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~~Martha & I~~ spent one night this week reading our Patriarchal blessings & commenting on them. Many things they say have been fulfilled and we hope all others will be fulfilled.

We are going thru a great scourge of Influenza followed by pneumonia. It has taken off more of our soldiers in training camps than have been killed in battle. The scourge is every where. It sweeps off the healthiest irrespective of the lives they live. In New York City over 80,000 have died of this disease. Juanita is now nursing a family where all of them are down with it. ~~Cousin Geo. Tanner of Payson has died (also a / son of Lizzie Haws Tombs has died)~~ of it & many of my acquaintances have died. More than 8000 soldiers in our training camps have died of pneumonia. This sickness is but a small affair compared to those sicknesses yet to come which will leave cities virtually desolate.

Nov. 11, 1918 (Mon.) Logan.

At one 1 A.M. this morning factory whistles church bells, sky rockets all began a great din on the announcement that an ~~armistice had been signed of unconditional surrender by Germany.~~ The Kaiser & others have fled to Holland. Germany is the scene of revolutionary movement & a socialist leader, Friedrich Ebert, is now temporary ruler or leader (imperial chancellor). The (our) entire nation is wild with joy and almost all other nations are now celebrating over the dawn of peace--I may say the realization of peace. What a wonderful reconstructive period & internal revolution will now follow. It means, I hope, a new era the like of which has never been known. The fixing of the boundries of justice and that permanent peace will be harder than it appears on the surface of things.

God has kept his promise concerning our nation (Doc. & Cov. sec 98) or any nation which carried out the plan of long suffering & sueing for peace as we did; for He says he would fight that Nation's battles; and almost the moment our soldiers touched the battle front Germany was haulted & the Allies began to win. In about a yr. from the time our marines entered the trenches all our enemies have sued for peace. It was not so much due to our numbers as the morale it produced in our allies & the terror it produced in our enemies.

When the whistles began to blow at 1 A.M. ~~(Marva awoke & said: Daddie)~~ why are those whistles blowing?, I said that it is because peace has been declared. "O, I am glad" she said "for now my sweet Georgie can come home". (Her little mind ran like a flutter-wheel for nearly a half hour as she talked & querried. At last she fell a sleep while I lay and thanked my God for the close of the war & my sons were still alive. I did not go to Ogden today as I intended, but will go tomorrow morning.

Nov. 24, 1918 Logan, Ut

Since last writing I have been selling sugar stock in North Ogden. I have made over \$800.00 during the last 2 or 3 weeks.

~~I~~ was exposed to the Influenza & so was Bro J.B. Brown. He has been quite sick with it or at least a bad cold. I am going back to Ogden in the morning to see him & do a little more work while there. Our family seem to be afflicted with bad colds or "flu". At least I have been ailing also Marva & Kyrmel who is quite bad with it still.

~~Pres. Jos. F. Smith died last Tues. Nov. 19,~~ I was made very sad for I felt he was one of Israel's greatest leaders. Thru him, or during his regime, Israel has been much improved and the organizations have been made more active & they have become more like classes studying & learning the text or subject matter. The meeting houses have been re-modeled or built more like school houses where S.S. classes and all other organizations meet in separate classes with class-leaders to teach & conduct the recitations. Parent classes have been organized as an addition to the S.S. and parents study the better methods of rearing children--physically, mentally, morally, & religiously. Experts are called in to deliver special lectures from time to time. The parents are rapidly becoming students again studying the psychology of the child, methods of teaching it, etc. In these classes the economic social & moral issues are taken up & discussed. In these classes committees are chosen to confer with city officials, school superintendents, police officers, etc. urging & sometimes demanding better execution of the laws or improvement in city government or school room methods, etc. In fact the parents are now becoming world wise in things that go to make better homes, better humanity & better governments.

In finances he (Pres S.) has excelled all other leaders for he has brought Israel out of debt & she now stands a financial power in this western land. He is recognized as a great financial leader as well as the highest type of puritanic leader ship. For chaste purity he has few equals. He family is one of the most model in all Israel. He hasn't a waywardson or daughter.

Bp. Nibly in speaking at Pres Smith's funeral pronounced him the best & greatest man in all the world. I have about the same feeling in my heart. I feel like saying "O, God bless his memory in Israel & make his death a great blessing to Israel in that his life & memory will inspire Israel to live better & try to shape their lives more like his.

He was very sympathetic & loving--true to his friends; but terrible in his rebuke when wrought upon by the spirit of God. He could countenance no evil and it was hard for him to love his enemies. He was born a few weeks after his father & the Prophet Joseph were sentenced to death in Mo. and fed upon maternal blood of terror & hate. He lived to see his father killed & his people banished & brutally mobbed until it was years before he could master his passion of hate, if not a feeling, at times of half revenge. I have two very fine letters from him which I am reserving.

~~Pres. Heber J. Grant has been chosen President of the Church and he /~~  
~~has selected Anthony H. Lund & Chas. W. Penrose as his counsellors.~~  
~~Apostle Clawson is chosen as acting-president as Anthony H. Lund is the~~  
~~real President of the twelve for he is the senior member of the quorum.~~

The influenza has killed 100 times more in our nation than all the casualties due to the German bullet & bayonet. It is still raging amidst the nation & very bad amidst our people & western states. Many of my / friends & a few relatives have died. Tho the war has ceased destruction with internal struggles & sickness & the death toll is great.

~~Every one in this city is now wearing a medicated mask when ever,~~  
~~they leave their own door yard.)~~ All schools have been closed for several

weeks & will probably continue so with a few isolated cases.

I forgot to say I went from Ogden to S.L. and attended Pres. Smith's funeral. It was held at the cemetery due to the scourge of the "flu", for all public assemblies has been forbidden. Memorial services will be held later in the tabernacle when things become normal again. The services were short. The singing was excellent. Pres. Grant & Bp. Nibley were the two speakers & talked but a short time due to the cold wet weather. The wind was blowing & the audience really suffered with cold.

We received letters from Geo. Levon & Reginald. Reg. had his first baptism of fire from Oct. 1, to the 9th. To know how he felt read his letter published in the Logan Journal & is posted in my Journal of Clippings. He says the first night it nearly got his "goat" but that he soon got used to shells bursting near him & he was all right. Geo. sent a description of an air raid he was in and I had it published in the Deseret News with his photo. It is also posted in my Journal of clippings.

Recd. letters from Dee & Vivian, Othello & Helen, Fern & Sheridan.

Dec. 4, 1918 Ogden, Ut.

I am here with Bro J.W. Johnson selling sugar stock. We have been out a day & two evenings & so far have sold none but we have some good prospects.

I regret deeply the death of Bro Jos. B. Brown. He died here while he & I were selling stock. He took down with influenza & it turned to pneumonia & he died here in the Dee Hospital. I feel deeply the loss of my friend and brother. His wife & children are grief stricken & I have prayed God to bless & comfort them. They have the sympathy of the entire community in Cache Valley. I have written an account of his life & death & it is to be published in the Deseret News. We held his funeral at the Cemetery in Wellsville and Bps. Maughn & Jorgensen, Bro Milton & myself spoke at the services. (See Journal of clippings).

I am very thankful that the Lord has preserved my life & that of my family, thru my much exposure. We are all well.

Since Pres. Smith's death a vision of his has been published wherein he saw the dead from Adam down & what Christ did while he preached to the spirits while his body lay in the tomb. etc. It is published in the Era.

Dec. 8, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Bro Johnson went home to Provo Fri morning. We sold \$520.00 in sugar stock Thurs. On Fri I sold \$400.00 & wrote a Mr Butler up for \$2000.00 life insurance. I wrote an other man \$1000.00 for sugar but due to an adverse report he had contract cancelled.

On Fri afternoon I spoke at the funeral of Bro. Gideon Alvard. It was his dying request that I speak at his funeral. It was at his place Bro. Brown & I stayed while selling stock.

I came home last night. I found all well. Lorea's eye is still sightless but it seems virtually well.

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The influenza is still sweeping the land. It is reported that 350,000 have died in the U.S. since Sept 16, from this scourge. There are no public gatherings so far; over two months we have had no meetings in Utah. This condition has had no parallel in this nation. It is the beginning, of sorrows. I am looking for even greater scourges until cities & villages will be desolate (thru scourges) before God's chastisement is over. Let Israel & the world take warning for this is the hour of judgment and only the righteous shall stand.

Pres. Wilson and other envoys of peace have gone to France to the Peace conference. This act of Pres. Wilson's has no parallel in going to foreign nations & much criticism is offered. I don't like the criticism Ex-pres. Roosevelt is hurling against Pres. W. and his 14 points of peace. It tends to produce discord instead of peace. Pres. W. has gone with an avowed determination to establish a permanent peace for the world with no militarism in it. He is determined to make the world safe for Democracy. I feel Wilson has uttered the greatest principle of universal justice the world ever dreamed of. The British feel (or think) that they are the greatest since the issuing the Magna Carta. He is one of the great spirits reserved for the last days to prepare the nations for freedom and justice. But it will be far easier to promulgate them than to establish them in the hearts of men. The internal murderings & sufferings thru disease & famine are sweeping European nations, especially Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, Poland, Turkey & others. It is reported that Petrograd a city of 2,000,000 is now reduced to 500,000 and still the work of carnage is still going. Many millions will yet die of famine & murder.

