Sunday, October 23rd, 1864

The meeting this morning was addressed by Bishop Weeks of Cedar Fort, whose remarks were very good, but delivered in an uninteresting manner. The bishop was followed by Elder Glines, in a well delivered discourse on the first principles, Non nationality of the Spirit of God, Obligatory Exodus of the Saints from the state of Missouri and Illinois. A few concluding remarks from Bishop Carson. During the night the first snow of the season made it's appearance upon the mountains.

Sunday, October 30th, 1864

In consequence of the new meeting house not being finished enough, the meeting was postponed. Considerable snow fell, making the ground quite white.

Sunday, November 6th, 1864

The morning opening with a cold northerly wind, accompanied by snow. Meeting was held in the new meeting house, a building that had formerly been occupied as a store, which by a few alterations made quite a comfortable room for religious and other purposes. The opening remark was made by Elder Messenger upon the subject of the great apostocy. He quoted and founded his remarks upon the text in St. Johns Revelations, concerning "The mother of harlots", treated in a very illeberal manner the whole Christian World. Bishop Carson spoke in a very pointed way to those guilty of tobacco chewing in meeting and the disagreeableness of their spitting propensities.

Sunday, November 13th, 1864

Elders Archer and Perkes addressed the meeting this AM upon their undivided experiences in the church. In the PM took a horse back ride with Wm. Carson and Jas. Finn.

Wednesday, November 23rd, 1864

About nine PM, George Crocheron arrived by stage bringing with him a letter from the firm, instructing me to come home to make arrangements preparatory to moving down here to live.

Thursday, November 24th, 1864

Started for home by the stage very late this evening, arriving in the city about 9:30 Friday morning.

Sunday, November 27th, 1864

Goods having come in about every day during the week, we were obligated to work today.

Sunday, December 4th, 1864

A very rainy cold disagreeable day. Stayed at home and packed several boxes. In the evening went and took supper with Sister Watmough.

Tuesday, December 6th, 1864

This AM at Sister Nash, Madeline was married to Mr T.A. Lyne by Mr. Ross.

Saturday, December 10th, 1864

Our: goods having started this AM, Mother and myself left for Camp by stage, arriving there about 7:30.

Sunday, December 11th, 1864

Bro. White, being here on a visit was called upon to speak at the meeting which he did, occupying the whole time.

Sunday, December 18th, 1864

At the meeting this AM, remarks were made by Bro. Messenger and Bishop Weekes. In the evening there was for the first time a testimony meeting which was well attended.

Monday, December 19th, 1864

Had quite an interesting time this evening with two Overland men who came into the store and one of them, while I was with my back to them, stole a pocket knife worth \$4.50, but who stoutly denied having it when I charged him with taking it. I sent for the justice of the peace, B.B. Messenger, who after hearing the "say so" of both parties, searched the accused who while the search was going on cursed and blasphemed in most disgraceful manner. When the knife was found in the leg of his pants, he had quite an impediment in his speech.

Sunday, December 25th, 1864

Elder White occupied the whole time at the meeting this AM, discoursing upon the principles of the Revelation of St. John. In the afternoon, had a Christmas dinner to which were Bro. Carson, B.B. Messenger and wife, A.C. Hodge and daughter, John Hague and wife. Enjoyed ourselves well.

Wednesday, Dec 28th, 1864

Gave a supper to several of the young folks and played, sang and

enjoyed ourselves well.

Sunday, January 1st, 1865

Snowy morning, remarks by Elders Messenger and Stevens. Took dinner in company with several others at the Messengers. Testimony meeting this evening attended, during the past, several dances, good order prevailing in all.

Friday, January 6th, 1865

A meeting was called this evening to listen to Elders John Young and Musser. The former bore his testimony to the truth of the work and exhorted the Saints to diligence. The latter continued the exhortations and then read a communication from Pres. Young. Called upon the people who could be recommended by their bishops to go down to the Colorado to settle. As when the advantages of that country should be known by the gentile world, it would be settled by those opposed to the Kingdom. Bishop Carson then spoke of the bad names this place had and of his desire to remove it.

