

HOOVER.

EDITOR HERALD—The Twenty-Fourth was well observed in this city, yesterday. The string band provided a suitable wagon for their accommodation and ornamented it so as to make a presentable appearance, and made quite a street parade, enlivening the air with strains of lovely music at early morn.

Services opened under the bowery, built for the occasion, at 10 a. m., when the choirs and Sunday Schools of both wards exhibited their vocal abilities creditably to an appreciative audience. Mr. T. S. Johnson delivered an impressive speech upon the early history of the Church, their trials and troubles from the exodus to the arrival of the Pioneers in the year '47, how the first companies made some settlements, and plowed and seeded one thousand acres for those who were to follow after them. The people he said, were driven from their homes by a mob, and crossed the Mississippi on the 4th day of February, where the sick, the old, and the infirm were exposed to the fury of the elements with no other shelter than the canopy of heaven. The speaker related one instance of remarkable preservation from rattlesnakes, when the prairie was literally alive with the reptiles and it seemed as though no one was safe from their venomous bites. The route of travel, the unknown country before them, with no guide, save the inspiration of Providence, danger from the savages, and the alkalis so mortal to cattle, etc., etc., were each reasonably dwelt upon and clearly and concisely explained by the speaker, who reminded his audience how, notwithstanding all these difficulties, the hardy pioneers were cheerful and traveled in good spirits.

An Indian song was spiritedly rendered by John Haynes. Then followed a dialogue on the use of tobacco by four children, viz: James Beus, Lucretia Soule, Chas. Parker, and Orson Soule, showing how much the filthy weed would cost an average chewer and smoker in the course of forty years.

Bp. Belnap made some very appropriate remarks representing the condition of the Saints upon their arrival here in '41 and contrasting these conditions between that period and the present. The speaker endeavored to impress upon the minds of parents the necessity of providing innocent pastimes for their children, lest while seeking their own pastimes they may indulge in games that may degrade their morals. Our mission is "peace on earth, good will to men."

A number of songs, duets, toasts, etc., were well rendered, every one present seeming to enjoy the exercises.

The afternoon was occupied in distributing candy, nuts, and small presents to winners in footraces &c., and in dancing and horse racing. Night followed in the wake with a grand dance.

Charles Parker was Marshal of the Day, John Flinders, Chaplain, and T. S. Johnson, Orator. The Committee of Arrangements were Charles Parker, James Beus, Saml. Ridout, Eli Spaulding, and Geo. Fowers.

Very respectfully,

J. R. M.

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