Myrthus has gone to Acquia, Ida. to visit his mother! I have just sent him \$15.00--ten of which he is to give Felton for an Xmas present. I let Myrthus have \$25.00 when he left.

I have recd. letters from Dee, Othello, Myrthus, and Reg. He has been in the battle again.

Levon is dead.  
(at top of page)

Dec 13, 1918, Logan, Ut.

We recd. a telegram Dec. 11 that Levon had died in France of lobar / pneumonia. O how grieved we are! Can it be possible? To think our son must sleep in foreign lands amidst strangers! We can not fully realize our son is dead. Yet his last letter virtually told us he may never write again. Several of his letters had breathed this same spirit. He assured us that tho he died he would die just as moral as when he left home and more spiritually minded. His letters for a number of months had been burdened with a high moral sentiment, assuring us that at least one American would return as pure as when he left. Tho he has given his life in a foreign land to give liberty to the world yet our grief is keen. He said in his last letter that if he did not push up daisies over there some Heine would. Poor boy he was prophetic

The telegram was sent from Washington D.C. and read:  
"Regret to say your son Lavon R. Hickman died Nov. 22  
of lobar pneumonia" Adjutant General Harris."

I have written to all the family and my brothers and sisters & mother of his death. Our grief has been repeated by hundreds of thousands during this war yet it does not seem to lighten our grief. We all feel to bow humbly to God's decree. Before Levon volunteered (Feb. last) he had talked to me about going on a mission. It was a yr. ago last Aug. when he spoke to me about going. I told him to prepare himself by leaving off his tobacco & in very way show by his life that he was worthy of going on a mission. I now pray that he will be worthy of going on a mission in the Spirit world and fulfill his best desires there. Levon had twice tried to enter the service of his country--once when 18 he volunteered & was turned down; again when the first draft was called he went & registered as tho he was twenty one tho he was only 19 yrs of age and was not accepted due to a slight abdominal hernia. Finally last Feb. he volunteered again and was accepted.

There are moments of gladness in my heart when I think he has gone to his dear mother to be a companion & joy to her. Then to think he has died for his country & died with such a high moral & spiritual awakening. This gives me comfort. If--a chance--is given us to have his body brought home, we will bring him & let him sleep by his mother. O, my Father accept his spirit and forever lead him to Thee. Preserve my other sons now in Europe to return home in safety & in purity.

Dec. 15, 1918 Lava Hot Strings, Idaho.

Bro. J.W. Johnson & I came here last night from Grace where we were selling sugar stock. We had supper & I went to bed & sleep well. This morning we took a hot sulphur bath. We return to Grace this afternoon. It is Sun. & we came for a bath and rest. This place has wonderfully built since I first saw it 20 yrs. ago.

Dec. 25, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Clear weather and no snow in the valley, but the mountains are covered. Bro. Johnson and I returned from Grace, Ida. last Sat. and on Sun. went to S.L. I did some business with the Con.W.&M Co also Utah Nat. Underwriters & Beet Growers Sugar Co. & returned here Mon. night (11:10 P) Bro. Johnson & I sold \$9440.00 in sugar stock. We hope to get our commission on all of it. If so, we will get over \$450.00 each.

We have recd. letters of condolence from Josephine, Laura, Eugene, Othello, Fern, Aunt Mary Orser, Apostle Orson Whitney and others. Our sorrow for dear Lavon comes back with added grief again and again and we become children and cry out our grief. Years will come and others may read our grief but they will never know what we feel now. I realize that time soothes mental pain as morphia does the physical. The most terrible grief and the deepest losses are lessened as memory fades and new duties and other cares rise before us. The knowledge of all this does not assuage our heart wounds.

Sister Manervia Hickman, Uncle Wm Hickman's wife died Mon. at the age of 90 yrs. She is to be buried tomorrow at 1 P.M. and I am going to North Ogden to attend the funeral.

This is Xmas and we have spent a quiet and I may say a fairly pleasant day. Santa Claus brought us many nice but useful gifts. My children were very happy over their gifts.

We have recd. two letters each from Reg. & George. Geo. has had the influenza and was not entirely over it when he wrote. Tho. the war has been over for nearly 6 weeks the heavy casualty lists keep coming every day from Europe. In round numbers there have been killed in this war over 20,000,000 men. This does not include the millions of women & children. The Balkin states also Poland are almost childless as far as small children are concerned. They have starved to death or died due to the lack of sugar.

Lorea's eye is virtually well, but sightless except a distinguish-  
ing of light from darkness.

I paid \$102.75 on our note (self & boys for farm) for int. & prin.

Dec 30, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Fine weather only a rift of snow. Went to North Ogden & spoke to the funeral of Aunt Minerva. We held the services at her home due to the ban on public gatherings, due to the influenza. (It has been on for months & will remain until Jan 5, 1919). She was laid away in the most sumptuous shroud & coffin. Warren (her son) & his wife had done in life & death all they could to give comfort while living & showed all respect in death. All of Aunts living children were there except Ella Kolhepp. The others living are Warren, Mrs. Francis Vanderhoff & Survivor. Many splendid things were said of Aunt concerning her life & works.

Bro. Johnson drove in his car from the Hot Springs to Fielding & sold sugar stock. We only sold \$1200.00 worth. We return there this morning.

Leon & Winnie are here! He and Juanita have been ill & are not well yet.

Feb. 2, 1919 Logan, Ut

It has been sometime since I wrote. We spent a quiet New Years day. Leon & Juanita are well. We spent our evenings and days home reading, playing Rook & quietly enjoying our selves. The ban due to the influenza was lifted and on Sun. (Jan 5.) we had S.S. and meeting. I taught the Parent's Class and with other, bore my testimony in meeting. Immediately after this date the "flu" broke out anew thru out the west and Pres. Heber Grant telegraphed to all the stakes in Utah & Idaho (& probably thru out all stakes) to cease all meetings for the present. We have been without meetings for several months--since middle of Oct. with the exception of one Sun.

Bro. Johnson and I left for Gentile Valley & sold stock for a wk. & then we went to Montpelier. We are working with Hussey. We divide equal in our earnings. I have made \$981.56 since leaving. It has cost me over \$100.00 for expenses.

I came home to attend the operation on Lorea's eye. (The Dr. ran a needle in thru the cornea & punctured the lens to break the opaque lens so the opaque film will become absorbed.) He thinks it possible give her some sight thru this operation. I feel very badly over this accident for she will be more or less disfigured for life. We have exercised our faith much in her behalf.

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We have recd two letters from Geo. & Reg. We expect that they will be coming home in a month or two. We learned from the Graves Registration Service that Levon was buried in a Fr cemetery at Glorieux Verdun, Meuse, France. He was a corporal in Company F 318th Engineers Charles C Pierce. Lieut. Col. Q.M.C. U.S.A. wrote us from Fr.

Levon was insured for \$10,000.00 in the army; the insurance will come to me in monthly installments.

I leave in the morning for Montpellier. Myrthus has returned from visiting his mother; His report of misery & cruelty is appalling. It seems Benedict beats not only the children but his wife.

The influenza followed by pneumonia is still plaguing its victims. Bro. Lorin Merrill died. He was a most admirable character. He was my Bp. in 7th ward for 2 yrs. I regret his death and grieve for his bereaved wife and children.

I paid \$405.00 tithing this last yr.

I have sent to Dee \$115.00 for farm and paid \$68.75 interest & \$12.50 principle on the loan made on Dee's land. I sent draft to Farm Loan Bureau, Berkley, Cali.

Feb. 25, 1919, Montpellier, Ida.

I was home two days the last time I wrote. Since then I have been here selling sugar stock. Bros. Johnson & Hussey have been with me. We have not done so well lately. We have only sold \$7080.00 and when we split one 1/8 of this three ways there is not much left for us when our expenses are \$2.00 a day and upward.

The folks are well at home.

I have paid the Council of Defense \$204.55 on money borrowed (& int.) to buy grain last spring.

Have recd. letter from Geo. & Reg. They at last have our letters telling of Levon's death. They feel badly & each is going to try and hunt up his grave and learn of his sickness and death!

If I can rely on the paper's report, Reg. said on the steamer "Washington" which landed in Boston yesterday. Pres. Wilson and party were on the same vessel, but Geo. probably will not return for several months.

The world especially Europe is full of murder & internal strife and more especially the Central powers that fought against the Allies also Russia.

I have lectured in the 1st & 3rd wards here Bennington, & Bern since I returned from home.

Recd letters from Othello & Dee & their wives!

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Mar. 24, 1919, Idaho Falls, Ida.

Since last writing, I have been home. (Martha and Marva met me at S.L.) ~~(We stayed there all night and the next evening we went to Provo, and visited Mother & Laura, Leslie & family. Mother is well but gradually getting weaker. She has almost quit doing any work.)~~

Jennie Richardson, my sister Eunice's daughter, is County clerk, and is drawing \$120.00 a mo. She is a splendid girl. I wish I could say as much of all my relatives of her sex.