Saturday, January 7th, 1865

This evening, Bishop Evans of Lehi arrived and my invitation of Bishop, addressed a meeting that had been called. Bishop Evans was preceded by his counselor, Bro. Peterson who contrasted the situation of the saints in Utah to the position held by the people of Illinois and Missouri and of the increase of the latter day work, touched a little on polygamy. Bishop Evans spoke of many in the states inquiring of Pres. Young and others in the territory, "what shall we do", and of the spirit of was now abroad. Announced that he would on the following day speak on the subject of "Celestial Marriage".

Sunday, January 8th, 1865

The meeting this morning was unusually well attended to listen to the discourse of Bishop Evans who commenced his remarks by reading from the Book of Jacob, Book of Mormon), a chapter always brought forth by anti-polygamists. He showed the reason of the Lord's anger against David and Solomon, as practicers of polygamy. Read and commented at length upon the prophecy concerning the subject to Joseph Smith. This PM about a dozen persons were baptized and rebaptized. At the evening meeting the neophytes were confirmed. Remarks upon the subject of confirmation being made by Elders Messenger, Stevens and White.

Sunday, January 16th, 1865

Remarks by Elders Spratley and White, subjects, "True Rickes, the Divine inspiration of the Constitution", etc. Evening meeting as usual.

Monday, January 17th, 1865

This evening attended at the house of John Carson, the wedding party of M.H. Walker and Elizabeth Carson.

Sunday, January 22nd 1865

The morning meeting was addressed by Elders Messenger and Stevens. The whole of the evening meeting was occupied by Elder White upon the subject of "Adoption", which principle in a very able manner.

Thursday, January 26th, 1865

This PM, received a letter from Madeline informing us of the death of Caroline Liez.

Sunday, January 29th, 1865

Bishop Weeks of Cedar Fort accompanied by Bishop Evans of Lehi and his counselor, Peterson and a returned missionary, Elder Fotheringham addressed the meeting throughout the day. Principally upon the subject of the organization, making Lehi, Cedar Fort, Fairfield and a few other places into one branch under the bishopric of David Evans of Lehi and the appointment of Presidents of branches in the place of bishops, it is general throughout the territory, and the number of bishops, it is expected, will be reduced to about 5 or 6. Weather moderate.

Sunday, February 5th, 1865

Remarks this AM by Bro B.B. Messenger in the evening by Bros White and Stevens.

Sunday, February 12th, 1865

The bishop of Lehi's son accompanied by another person came and preached this PM. Testimony meeting this evening.

Sunday, February 19th, 1865

Remarks this forenoon by Elder Greenwood of Lehi. This evenings meeting was occupied by Elders Messenger} and White. Review of the week; Tuesday, attended singing school, Wednesday, a party, Thursday, recitation school, Friday, singing school. Weather cold.

Sunday, February 26th, 1865

Elder George Bean, Assessor and collector, addressed the meeting this AM upon the practical duties of the saints charity towards all. Toleration and other subjects which he spoke upon in a very interesting manner. Evening meeting addressed by Elders Messenger and Stevens. The week passed the same as the previous one.

Sunday, March 5th, 1865

Remarks this AM by Elder Stevens and Pres. Carson. In the evening by Elders Messenger, Hodge and Stevens.

Sunday, March 12th, 1865

Elder White and Bishop Carson occupied the time this AM and Bro. B.B. Messenger this evening time. Weekly review: Monday, a meeting was held by those favorable of the organization of a dramatic

association at this place, a favorable resolution was passed and officers selected and the meeting adjourned till Wednesday on which day the regulations for the government of the association was read and the farce of "a rough diamond" cast, etc. A dancing party was held on Thursday.