~~Martha & I visited the Cemetery; the graves of our beloved dead are kept well. We went & visited Bro & Sister Simons and family.~~

We have sold our home in Provo for \$2200.00 and are receiving \$30.00 payment. We get 8% on all deferred payments.

Since Jan. 7, I have made over \$2000.00 but my expenses have been over \$170.00.

I spoke in the 3 wards in Montpelier, also in Bern, Georgetown, Bennington, & Nounan while in Bear Lake Co.

~~(Lorea's eye is still totally blind? She went to the temple last Tues. and was baptized for the restoring of her sight. We fasted for her.)~~

I came up to Rigby a wk. last Sat. The Co. had a day of enjoyment & luncheon in view of the selling of the \$1,000,000.00 sugar stock. We are now reselling a few thousand dollars in stock of those who failed to pay up. Bro. J.W. Johnson & I came here last Mon. & began work. We have only made \$81.00 a piece this last week. We hope to do better this next week.

~~There are four of our children (Valko, Thorval, Kyrmel & Marva) who have come down with the "flu". Marva & Kyrmel are quite bad yet! I have phoned home three nights this week to find out how they are. (Martha reports that there are 1100 cases in Logan.)~~

~~Have recd. letters from Geo. & Reg. The 91st division is to soon set sail for U.S. Reg. will come with this division, but Geo. will probably not come for several months for he is still aiding in publishing the "Stars & Stripes". (He came near having a serious accident when the steering (gear) rod broke.)~~

I have written Pres. Redd, Francis, & Geo. I finished paying Geo's note at the First Nat. Bank. I also paid \$284+ on Co. note I also sent money to lease the School section 32 next to our land

I attended S.S. and meeting here today.

Apr. 5, 1919 Idaho Falls, Ida. (Raining today; pleasant)

The children are all well again. I have talked to Martha over the phone 3 or 4 times during their illness. (While Marva was so bad her mother said to her; "what shall I say to Daddy"? She said, "anything you want; anything you think of. Her mother said: "I am not thinking".

~~She said, "well, tell him nothing, I am not thinking either".~~ Bless her sweet soul!--So shrewd, so old fashioned and so thoughtful. I have just now phoned home and find all are well. My Marva had to talk over the phone to me also.

I went to Rigby Sun. morning and stayed until Mon. morning. I went to talk over matters with the Co. I spoke while there in S.S. to Parent's class and took up the time in the afternoon meeting.

I went again to Rigby Thurs. I went with a man (August Johnson) who wished to see the factory before buying. He took \$600.00 when we returned.

Bro. Johnson & I have been doing better the last 10 or 12 days. We have each made in that time \$360.00, but it costs each of us over \$4.00 a day for room, board, & buggy rent. Some of our good prospects fell thru as is often the case.

~~I recd letters from Othello, Lorea, Fern George & a letter from Reginald.~~ It was the one he wrote to Dee. It is a splendid letter in spirit, thought, & phraesology.

Have sent \$175.00 to buy spring oats. Told Othello to order 19 bales of wire at \$7.65 (a 100 rd bale) delivered at Thompsons. This is enough to finish fencing the south side of Geo. Reg. & Othello's land--2 miles. We will then have all the 5 sq. mi. under fince & three cross fences. Our land lays east & west in this fashion W . . . . . E. We are leasing sec 32 of the state. We hope to buy it before, or by the time the 5 yrs are up. That will make us a splendid holding. However sister Laura has one  $\frac{1}{2}$  section in our holdings.

~~Reginald's company will set sail soon for America.~~ George does not know when he will come home.

While away from home I have attended the picture shoes, several nights a wk. The lights in the hotels are so poor it is hard to read so I do not do as much reading as I should.

This is becoming a wonderful country The farmers are becoming wealthy. They raise thousands of bushels of potatoes and are this spring getting from \$1.80 to \$2.10 a hundred.

Most of the people here in this Co. are non-Mormons.

The peace conference is still in session and still trying to come to some common agreement on which all Allied nations can subscribe. There is seeming delay, & Pres. Wilson is becoming restive over long parlies and he threatens to carry the contention to the nations & force the contending representatives to action. It is now expected that that that the world constitution will be ready for signing some time next week. Some of our American senators are opposing the constitution as at present drafted. The Monroe doctrine some feel will be suppressed if the world constitution is signed as it now stands but adjustments & modifications have been made so the Monroe doctrine seems safely protected. I feel that this world compact is the greatest undertaking in the history

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We have received nice letters from Geo. Reg. & Levon. Reginald has been in the trenches 8 days & night. He & his company had honorable mention for brave fighting & taking ground from the Germans. He wrote & described his feelings the first night under fire. He says that it nearly got his "goat" until he got used to shells bursting around him. His letter is published in the Logan Journal and I have pasted a copy of it in my journal of clippings.

We recd a letter from Geo. describing his dangerous travels at the front. He also sent a vivid description of an air raid he was in but two days before. It is published in the Deseret news with his photo. I have also pasted it in my journal of clippings.

Word comes that the Kaiser has abdicated & we are expecting to hear of German's signing by morning terms of unconditional surrender. Bulgaria, Turkey, Austria-Hungary have already done so. It looks as tho this awfulest of all wars is now almost a thing of the past. What a joyous thought. It looks as tho the day of monarchy & cruelty is nearly over. Yet God has decreed the consomation of wickedness & destruction of all nations unless they repent. Repentance is not yet at hand & so I look for more war--more revolution, more scourge & that death sickness which are to humble nations. I spent this evening reading to my family the prophecies of war & scourges God has given to Joseph the Prophet as recorded in the Doc. & Cov. I am praying to understand & see these things with the vision of a prophet.

Martha & I spent one night this week reading our Patriarchal blessings & commenting on them. Many things they say have been fulfilled and we hope all others will be fulfilled.

We are going thru a great scourge of Influenza followed by pneumonia. It has taken off more of our soldiers in training camps than have been killed in battle. The scourge is every where. It sweeps off the healthiest irrespective of the lives they live. In New York City over 80,000 have died of this disease. Juanita is now nursing a family where all of them are down with it. Cousin Geo. Tanner of Payson has died (also a son of Lizzie Haws Tombs has died) of it & many of my acquaintances have died. More than 8000 soldiers in our training camps have died of pneumonia. This sickness is but a small affair compared to those sicknesses yet to come which will leave cities virtually desolate.

Nov. 11, 1918 (Mon.) Logan.

At one 1 A.M. this morning factory whistles church bells, sky rockets all began a great din on the announcement that an armistice had been signed of unconditional surrender by Germany. The Kaiser & others have fled to Holland. Germany is the scene of revolutionary movement & a socialist leader, Friedrich Ebert, is now temporary ruler or leader (imperial chancellor). The (our) entire nation is wild with joy and almost all other nations are now celebrating over the dawn of peace--I may say the realization of peace. What a wonderful reconstructive period & internal revolution will now follow. It means, I hope, a new era the like of which has never been known. The fixing of the boundaries of justice and that permanent peace will be harder than it appears on the surface of things.

God has kept his promise concerning our nation (Doc. & Cov. sec 98) or any nation which carried out the plan of long suffering & suing for peace as we did; for He says he would fight that Nation's battles; and almost the moment our soldiers touched the battle front Germany was haulted & the Allies began to win. In about a yr. from the time our marines entered the trenches all our enemies have sued for peace. It was not so much due to our numbers as the morale it produced in our allies & the terror it produced in our enemies.

When the whistles began to blow at 1 A.M. Marva awoke & said: Daddie why are those whistles blowing? I said that it is because peace has been declared. "O, I am glad" she said "for now my sweet Georgie can come home". (Her little mind ran like a flutter-wheel for nearly a half hour as she talked & queried. At last she fell a sleep while I lay and thanked my God for the close of the war & my sons were still alive. I did not go to Ogden today as I intended, but will go tomorrow morning.

Nov. 24, 1918 Logan, Ut

Since last writing I have been selling sugar stock in North Ogden. I have made over \$800.00 during the last 2 or 3 weeks.

I was exposed to the Influenza & so was Bro J.B. Brown. He has been quite sick with it or at least a bad cold. I am going back to Ogden in the morning to see him & do a little more work while there. Our family seem to be afflicted with bad colds or "flu". At least I have been ailing also Marva & Kyrmel who is quite bad with it still.

Pres. Jos. F. Smith died last Tues. [NOV. 19]. I was made very sad for I felt he was one of Israel's greatest leaders. Thru him, or during his regime, Israel has been much improved and the organizations have been made more active & they have become more like classes studying & learning the text or subject matter. The meeting houses have been re-modeled or built more like school houses where S.S. classes and all other organizations meet in separate classes with class-leaders to teach & conduct the recitations. Parent classes have been organized as an addition to the S.S. and parents study the better methods of rearing children--physically, mentally, morally, & religiously. Experts are called in to deliver special lectures from time to time. The parents are rapidly becoming students again studying the psychology of the child, methods of teaching it, etc. In these classes the economic social & moral issues are taken up & discussed. In these classes committees are chosen to confer with city officials, school superintendents, police officers, etc. urging & sometimes demanding better execution of the laws or improvement in city government or school room methods, etc. In fact the parents are now becoming world wise in things that go to make better homes, better humanity & better governments.