Friday, April 7th, 1865

Meetings since my last note, about the same with the exception of the giving up on the evening meetings. Winter seems loath to part. Weather quite cold and about 2 inches of snow fell this AM. Mother started for the city last Sunday, leaving me to take care of myself. Quite a number of the folks left on Tuesday and Wednesday to attend conference.

Tuesday, April 11th, 1865

Mother returned home from the city today, bringing with her Lelina Liez.

Saturday, April 15th, 1865

Telegraphic dispatches today announced the assassination of President A. Lincoln and Secretary Seward.

Sunday, April 23rd, 1865

This morning started to American Fork and enjoyed myself there in company with Bro. Paxman. Returned the following day.

Sunday, June 18th, 1865

Nothing of particular interest to record since my last note. Today I went in company with Mother and the Snyders to Cedar Fort and enjoyed myself in Bishop Weeks strawberry bed. On our return, Bro. Liez arrived by stage on his way to California. Weather warm.

Monday June 19th, 1865

Liez left by stage today for Sacramento.

Sunday, June 25th, 1865

I went to Cedar Fort in company with Jacob Hodge. Enjoyed myself at Bro. Cook & Weeks. Visited Rodebacks and Wilcox's, attended meeting and the singing school there.

Tuesday, July 4th, 1865

The anniversary of American Independence was celebrated in the following manner; a salute of 13 guns at the hoisting of the flag, an impromptu procession marched to the head of the spring and back to the school house where after prayer by Pres. Calson and the committee of arrangements. J. Morgan and D.F. Tebbs, in the evening dancing concluded the ceremonies.

Sunday, July 9th, 1865

At the meeting this AM, reference was made to the coming 24th and myself and 3 others were appointed a committee of

arrangements.

Sunday, July 16th, 1865

At this afternoons meeting, I read the program of exercises for the 24th of July which the committee had drawn up during the previous week, after which I was called up to speak, and much embarrassed, I spoke a few scarcely intelligible words.

Wednesday, July 19th, 1865

The weather for the past two days has been quite cold, and this morning several of the mountain tops were covered with snow.

Monday, July 24th, 1865

Early in the morning scattered shots awoke the citizens, at sunrise a salute of 24 volleys was fired and the new flag was raised. From 9 to 9:30am was spent in and at the school house in preparing the procession. After the formation of the procession the word was given to march, the following was the order of the procession: Pres. Carson, Orator of the day, Chaplain, Committee of arrangements, Fathers, Mothers, Young Men, Young Women, Boys, Misses and citizens generally. On the return to the school house, which had been decorated with green willows on the previous day, the oration by B.B. Messenger was delivered and singing by the choir, etc. On the dismissal of the meeting we commenced the arrangements for the dinner, which was in readiness by 3PM, when about 110 persons were seated and the dinner commenced. After a second dinner for about 20 persons had been disposed of the tables were cleared and the room prepared for dancing which commenced about 5pm and ended about 12. This ending the ceremonies of the day. The best of order prevailing.

Friday, August 4th, 1865

Mother and Selina started to the city today, leaving me to keep bachelors hall. Weather quite warm. The agriculture prospects are very encouraging.

Thursday, August 31st. 1865

Mother and Selina returned home by coach today.

Sunday, September 3rd, 1865

Murry Messenger, Wm. Carson and myself were appointed teachers to visit the saints.

Monday, September 4th, 1865

Accepted of Bro. Carson's invitation to go to Lehi to hear the President. About 4 o'clock the doors were thrown open and the house immediately filled. Elder G. A. Smith opened the meeting and after speaking about 15 minutes he brought his remarks to a close by the entrance of President Young, accompanied by some ladies and several of his daughters, also G.Q. Cannon, E.T. Benson, L. Snow, C.C. Rich, F.D. Richards, Col. Ross, Mayor Smith, W.S. Godbe and

others. Bro. Young spoke a short time upon the hospitality of the saints, of the blessings the people are receiving and of the necessity of their praying for wisdom to enable them to properly dispose of them, and concluded by blessing the people generally. The president was followed in a similar by Elders Benson, Cannon, Rich and Snow. The meeting was then dismissed by the President.

Sunday, September 10th, 1865

A very cold morning, so cold as to form ice an inch and half thick. Last Friday it snowed quite fast. Today Bishop Evans and Elder Mulliner of Lehi spoke upon the necessity of the saints aiming themselves. Referred to the promise of the President, that if the people would prepare themselves, the lord would fight their battles. Their instructions were excellent and full of meaning.

Saturday, September 16th, 1865

Having been appointed a 1st Lieutenant, I had the first platoon out to drill, got along first rate considering that both officers and men were quite green at the business.

Friday, October 6th, 1865

Mother and Selina started today, in Bro. Carson's wagon for conference.

Thursday, October 12th, 1865

Mother and Selina returned today. The stormy weather made the trip to conference rather disagreeable.

Wednesday, October 25th, 1865

News came from Lehi of there being in their vicinity considerable number of bad Indians, and there was every probability of the settlers "pitching into them". They advised us to be on guard. In conformity with the above advice, a general meeting was called, and an organization effected. I was appointed to captain of the guard, with Bro. Morgan for an assistant. A guard of 6 men relieved 3 times during the night was established and proceeded to do duty.

Saturday, October 28th, 1865

The boys having returned from the training at Provo, the guards were dismissed with the caution to be prepared for any emergency.

Sunday, October 29th, 1865

The first regular snow of the season fell during the night to the depth of about 2 inches, the sun soon melted it.

Tuesday, October 31st, 1865

Elders Geo. A. Smith and A.M. Musser arrived on a visit. A well attended meeting commencing at 2 o'clock was addressed in a most edifying manner, by the above brothers. The subjects were; temperance, prosperity of the Kingdom, the morality of Utah and

the world at large contrasted, Union, improvements in Fairfield, young men of the place to learn trades, attention to education, etc. The meeting closed at 5:30. All well pleased.

Wednesday, November 1st, 1865

Visited in company of Wm. F. Carson and Murry Messenger, several of the saints, as teachers.

Saturday, November 18th, 1865

Today Bishop Evans, accompanied by 5 or 6 Elders and a part of their families arrived and commenced at 2 o'clock for two days of meetings; at 5 o'clock the meeting adjourned until candle lighting. The evening meeting was addressed by Elder Davis, upon the text "Bless, and curse not". The discourse was very interesting. The meeting was continued the following morning, afternoon and evening. The principle subjects treated upon were; the manufacture of straw hats, bonnet hats etc., as recommended by Pres. Young at the last conference, also the following out of his recommendation to purchase our own merchandise, the abstinence from tobacco or raising it ourselves. Exhortations etc., composed the balance of the remarks. The meetings were well attended, singing fair, and everybody seemed highly pleased.

Monday, December 18th, 1865

About noon today a snow storm which commenced last Friday night ceased. It having snowed to the depth of about 15 inches. On Saturday last, I attended with Capt. Snyder a military meeting at Cedar Fort. The meetings yesterday were very poorly attended.

Saturday, December 23rd, 1865

Today, a court martial to try delinquents was held, consisting of Lt. Col. H. Allred, Major Evans and Murdock, Captains Greely and Thurmond, 2nd Lt. Clark and myself. An interesting time.

Monday, December 25th, 1865

Invited Bro. Joe Morgan and wife to dinner, after which I had to look after a party at the school house. With the expecting of a little disorder towards the close, all things went off well. Snow, snow, snow, seems to be the order of the day, making traveling very difficult, for when not snowing the wind would blow and make huge drifts.