In finances he (Pres S.) has excelled all other leaders for he has brought Israel out of debt & she now stands a financial power in this western land. He is recognized as a great financial leader as well as the highest type of puritanic leader ship. For chaste purity he has few equals. He family is one of the most model in all Israel. He hasn't a waywardson or daughter.

Bp. Nibly in speaking at Pres Smith's funeral pronounced him the best & greatest man in all the world. I have about the same feeling in my heart. I feel like saying "O, God bless his memory in Israel & make his death a great blessing to Israel in that his life & memory will inspire Israel to live better & try to shape their lives more like his.

He was very sympathetic & loving--true to his friends; but terrible in his rebuke when wrought upon by the spirit of God. He could countenance no evil and it was hard for him to love his enemies. He was born a few weeks after his father & the Prophet Joseph were sentenced to death in Mo. and fed upon maternal blood of terror & hate. He lived to see his father killed & his people banished & brutally mobbed until it was years before he could master his passion of hate, if not a feeling, at times of half revenge. I have two very fine letters from him which I am reserving.

Pres. Heber J. Grant has been chosen President of the church and he has selected Anthony H. Lund & Chas. W. Penrose as his counsellors. Apostle Clawson is chosen as acting-president as Anthony H. Lund is the real President of the twelve for he is the senior member of the quorum.

The influenza has killed 100 times more in our nation than all the casualties due to the German bullet & bayonet. It is still raging amidst the nation & very bad amidst our people & western states. Many of my friends & a few relatives have died. Tho the war has ceased destruction with internal struggles & sickness & the death toll is great.

Every one in this city is now wearing a medicated mask when ever, they leave their own door yard. All schools have been closed for several

weeks & will probably continue so with a few isolated cases.

I forgot to say I went from Ogden to S.L. and attended Pres. Smith's funeral. It was held at the cemetery due to the scourge of the "flu", for all public assemblies has been forbidden. Memorial services will be held later in the tabernacle when things become normal again. The services were short. The singing was excellent. Pres. Grant & Bp. Nibley were the two speakers & talked but a short time due to the cold wet weather. The wind was blowing & the audience really suffered with cold.

We received letters from Geo. Levon & Reginald. Reg. had his first baptism of fire from Oct. 1, to the 9th. To know how he felt read his letter published in the Logan Journal & is posted in my Journal of Clippings. He says the first night it nearly got his "goat" but that he soon got used to shells bursting near him & he was all right. Geo. sent a description of an air raid he was in and I had it published in the Deseret News with his photo. It is also posted in my Journal of clippings.

Recd. letters from Dee & Vivian, Othello & Helen, Fern & Sheridan.

Dec. 4, 1918 Ogden, Ut.

I am here with Bro J.W. Johnson selling sugar stock. We have been out a day & two evenings & so far have sold none but we have some good prospects.

I regret deeply the death of Bro Jos. B. Brown. He died here while he & I were selling stock. He took down with influenza & it turned to pneumonia & he died here in the Dee Hospital. I feel deeply the loss of my friend and brother. His wife & children are grief stricken & I have prayed God to bless & comfort them. They have the sympathy of the entire community in Cache Valley. I have written an account of his life & death & it is to be published in the Deseret News. We held his funeral at the Cemetery in Wellsville and Bps. Maughn & Jorgensen, Bro Milton & myself spoke at the services. (See Journal of clippings).

I am very thankful that the Lord has preserved my life & that of my family, thru my much exposure. We are all well.

Since Pres. Smith's death a vision of his has been published wherein he saw the dead from Adam down & what Christ did while he preached to the spirits while his body lay in the tomb. etc. It is published in the Era.

Dec. 8, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Bro Johnson went home to Provo Fri morning. We sold \$520.00 in sugar stock Thurs. On Fri I sold \$400.00 & wrote a Mr Butler up for \$2000.00 life insurance. I wrote an other man \$1000.00 for sugar but due to an adverse report he had contract cancelled.

On Fri afternoon I spoke at the funeral of Bro. Gideon Alvard. It was his dying request that I speak at his funeral. It was at his place Bro. Brown & I stayed while selling stock.

I came home last night. I found all well. Lorea's eye is still sightless but it seems virtually well.

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The influenza is still sweeping the land./ It is reported that 350,000 have died in the U.S. since Sept 16, from this scourge. There are no public gatherings so far; over two months we have had no meetings in Utah. This condition has had no paralel in this nation. It is the beginning, of sorrows. I am looking for even greater scourges until cities & vilages will be desolate (thru scourges) before God's chastisement is over. Let Israel & the world take warning for this is the hour of judgment and only the righteous shall stand.

Pres. Wilson and other envoys of peace have gone to France to the Peace conference. This act of Pres. Wilson's has no paralel in going to foreign nations & much criticism is offered. I don't like the criticism Ex-pres. Roosevelt is hurling against Pres. W. and his 14 points of peace. It tends to produce discord in-stead of peace. Pres. W. has gone with an avowed determination to establish a permanent peace for the world with no militarism in it. He is determined to make the world safe for Democracy. I feel Wilson has uttered the greatest principle of universal justice the world ever dreamed of. The British feel (or think) that they are the greatest since the issuing the Magna Carta. He is one of the great spirits reserved for the last days to prepare the nations for freedom and justice. But it will be far easier to promulgate them than to establish them in the hearts of men. The internal murderings & sufferings thru disease & famine are sweeping European nations, especially Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, Poland, Turkey & others. It is reported that Petrograd a city of 2,000,000 is now reduced to 500,000 and still the work of carnage is still going. Many millions will yet die of famine & murder.

Myrthus has gone to Acquia, Ida. to visit his mother. I have just sent him \$15.00--ten of which he is to give Felton for an Xmas present. I let Myrthus have \$25.00 when he left.

I have recd. letters from Dee, Othello, Myrthus, and Reg. He has been in the battle again.

Levon is dead.  
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Dec 13, 1918, Logan, Ut.

We recd. a telegram Dec. 11 that Levon had died in France of lobar pneumonia.. O how grieved we are! Can it be possible? To think our son must sleep in foreign lands amidst strangers! We can not fully realize our son is dead. Yet his last letter virtually told us he may never write again. Several of his letters had breathed this same spirit. He assured us that tho he died he would die just as moral as when he left home and more spiritually minded. His letters for a number of months had been burdened with a high moral sentiment, assuring us that at least one American would return as pure as when he left. Tho he has given his life in a foreign land to give liberty to the world yet our grief is keen. He said in his last letter that if he did not push up daisies over there some Heine would. Poor boy he was prophetic

The telegram was sent from Washington D.C. and read:  
"Regret to say your son Lavon R. Hickman died Nov. 22  
of lobar pneumonia" Adjutant General Harris."



I have written to all the family and my brothers and sisters & mother of his death. Our grief has been repeated by hundreds of thousands during this war yet it does not seem to lighten our grief. We all feel to bow humbly to God's decree. Before Levon volunteered (Feb. last) he had talked to me about going on a mission. It was a yr. ago last Aug. when he spoke to me about going. I told him to prepare himself by leaving off his tobacco & in very way show by his life that he was worthy of going on a mission. I now pray that he will be worthy of going on a mission in the Spirit world and fulfill his best desires there. Levon had twice tried to enter the service of his country--once when 18 he volunteered & was turned down; again when the first draft was called he went & registered as tho he was twenty one tho he was only 19 yrs of age and was not accepted due to a slight abdominal hernia. Finally last Feb. he volunteered again and was accepted.

There are moments of gladness in my heart when I think he has gone to his dear mother to be a companion & joy to her. Then to think he has died for his country & died with such a high moral & spiritual awakening. This gives me comfort. If--a chance--is given us to have his body brought home, we will bring him & let him sleep by his mother. O, my Father accept his spirit and forever lead him to Thee. Preserve my other sons now in Europe to return home in safety & in purity.

Dec. 15, 1918 Lava Hot Strings, Idaho.

Bro. J.W. Johnson & I came here last night from Grace where we were selling sugar stock. We had supper & I went to bed & sleep well. This morning we took a hot sulphur bath. We return to Grace this afternoon. It is Sun. & we came for a bath and rest. This place has wonderfully built since I first saw it 20 yrs. ago.

Dec. 25, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Clear weather and no snow in the valley, but the mountains are covered. Bro. Johnson and I returned from Grace, Ida. last Sat. and on Sun. went to S.L. I did some business with the Con.W.&M Co also Utah Nat. Underwriters & Beet Growers Sugar Co. & returned here Mon. night (11:10 P) Bro. Johnson & I sold \$9440.00 in sugar stock. We hope to get our commission on all of it. If so, we will get over \$450.00 each.