Wednesday, January 17th, 1866

This evening Jacob Hodge left for Austin, in consequence of an unpleasant affair which occurred last week. He was very affected and seemed truly penitent for what he had done and I hope all will prove well for his good. The year, up to date, has been a series of social gatherings at the houses of Bishop Carson's, Messenger, A.C. Hodge, H McKenney and others, at which I generally had the privilege of attending. Last Saturday, week, I received a letter from the boys instructing me to close out and make arrangements

for an early removal to the city.

Monday, May 14th, 1866

The receipt of the letter, mentioned in my last entry, gave me something to think about and to prepare for. I endeavored to carry out their instructions and labored under the idea of removal until the beginning of April when the time of their letters to me convinced me they had, in a measure given up the idea of moving. The season up to date has been very favorable to the farmers. For the past two weeks, we have had showers of rain nearly every day. A week ago today I started with Bro. Henry Snyder, Joel White and Wm Thurman for Provo, where a muster had been ordered for the election of certain officers, enjoyed myself very much. Returned home on the Wed. yesterday on account of the removal of Bro. Messenger, I was appointed to lead the choir. Most of day has been spent in fixing up the furniture I bought on Saturday last. Throughout the southern part of the territory there has been, for sometime, a considerable excitement about the Indians, many of whom have committed a number of depredations upon the people of San Pete. The Indians are headed by an Indian by the name of Black Hawk. My health and feelings has and are first rate. Today the weather is dark and rainy, accompanied by thunder and lightning.

Thursday, May 24th, 1866

Today the mail company ran their last stage through this place, the route having been changed to the Grantsville and Stockton route.

Friday, June 1st, 1866

One of the most severe hail storms I ever witnessed passed over this place this afternoon. The stones were pear shaped and about the size of small marbles and fell so thick as to cover the ground. The past month has been one of the most singular I have ever seen in Utah. Slight showers of rain and nearly every day. The field and range are in a splendid condition. The heat has and is quite moderate. The meetings on Sunday tolerably well attended.

Sunday, June 10th, 1866

The meeting this morning and afternoon was addressed in a very interesting manner by Bishop Harrington of American Fork. Followed by Elder Stephan Chipman of the same place. Bishop Harrington spoke of the necessity of a continued increase of faith, the possession by all men of a certain degree of veneration, the coincidence of the spirit of Pilate and President Van Buren; the spirit manifested by Elders at home and abroad on missions; the levity etc., displayed by many in speaking of Celestial Marriage; drunkenness; attention of teachers to their duties; the sacrament, etc. The weather still continued to shower and quite cold, rendering fires quite bearable. Snow in the mountains on Friday last.

Tuesday, June 12th, 1866

Mother and Selina started with Crossley to the city this PM.

Sunday, June 17th, 1866

Yesterday, Crossley brought work to prepare to sell out and move back to the city. The boys having determined to give up this store. A warm day. Meetings as usual. went around the field with Joe.

Saturday, June 23rd, 1866

Mother returned from the city this evening leaving Selina there. Received a letter from the boys to pack up the goods and come up to the city, "lock stock and barrel". While at singing school, received a telegram to keep open until further orders. Everything seems uncertain.

Wednesday, July 4th, 1866

Hot weather. Being appointed with J. Morgan and L. Greeley, as a committee of celebration, spent the PM in the school looking after the dance there. Felt very dissatisfied with the appearance of things. Mr Greeley thought proper to humbug us, so we had to make the best of it, especially as his conduct seemed approved by those in authority.

Sunday, July 8th, 1866

Last night Charley Read arrived from the city, for the purpose of seeing what he could do in the way of commencing business for himself. Today, at both meetings, we were favored with remarks from Elders McDonald and Milliner of Provo, who spoke interestingly on the principle of Celestial Marriage.