We have recd. letters of condolence from Josephine, Laura, Eugene, Othello, Fern, Aunt Mary Orser, Apostle Orson Whitney and others. Our sorrow for dear Lavon comes back with added grief again and again and we become children and cry out our grief. Years will come and others may read our grief but they will never know what we feel now. I realize that time soothes mental pain as morphia does the physical. The most terrible grief and the deepest losses are lessened as memory fades and new duties and other cares rise before us. The knowledge of all this does not assuage our heart wounds.

Sister Manervia Hickman, Uncle Wm Hickman's wife died Mon. at the age of 90 yrs. She is to be buried tomorrow at 1 P.M. and I am going to North Ogden to attend the funeral.

This is Xmas and we have spent a quiet and I may say a fairly pleasant day. Santa Claus brought us many nice but useful gifts. My children were very happy over their gifts.

We have recd. two letters each from Reg. & George. Geo. has had the influenza and was not entirely over it when he wrote. Tho. the war has been over for nearly 6 weeks the heavy casualty lists keep coming every day from Europe. In round numbers there have been killed in this war over 20,000,000 men. This does not include the millions of women & children. The Balkin states also Poland are almost childless as far as small children are concerned. They have starved to death or died due to the lack of sugar.

Lorea's eye is virtually well, but sightless except a distinguish-  
ing of light from darkness. ,

I paid \$102.75 on our note (self & boys for farm) for int. & prin.

Dec. 30, 1918 Logan, Ut.

Fine weather only a rift of snow. Went to North Ogden & spoke to the funeral of Aunt Minerva. We held the services at her home due to the ban on public gatherings, due to the influenza! (It has been on for months & will remain until Jan 5, 1919). She was laid away in the most sumptuous shroud & coffin. Warren (her son) & his wife had done in life & death all they could to give comfort while living & showed all respect in death. All of Aunts living children were there except Ella Kolhepp. The others living are Warren, Mrs. Francis Vanderhoff & Survivor. Many splendid things were said of Aunt concerning her life & works.

Bro. Johnson drove in his car from the Hot Springs to Fielding & sold sugar stock. We only sold \$1200.00 worth. We return there this morning.

Leon & Winnie are here. He and Juanita have been ill & are not well yet.

Feb. 2, 1919 Logan, Ut

It has been sometime since I wrote. We spent a quiet New Years day. Leon & Juanita are well. We spent our evinings and days home reading, playing Rook & quietly enjoying our selves. The ban due to the influenza was lifted and on Sun. (Jan 5.) we had S.S. and meeting. I taught the Parent's Class and with other, bore my testimony in meeting. Immediately after this date the "flu" broke out anew thru out the west and Pres. Heber Grant telegraphed to all the stakes in Utah & Idaho (& probably thru out all stakes) to cease all meetings for the present. We have been without meetings for several months--since middle of Oct. with the exception of one Sun.

Bro. Johnson and I left for Gentile Valley & sold stock for a wk. & then we went to Montpelier. We are working with Hussey. We divide equal in our earnings. I have made \$981.56 since leaving. It has cost me over \$100.00 for expenses.

I came home to attend the operation on Lorea's eye. The Dr. ran a needle in thru the cornea & punctured the lens to break the opaque lens so the opaque film will become absorbed. He thinks it possible give her some sight thru this operation! I feel very badly over this accident for she will be more or less disfigured for life. We have exercised our faith much in her behalf.

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We have recd two letters from Geo. & Reg. We expect that they will be coming home in a month or two. We learned from the Graves Registration Service that Levon was buried in a Fr cemetery at Glorieux' Verduñ. Meuse, France. He was a corporal in Company F 318th Engineers Charles C Pierce. Lieut. Col. Q.M.C. U.S.A. wrote us from Fr.

Levon was insured for \$10,000.00 in the army; the insurance will come to me in monthly installments.

I leave in the morning for Montpelier. Myrthus has returned from visiting his mother; His report of misery & cruelty is appalling. It seems Benedict beats not only the children but his' wife.

The influenza followed by pneumonia is still plaguing its victims. Bro. Lorin Merrill died. He was a most admirable character. He was my Bp. in 7th ward for 2 yrs. I regret his death and grieve for his bereaved wife and children.

I paid \$405.00 tithing this last yr.

I have sent to Dee \$115.00 for farm and paid \$68.75 interest & \$12.50 principle on the loan made on Dee's land. I sent draft to Farm Loan Bureau, Berkley, Cali.

Feb. 25, 1919, Montpelier, Ida.

I was home two days the last time I wrote. Since then I have been here selling sugar stock. Bros. Johnson & Hussey have been with me. We have not done so well lately. We have only sold \$7080.00 and when we split one 1/8 of this three ways there is not much left for us when our expenses are \$2.00 a day and upward.

The folks are well at home.

I have paid the Council of Defense \$204.55 on money borrowed (& int.) to buy grain last spring.

Have recd. letter from Geo. & Reg. They at last have our letters telling of Levon's death. They feel badly & each is going to try and hunt up his grave and learn of his sickness and death!

If I can rely on the paper's report, Reg. said on the steamer "Washington" which landed in Boston yesterday. Pres. Wilson and party were on the same vessel, but Geo. probably will not return for several months.

The world especially Europe is full of murder & internal strife and more especially the Central powers that fought against the Allies also Russia.

I have lectured in the 1st & 3rd wards here Bennington, & Bern since I returned from home.

Recd letters from Othello & Dee & their wives.

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Mar. 24, 1919, Idaho Falls, Ida.

Since last writing, I have been home. (Martha and Marva met me at S.L.) We stayed there all night and the next evening we went to Provo, and visited Mother & Laura, Leslie & family. Mother is well but gradually getting weaker! She has almost quit doing any work.

Jennie Richardson, my sister Eunice's daughter, is County clerk, and is drawing \$120.00 a mo. She is a splendid girl. I wish I could say as much of all my relatives of her sex.

Martha & I visited the Cemetery; the graves of our beloved dead are kept well. We went & visited Bro & Sister Simons and family.

We have sold our home in Provo for \$2200.00 and are receiving \$30.00 payment. We get 8% on all deferred payments.

Since Jan. 7, I have made over \$2000.00 but my expenses have been over \$170.00.

I spoke in the 3 wards in Montpelier, also in Bern, Georgetown, Bennington, & Nounan while in Bear Lake Co.

Lorea's eye is still totally blind! She went to the temple last Tues. and was baptized for the restoring of her sight! We fasted for her.

I came up to Rigby a wk. last Sat. The Co. had a day of enjoyment & luncheon in view of the selling of the \$1,000,000.00 sugar stock. We are now reselling a few thousand dollars in stock of those who failed to pay up. Bro. J.W. Johnson & I came here last Mon. & began work. We have only made \$81.00 a piece this last week. We hope to do better this next week.

There are four of our children (Valko, Thorval, Kyrmel & Marva) who have come down with the "flu". Marva & Kyrmel are quite bad yet. I have phoned home three nights this week to find out how they are. Martha reports that there are 1100 cases in Logan.

Have recd. letters from Geo. & Reg. The 91st division is to soon set sail for U.S. Reg. will come with this division, but Geo. will probably not come for several months for he is still aiding in publishing the "Stars & Stripes". He came near having a serious accident when the steering (gear) rod broke.

I have written Pres. Redd, Francis, & Geo. I finished paying Geo's note at the First Nat. Bank. I also paid \$284+ on Co. note I also sent money to lease the School section 32 next to our land

I attended S.S. and meeting here today.

Apr. 5, 1919 Idaho Falls, Ida. (Raining today; pleasant)

The children are all well again. I have talked to Martha over the phone 3 or 4 times during their illness. While Marva was so bad her mother said to her: "what shall I say to Daddy"? She said, "anything you want; anything you think of. Her mother said: "I am not thinking".

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She said, "well, tell him nothing, I am not thinking either". Bless her sweet soul!--So shrewd, so old fashioned and so thoughtful. I have just now phoned home and find all are well. My Marva had to talk over the phone to me also.

I went to Rigby Sun. morning and stayed until Mon. morning. I went to talk over matters with the Co. I spoke while there in S.S. to Parent's class and took up the time in the afternoon meeting.

I went again to Rigby Thurs. I went with a man (August Johnson) who wished to see the factory before buying. He took \$600.00 when we returned.

Bro. Johnson & I have been doing better the last 10 or 12 days. We have each made in that time \$360.00, but it costs each of us over \$4.00 a day for room, board, & buggy rent. Some of our good prospects fell thru as is often the case.

I recd letters from Othello, Lorea, Fern George & a letter from Reginald. It was the one he wrote to Dee. It is a splendid letter in spirit, thought, & phraesology.

Have sent \$175.00 to buy spring oats. Told Othello to order 19 bales of wire at \$7.65 (a 100 rd bale) delivered at Thompsons. This is enough to finish fencing the south side of Geo. Reg. & Othello's land--2 miles. We will then have all the 5 sq. mi. under fince & three cross fences. Our land lays east & west in this fashion W . . . . . E  
We are leasing sec 32 of the state. We hope to buy it before, or by the time the 5 yrs are up. That will make us a splendid holding. However sister Laura has one ½ section in our holdings.