Monday, July 9th, 1866

On Tuesday evening the 24th, we spent the time till day break in the dance. Early Thursday AM, R. & F. Walker with J. Chislett, Bodenburg, and Wm. Read arrived from the city after traveling all night. R. and F. Walker came to turn over the stock of goods to Wm & Charles Read, who proposes to carry on the store on their own acct. On Friday PM, the party started for American Fork, leaving me to start for the city in 4 or 5 days. Today was spent running around settling affairs and preparing to go to Cache Valley with Mother, J. Morgan and his father. All parties seemed anxious for me to stay, wishing me to take up a school. Do not think much of the proposition.

Wednesday, August 1st, 1866

Left for the city at 8am, accompanied by J. Morgan and his father and Mother. We all propose going to Cache Valley. After a warm ride we arrived in the city about

Thursday, August 2nd, 1866

Went downtown to get permission from the boys to be absent a week, had some difficulty in obtaining it, as several of the hands were absent and John Fry was going to Weber. John postponed his visit and gave me his leave. left the city at 10am, Madeline accompanying. Arrived at Farmington at 2pm and were hospitably entertained by Bishop Hess. After dinner traveled on and after an hours travel in the dark made a dry camp on the sand ridge.

Friday, August 3rd, 1866;

After a good night rest, we made a start about sunrise, and camped between Weber and Ogden for breakfast. Noon near the warm springs, and camped for the night at the head of Box Elder Canyon at 7pm.

Saturday, August 4th, 1866

Were all awake very early having spent a miserable night, owing to mosquitoes. Breakfasted at the head of Wellsville Canyon. Arrived in Logan about 1pm and found the folks all well. Everything here seems prospering. Sunday attended the two meetings, visited Stephan's folks. Monday jogged around. Tuesday by request, paid a visit to Elder E.T. Benson in the AM. Chatted with Jow, took dinner with Bro. and Sister Nelson.

Wednesday, August 8th, 1866

Left Logan for the city at 7am. Noon in the canyon and camped for the night at our last Friday's nooning place. Sultry weather.

Thursday, August 9th, 1866

About one hours sleep each, the rest of the time spent in fighting the mosquitoes. Started at daybreak. Breakfasted by the Weber River. Arrived at Farmington about 3pm, well treated by the Bishop again. The rain which had been showery all day set in steady. A good place in the barn induced us to retire early.

Friday, August 10th, 1866

Rained all night and wet this morning. Arrived in the city about noon. Mother and myself remaining. Joe continuing on.

Sunday, August 12th, 1866

Returned to the store Friday afternoon. Saturday commenced boarding at M.H.W. The meeting this morning was addressed by F.D. Richards, D.H. wells and Heber C. Kimball. In the PM, Geo. O. Smith gave a history of the times of "45", followed by Pres. Young on the subjects of litigation, lawyers and the law and various other interesting topics.

Friday, September 14th, 1866

Up to date have been boarding with W.H., where I have been well treated. My endeavors to rent or buy a place have been unsuccessful up to this evening when I succeeded in renting a place four blocks west of the tabernacle for \$15.00 per month. The

past few days we have been closed. marking down the prices of goods. The meeting at the Bowery are well attended and interesting. On Sunday morning last, attended meeting at Independence Hall where services of the Roman Catholic were conducted by the Rev. Father Kelly, who also solicited contribution in aid of the erection of a Catholic Church in this city. A meeting of Josephites was held in the same place in the evening.

Saturday, September 15th, 1866

This PM, started for camp for Mother and duds in company with George Carson. After a dull cheerless ride of about 12 hours we arrived at Fairfield about 2AM, found the folks well.

Sunday, September 16th, 1866

Attended meeting morning and afternoon. Took supper at Carson's.

Monday, September 17th, 1866

Spent the day in packing up, getting by sundown. Spent the evening at J. Morgans.

Tuesday, September 18th, 1866

After various leave takings made a start, with the furniture, etc., in two wagons about 10AM. Passed through Lehi and camped at dark at Dry Creek.

Wednesday, September 19th, 1866

Made an early start, arrived in the city about 10AM, unloaded and attended to a few errands, etc.