Reginald's company will set sail soon for America. George does not know when he will come home.

While away from home I have attended the picture shoes, several nights a wk. The lights in the hotels are so poor it is hard to read so I do not do as much reading as I should.

This is becoming a wonderful country The farmers are becoming wealthy. They raise thousands of bushels of potatoes and are this spring getting from \$1.80 to \$2.10 a hundred.

Most of the people here in this Co. are non-Mormons.

The peace conference is still in session and still trying to come to some common agreement on which all Allied nations can subscribe. There is seeming delay, & Pres. Wilson is becoming restive over long parlies and he threatens to carry the contention to the nations & force the contending representatives to action. It is now expected that that that the world constitution will be ready for signing some time next week. Some of our American senators are opposing the constitution as at present drafted. The Monroe doctrine some feel will be suppressed if the world constitution is signed as it now stands but adjustments & modifications have been made so the Monroe doctrine seems safely protected. I feel that this world compact is the greatest undertaking in the history

of nations. Pres. Wilson must be given the credit for the stupendous thought & the desciple who has forced it on the world. At times it looks as tho the entire world would break out in anarchy before the league of Nations is signed. Germany, Russia, Hungary, Czecho-Slavac & others are in a state of terrible anarcy or Bolschivism. I feel at times as tho with all this struggle of peace, peace can not be attained. There is a cry of "peace peace", but there is no peace.

Our sugar stock is mostly sold. It was all sold, but we are re-selling some stock which the owners have let become delinquent. It looks now as tho our factory is an assured success for which I am very grateful. I have prayed long and earnestly that the Lord would help us in making this a success.

I am concerned for Zion. I am often fearful lest the youth of Zion will be so recreant to the teaching of our people that God will need to chastize this people with sore chastizement (Doc & Cov Sec 97). The tobacco habit is on the increase and I find when it increases other sins increase also. Those who use tobacco pray little or none; they do little in the Church and I find fornication & adultery increase with this habit. In my work & hotels where I stay, I am constantly thrown with those who almost universally use it (tobacco). I have about come to the conclusion that there is no sinless tobacco user. I believe it the unbuckler of morals, blighter of intellect & high ideals.

Apr. 20, 1919, Logan, Ut (Fine weather)

I came home a week today and have been to S.L. and Provo. While in S.L. I visited Palmer and Graves' office and did checking up of business. Then I visited Utah Nat. Underwriters concerning their condition and about the stock I own with them. It is in a rather shaky condition. I also went to Henry S. and Thannie Tanner's office. They are now doing better financially. I really admire the splendid success Henry is having with his family of five wives and 22 children

I went to Provo and visited Mother and Laura. Mother's health is failing and she is ill every 3 or 4 days for a day or so. I stayed from evening until 9 A.M. I then called on Heber Rupper & paid him \$100.00 on the mortgage. I now owe him \$550.00 more.

On return to S.E. I went & checked up with the Consolidated Wagon & Machine Co. If they give me credit for sales I made in 1917 we will be nearly square. I have done considerable with them. It amounts to over \$3000.00 of which I (we) bought of them for the farm.

While in S.L. I saw the display of areoplanes. They flew with wonderful grace over the city. I was in Idaho Falls for about four weeks and brother J.W. Johnson & I sold about \$15000.00 in sugar stock. I cleared about \$755.00. We are nearly thru. We go back tomorrow. I have bought a second hand Buick-six for \$1150.00. We turned Leon's Maxwell roadster in on it for \$250.00. I am to pay \$50.00 down and \$200.00 by May 1, & after that \$100 or more each month until paid. I feel just a little nervous about the big undertaking also in attempting to drive it. We have had a ride today in it. We went to the cemetery and saw the trees which were planted Arbor day in honor of our fallen soldiers. One was planted for Levon.

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Our children (Valko, Thorval, Kyrmel & Marva) who had the "flu" are well again. It is abating in the state. I learn that in Samoa of 37,000 natives & whites (that), 8000 died in three of the "flu." In other islands such as the Tahatian the death rate was even greater.

Reginald landed at N.Y. Apr. 13: We telegraphed him \$26.00 as he needed money. We do not know when he will be home but we expect he will soon be demobotized.

I attended S.S. and afternoon meeting. Elder B.H. Roberts gave a splendid Easter sermon. It was a speech of high order and one of great feeling.

I met Bro. Cowley today. (He is coming to see me tomorrow. It looks as tho he may yet be financially blessed due to new developments in his oil claims. I should rejoice to know he would be so blessed. I have earnest prayed that the Lord would call him again to the quorum of the twelved.

Those who desire to succeed are legend;  
those who do are few  
The difference between desire & success  
is often the difference between the  
strong & the weak. Strong men plan &  
weak ones wish. T.E.H.

May 11, 1919, Ogden, Ut.

Since Apr. 20 I have been in Idaho Falls, Ida finishing selling the stock in the Rigby Sugar factory. We finished up there a week ago last Sat.

After going back to Idaho Falls I was phoned to by Bno Q. Critchelow to come to S.L. on the Glass Coffin proposition. I came & met with him and Hyrum Tyree (who is the original promoter). Mr. Critchelow and I signed up to take the fiscal agency of "The Western glass Manufacturing Products Co." We are offered 33 1/3% and we may get our agents for what we can. We were ready to begin week before last but we found that the Co. would have to get permission from the various states to sell the stock so we had to wait. Mean time Messrs Critchelow, Johnson & Jeppsen & myself have undertaken to sell stock in the Pingree Sugar factory. It is being built at Hooper. We are given Weber, Davis, Boxelder, Cache, & Rich Cos. We are allowed 15%, but are hiring agents for 7% & 10%.

We came here last Mon. and hired an office in the First Nat. Bldg-- Rooms 501-2. We give \$16.00 a mo. We are fitting the rooms up & have hired a girl for \$50.00 a mo. who does the typewriting & bk-keeping. Our me have just begun: they have sold \$6000.00. I went home Sat. night & came back to night..

Valko came with me 3 days to learn & get practice in driving the car. It has been a great expense to me. I have paid out on it already about \$135.00. Valko stripped the gears & that cost me \$42.00 to get new ones & have them put in.

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I just learn that our horses on the farm got into the poisoned grain & Liberty died--a most beautiful 2 yr old mare. She wayed over 1300.00. I regret this deeply.

I attended S.S. today also last Sun. Discussed subject in Parents' class. Bis. Lindquist asked if I would speak to night in 4th (our) ward on "Mother" I couldn't as I promised to be here. I am to (speak or) give the baccualeaurate address to the H.S. graduates of Morgan two weeks from to night.

Reginald returned home a week ago last Tues. from France. His company was demobilized at Fort Russel, Wyo. He was very grateful to return home & wept as he met his mother. He is a big handsome fellow. He is remaining home to rest up. He was not scathed with bullet or shrapnel. Tho he was in terrible battles he shot no one yet half of his co. was killed or wounded. My last prayer, as I put my hands on his shoulders, was: "May God bless you and may every one who shoots at you miss and every one you shoot at you miss. It seems strange. He was not touched tho it looked as tho at times as if no one could come out alive. He was not called upon to kill any one either. One day lying back of the firing line with his co., the bugle called for the resting soldiers to come & get their hard tack. He & Earl Farnsworth were lying on the ground near each other. Reg. asked Earl F. to go & get the "hard tack," but Earl refused saying "you get it today and I will it tomorrow." Reg. said he had a sudden impulse to get up & go after the bread. He had hardly gotten a rod from the spot when a piece of sharapnel tore out the ground where he was lying, but no one was hurt. This seems miraculous. He feels he & his little company were born under a "lucky star," as he puts it.

May 29, 1919, Logan, Ut.

We have just had a splendid rain for 6 or 8 hrs. It seems to be general than out the west and it is worth millions of dollars to the people of the west for the country was very dry & many crops were threatened with total destruction. This will probably save all of them.

Othello wrote me a few days ago saying that they had had a wonderful rain there in San Juan Co. of 1½ to 2 in. of rain. I am grateful for this blessing to the west.

I remember with vividness when I wrestled with the Lord last June. The crops were perishing there in San Juan Co. It was about the 10th or 12 of June. I went to the farm and stayed there 2 or 3 days. One night I went after the others were in bed alone nearly a ¼ of a mi. from the house & earnestly prayed for rain. I prayed 7 times with a mental & spiritual effort that seemed to exhaust me. I was almost de-energized when thru. That night the heavens covered with clouds; & the next day & the next the rains came & fell on our land until we had about 2 in. of rain. Our region received more rain than else where. I have not dared to record before my awful personal struggle for faith & answer to my prayers. I can't help feeling that for once, at least, I had had influence with the heavens in bringing rain in the midst of drought. If the Saints could only realize that the power is theirs to call any blessing from heaven if they will live for it.



This earth and all its blessings are under the power of faith. We should realize that the physical laws are subjected to spiritual laws.

The experience of that night was sacred to me and I hardly dared to record the part I played in the bringing rain. There were undoubtedly others praying for rain. I feel impressed to make the record here.

We are doing fairly well in selling of sugar stock. I have recd \$400.00 so far as commissions, but more is coming to me.

I went to Morgan city Sun. evening & delivered the baccalaureate address to the H.S. graduates. The tabernacle was nearly full. My subject was a discussion of faith from rather a new angle and its application to student life and in the search for truth.

I came home Wed. evening & went with Juanita & Martha to the Alumni meeting & attended the party afterward. I went & attended the graduating exercises yesterday. Juanita took her 4 yr. normal diploma. Besides this she has passed off 28 hrs. of college credit. She is going to pass off 11 hrs more this summer. She is to teach with Leon at Hyrum next winter.

Radino & Lorea completed the 3rd yr. H.S. course. Valko passed off the 8th grade. Radino got a college sweater for his success in athletics. Myrthus got a silver meadale for coming out 2nd in a cross country race.

My car (Buick) has drive shaft broken also ring geer. We have been trying all over the state & as far north as Black Foot to get the shaft. At last the auto co. of Ogden has telegraphed to Mich. to get one by express.

Martha attended the Memorial services at the cemetery this morning. Bro. Olsen of Hyrum gave a splendid address & paid a tribute to the Logan boys who gave their lives for the liberty of the world. Clyde Daniels has gotten from France. Millie has come back from Arizona to become a mother.

Did I record that Edward Clark my cousin, of Richfield is dead? He died several weeks ago. I regret I did not learn of his death so I could have gone to his funeral.

June 26, 1919 Logan, Ut.

Since last writing I have been selling sugar stock for Pingree Sugar Co. Have not made as well as usual, at least our co. hasn't tho I have sold about \$15,000.00 my self which would have netted me \$1500.00.

I have sold in this county most of the time. Bro. Cowley has been with me for about 10 days. I have been a few days with Bro. Alvord aiding him. Our co. (Critchelow, Johnson, Jeppsen & myself) have several agents aiding us.

We are having a great drought thru this inter-mountain country & extending into Cali. and as a result the people are not inclined to buy any thing.

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Reginald & Radino have gone to the farm. Martha, Lorea, Myrthus, Marva & I are to start to the farm about Sat. (June 28). We are to go in our car.

I went to Provo & Benj. two weeks ago and visited Mother, Laura, Charles, & Eunice! Leon went with me. Last Sat. Juanita, Valko, Thorval & Kyrmel went to Provo to visit Mother and relatives. I went as far as Ogden with them, then I went from there to S.L. with Critchlow. We met with Tyree & talked over our contract & Critchlow went with him to Montana for a few days to see if the selling will be feasible.

At last the peace treaty & world covenant are signed by the allied nations or rather by their representatives with the exceptions of Italy. Germany at last is now forced to sign the peace treaty by Sat. or action will be taken against them.

I came near having what seemed to be a fatal accident last night as a car dashed into the car I just got off from & I was nearly caught between them! The cars were battered up quite badly.

July 20, 1919 Logan, Ut.

Martha, Lorea, Myrthus, Marva & I went to Monticello with the car. We were loaded with bedding, fruit, etc. We went without accident, but on return broke two springs & had two punctures. We had a splendid trip. We were on the farm 3 or 4 days & fixed the house for the children--Reg. Radino, Lorea, & Myrthus.

We found Dee & family well. The grain looks well. Rains had begun before we left. The boys were finishing the last two miles of our fencing. We stayed with Othello & Helen part of the time.

I borrowed \$600.00 from Cache Valley Bank & paid the \$100.00 on the old note: I also paid \$300.00 at Moab State bank. I left \$100.00 with Dee to buy gasoline, etc. The other \$100.00 I paid to fix up on farm, etc. I have borrowed \$200.00 besides to meet obligations, etc.

Martha is much pleased with the farm and its possibilities. I am glad of this for I have great faith in its future.

We visited the folks at Provo & Benjamin. Mother's health is not very good. Laura was ill with a touch of heart trouble--it seems. We stayed with Leslie & Olive two nights. We were gone 15 days.

Bro. Cowley & I have been trying to sell sugar stock since I returned, but failed during our 3 days canvass. Every thing is dull at present. The drought is scaring every body & they hesitate buying.

We are well at home.

I attended S.S. today: Broke my lower teeth last night.

The unrest of the world is great & I grow heart sick when I think of coming events.

Aug. 9, 1919, Logan, Ut.

I have been to Ogden, Pocatello & Idaho Falls on business. I was

at Idaho Falls on my birthday Aug 3. (I am 57 yrs. old. I have to laugh when I think of my mental attitude toward my age. I seem but a youth. I still can turn hand springs. I haven't tried to turn a summer sault since I was 45. I still feel I can if I would try. I guess most of my grown boys can now out run me. Valko is trying hard but so far I can out run him. He is 15 yrs. of age and thinks himself a man. Myrthus (16 yrs.) is a splendid mile runner & won a silver medal in the B.Y.C. & Radino a sweater for  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. run.

George has just returned (Aug.3) from France! He has many interesting things to tell of his experiences. He has kept a journal while away and has some very interesting things recorded of men and conditions. We are all happy to have him home. He is preparing to go to Berkley Uni.

Mother has come up to visit us also Leslie & Olive, but Leslie & wife have gone on to Yellow Stone Park.

I blessed Netta's baby yesterday (Aug 8) & gave it the name of Margaret D. Palmer. This makes three children I have blessed for her. The babe was 8 days old. This week I have sold \$2200.00 in sugar stock.

I delivered the 24th of July oration at Millville. For impression see Journal of clippings. Some said it was the finest speech of its kind they ever heard.

We have recd. letters from the children on the farm. Lorea's eyes are quite bad, but better than they were. I telegraphed to have Lorea come home if her eyes are not better.

They have had some very fine rains on the farm and the grain & alfalfa are looking fine. I am happy over the blessings of rain & prospects of good crops.

Aug. 23, 1919, Logan, Ut. (It is still very dry & warm)

Fern came Aug. 10 to see Geo before he went to Berkley Uni and left for home Aug. 12. She only brought her baby with her. She is very poor and her life is anything but happiness. I tell her she can come home any time she desires and she shall have a home here.

I left Tues. morning with Critchlow, for Pocatello to see Western Glass Product's Co. stock. We sold one contract of \$1500.00 We recd \$500.00 for our commission This is a special contract wherein the buyer gets 5% of all sales made in the state & 5% of all the products of the Co for 1st 5 yrs as well as all dividends earned, on their stock. This may seem a large commission, but it is hard to sell, tho a very promising enterprise. We go back again Mon. We hope to do better in the future in our sales.

Geo. left for Berkley Uni. Aug. 13 and arrived O.K. He met Francis at the depot in Berkley. He is for the present staying with Francis.

Lorea is coming home due to her eyes being bad. We expect her here Tues.

Mother left for home Aug. 16.

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Francis recd a divorce from Hattie Douglas Hickman, his first wife. Probably it is truer to say that she got the divorce but it was at his request. It is sad to see families separate as they, yet their lives have not been the most happy & probably it will be better all around. He will now come back from Cali. where he has been for 3 yrs. studying in the University. He has done some of his work for his Ph.D.

I learn from Othello that they have recd splendid rains on our farm and they are preparing to put in 160 acres of wheat.

Our nation (Congress) has not as yet signed the covenant of peace, tho the sentiment of the nation is demanding they do sign. Some want to sign with certain reservations. The delay I feel, is dangerous. If we do not sign this war has largely been fought in vain & the liberty & justice of small as well as large nations will not be realize. America (U.S.) now have the power in their hands to stabalize nations if they will sign the leage of nations & Covenant of Peace and not listen to politicians who are trying to drag great world-questions down to the level of Party politics. All the world is looking to the U.S. feeling the justice & freedom of the world lies in our hands. We now have arrived, as a nation, to that great pinicle Christ said to the Nephrites (III Nephi 16 ch.) we would rise. I hope we can hold it, but woe to this nation if they do not repent to a great degree from sin. There are things such as nation wide prohibition, the white slave law, child welefare law, etc. which are strong indications of the betterment of our nation.

Bro. Carlysle, high counselman & work in the temple, talked with me today & feels it is too bad I am not sent to our nation with some others of learning & influence and warn our nation & preach with great solemnity our Gospel. He deeply regrets I am not back in the B.Y. College as a teacher. If I could make enough to provide for myself & family I would be willing to continue my teaching.

Our army has gone into O. Mexico to hunt down bandits who have been killing our citizens & kidnapping & holding them for randsom. It (this act) is causing some disturbance in Mexico & the gov. is asking we withdraw the division of the army on that punitive exposition. I feel at times that our nation for humanity's sake should go into that gov. & take over the gov. affairs and give justice to the poor oppressed peoples of that nation also establish a stable government

Sept. 19, 1919 Pocatello, Ida.

For the last 3 weeks I have been putting my time in with Jno. Q. Critchlow selling special contracts for the Western Glass Products Co. So far we have only placed two in that time; it is hard work just now. Tho we only sold \$3000.00 worth our commissions amounted to \$500.00 each minus a little discount.