Sunday, September 23rd, 1866

The first snow of the season made its appearance on the mountains, particularly on the west mountains where it seems to have fallen quite deep. The weather today has been quite cold, with cloudy, rainy and sunshine aspect. The meeting this morning was addressed by Thos. Taylor upon the subject of the emigration of which he has charge; followed by Wm. S. Godby who spoke of the failure of Christianity to carry out its designs, and of the retrogression of morality now withstanding the philanthropy of many. In the afternoon the congregation were instructively addressed by Elder Spears and an Elder from Filmore and Pres. D.H. Wells.

Sunday, October 7th, 1866

The weather the past week and today has been excellent. Conference commenced yesterday, the meeting this morning was addressed by Elders W. Woodrull and E. Snow. This afternoon the President addressed one of the largest congregations of Saints I have ever seen in this city. The subjects treated upon were chiefly of local character or pertaining to the present time viz "Claim Jumpers", liquor and gambling nuisances and their

suppression. Eliza and John arrived from Cache. Received visits from Bro. and Sister Hodge and others of Fairfield and elsewhere.

Wednesday, October 17th, 1866

Conference adjourned on Monday afternoon Oct 8th, causing considerable surprise, as most people had imagined a lengthy conference would be the result of a large attendance. On Monday last, we had the first regular snow storm of the season. Snow falling to the depth of 2 inches. Felt quite unwell for the past 2 days. Monday and Tuesday remaining average. Yesterday had quite a talk with Mother about Sarah Carson. The weather is wintry. Excitement about the demolishing of gambling and whiskey holes continues high among the friends of those institutions.

Tuesday, October 30th, 1866

The weather the past few days has been delightful. Last week Dr. King Robinson was assassinated in a most outrageous manner by a party of 5 or 6 persons unknown. The event caused great excitement, especially among the gentiles, who, as a matter of course, laid it to the Mormons. A reward of \$9,000 has been offered for the apprehension of the assassins. Today the Muster commenced. By getting Bro. M. Lenzi to take my place in the store, I was able to attend. This morning was spent in getting ready at 1pm, for the battalion meeting at Major Trip's and from there we marched to the 7th ward school house and consolidated with other companies thus forming the 2nd Regiment, Col. S.W. Richards. From the 7th ward we marched to Camp Wasatch west of the 6th ward bridge, pitched tents, ate supper and went to bed early, slept cold and uncomfortably.

Wednesday, October 31st, 1866

Washed in the Jordan. Went on parade at 1pm. Detailed with others to go for willows to make a privy for the battalion. Plenty of fun. On parade I was detailed to go on guard and with about 36 others passed inspection, and pitched tent for guard quarters some 500 yards west of the camp. The guard was divided into three reliefs of 12 men each, appointed on the 3rd relief to guard the bridge from 4 to 6PM and 10 to Midnight and 4 to 6AM. Incidents of the day; challenging the "Officer of the Day", row in the Circus, and in our neighbors tent. Loss of bed clothing, promiscuous sleeping, visit of the Lt. General.

Thursday, November 1st, 1866

At 10am, we were relieved from guard duty and dismissed to our respective companies. From 10 to 12 boxing, company drills, wrestling etc. At noon, formed in line for review. A long cavalcade of officers and carriages passed along our front and rear, receiving salutes from the regiment bands and colors. After which they took up a position about 500 yards in our front when we formed in columns by companies right in front and marched in review, we formed a hollow square with the party in the center.

Geo Q. Cannon offered up prayer. Lt. Gen. Wells made a few remarks, after which we reduced the square and formed in line and were dismissed. Vast numbers of visitors from the city had arrived and made a lively appearance. About 3PM the whole division was drilled by Gen. Burton in several division movements, and placed in order of line of battle with a company of skirmishers in the front. In the evening attended the circus. The proceedings of the day were of a very interesting character.

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