Dear Lorea had to have her afflicted eye removed to save the sight, of the other. It nearly broke my heart, but she is so happy over it for it has entirely restored the sight of the other one and it is entirely well. All pain also was removed after the operation. Martha went to the hospital with her. I was here in Idaho & did not get home until 4 days after the operation.

To think she has to go thru this life with only one eye grieves me deeply. I have earnestly asked the Lord to bless her and add to her blessings she could have never received other wise. She had pretty brown eyes much like her mother. God bless the dear girl.

Mother's health is not very good & the doctor (Dr Taylor) feels her life is not long. I do hope she can live as long as she desires. When I think of the glory of death & the blessings following it I half long for it at times; and again I feel I must not die until I have done all God sent me to do. I hope I can do it with willing heart and understanding mind. I have been reading the scriptures at my odd moments while away from home. I am praying earnestly that the Lord will bless me in my work & make me successful so that in a yr. or two I can have made enough so I can give the rest of my days to the Lord's work, including the gathering my geneology and doing work for the dead. This is my daily prayer and may my Father grant this.

Othello has been called on a mission and will probably will go about Jan 1.

I have spoken here in Pocatello twice in the last 3 wks., twice in Arimo & once in Robbin. I spoke there Sun. night to a crowded house. People came from McCammon & Arimo I had most excellent freedom. I took Joseph's Prophecies to prove him a prophet thru their fulfillment.

I went to Malad day before yesterday & came back last night. I have been asked to speak there the 1st Sun. in Nov. They promise if I will come, they will fill the tabernacle.

We had quarterly conference in Logan a wk ago last Sat. & Sun. I spoke Sat. afternoon on the signs of the times and the coming of the Christ.

Messrs. W. Johnson & Jeppesen have withdrawn from the United Sales Agency. I hate to see Johnson go for he is a good salesman. A Mr Willey from Cali. has come to join with Critchlow & myself. He and C. are at St. Anthony. I have been south for a wk. I sold one contract alone.

I called up my home twice this last week & talked to the folks.

Juanita has begun her teaching; she is a splendid girl & will make a fine teacher. She is teaching in Hyrum with Leon.

Geo. is doing well in Berkley Uni. He is driving mail delivery 4 hrs. a day to help pay his expenses. I believe this in brief is the news of our family.

The Pres. of the U.S. is touring the nation speaking on the Covenant of Peace. Senators Johnson (Cali.), Boroh (Ida), Lodge & others are following him urging the people to reject the treaty of Piece & also the Covenant of Peace. It looks as tho from out word signs they may prevail, yet I feel that the Covenant of Peace must be accepted or our struggle on the battle field has been in vain and the death of my dear son Levon with thousands of others is also in vain. I am earnestly praying that they (league & P.C.) will be signed. They are the greatest conception of the ages & their embodiment is found only in God's revelations. I feel

that they are too great a conception to fail. The Presidency of the Church and all the other brethren except Bp. Nibley & Senator Smoot are very desirous to have them accepted & signed by the Senate & the Nation. I feel Pres. Wilson was sent here on earth for that great Conception. I believe him inspired for this work. He says if he did not believe there was a God & He is behind this move & this work he would go crazy over the awful strain & confusion in the world. O, the struggle & turmoil of nations & peoples! The awfulest hour is now threatening the world. Surely God is fulfilling his promises & the desolation of nations is now being threatened.

Oct 2, 1919, Logan, Ut.

I got home last night from Ida. I have been gone from home for about 4 wks. I have been most of the time in McCammon, Pocatello, & Idaho Falls. I sold Bp. Hale of McCammon \$1500.00 and made \$232.50. The Co. pays me this amt for these contracts cost so much to place them. We have let the state agency out to Hale & Jos. Anderson. We (our Co.) will get 8 1/3% on all they sell. We hope to do better in the future. My car cost me in the last month \$60.00 but Critchlow & Wylie are standing part of this.

I have come home to go to conference at S.L.

Radino & Myrthus got home a wk. ago. I have spoken at Robin, Arimo, & Pocatello. I spoke at Pocatello 3 times. I am engaged to speak at Malad, Robins, & Pocatello within the next mo.

Blessed Millie Daniel Leichsenring's baby today and gave it the name of Millie Daniels. I blessed it so that it would follow its mother's faith. I also blessed Netta's (Palmer) baby some wks ago and named it Marget Daniels (recorded, I see, on p. 39)

Oct. 8, 1919 Idaho Falls, Ida.

Martha & I went to Conference last Fri. We attended the fore noon session & went to Provo in afternoon arriving there at 2:30. It was Mother's birthday. She is 81 yrs. old. When we arrived we found Francis had arrived there from Berkley Thos. & Eunice, and Josephine also Leslie & Olive were all there for Mother's birthday. Laura had dinner almost ready when we arrived. Chas. & Annie were the only ones of mother's children not there. We had a nice visit & Mother was very happy. Her health is not very good, tho her mind is very bright. She has the most vivid memory of events of yesterday or last yr., or, for that matter, a most accurate memory of nearly three quarters of a century.

We stayed in Provo until Sat. afternoon. We attended the conference Sun. There was a splendid spirit and very fine advice from the leaders of the Church. I believe every one of the twelve there (ten) sanctioned & urged the signing the Covenant of Peace. I learn apostle Smoot is to vote against it., Bp. Chas. Nibley has also spoken against it.

Pres. Wilson's health has failed him & he could not finish his speaking tour. He has been in a very bad shape, but is some better now. The senate has not yet voted on the Cov. of Peace & it looks as tho there will be a very close vote & that the senators will be divided almost half & half. I hope it will be signed for great questions of state & nation hinge upon it.

Lorea has her glass eye put in & it looks almost as natural as her own eye. I left home yesterday & came here with Sister Fife & her son Milton. While I was gone Critchlow & Wylie sold an other contract (\$1500.00). Mr. Wylie & I sold \$570.00 of stock tonight

While in S.L. I had a nice walk & talk with Apostle Whitney; He desires me to write him often so he can keep in touch with me. He says for me to be careful in the stock I sell so I will not come in reproach due to selling bad stock. I should feel awful if any stock I am selling or have sold would prove a failure. I am praying daily & have done so from the first sale that the Lord would bless those who buy "a hundred fold". I believe He will if they will retain their stock.

Oct. 20, 1919 St. Anthony, Ida.

I arrived here Sat. evening. Mr. Wylie came with me. He has gone on to Teton Valley. I am to try & place a contract or two here before returning to Idaho Falls. Critchlow & Rosenbaum went to Boise.

I attended S.S. afternoon & evening meetings. I spoke a few minutes in S.S.; 30 min. in afternoon on the Word of Wisdom & my findings. The brethren were so impressed that they asked that I take all the time in the evening meeting on the same subject, so I did. There were present over 500 people. The Spirit of the Lord was upon us all and wraped attention was given from start to finish. There were present, I am told, a number of non-Mormons. Some of the brethren said it was the best thing they every heard along that line. The Bp. says if I will return, they will fill the tabernacle for me

I wrote to Martha, last night & reviewed the memories of long ago when I used to come here to see her when she was in hiding. A great change has come since then. Then the country was wild & only here & there a house today the land is all claimed & mostly under cultivation & a city of paved streets with several thousand people. The Snake which was then a roaring torrent is now almost dry, for her mighty waters are turned out thru canals over hundreds of thousands of acres.

I sent Geo \$45.00 last week; I had sent before \$30 & \$20.

I met W.W. Riter of Salt Lake (the banker). He said he knew father & uncle Wm also uncle Jefferson who visited this country in early days. He said that he was in Pres. Young's office the last time Wm Hickman ever visited Pres. Young. It was the time Wm was going to Windriver, Wyo. to live! Pres. Young said: "Wm I am going to give you some hard advice to carry out; Go and do right". It makes me sad to think & know of uncle's turning into sin & folly. W.W. Riter said that he never met a kinder harted man & more generous than Wm Hickman.

Oct. 27, 1919 Idaho Falls, Ida.

While in St Anthony I sold J.S. Sorenson a special contract of \$1500; also J.T. Fisher \$510.00 worth. I was greateful for this. I learn thru telegram that Andy Rosenbaum sold banker Anderson of Twin Falls \$1500.00 I returned here Fri. afternoon. I went to Arimo Sun. & then on to Dwoney & met with the priest & stake & ward officers. I spoke 30 min. on the life of Roosevelt & the monument to erected to his memory also spoke a short time to the priesthood & women. At night I spoke at Robin on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M to a crowded

house. There were also present a number of non-Mormons. I learned from Bp. Armstrong that when I lectured on this same subject 21 or 22 yrs. ago at that place (then called Garden Creek) that a Mr Coffin was converted to the Gospel & was baptized went on a mission & afterwards was made a bishop at Marsh Centre. I little realized of the great good I had done on that occasion until a few wks. ago. I hope I did as much good last night. A wonderful spirit was on the audience & they sat like statues from start to finish. O I am reverentially grateful to know the Lord has blessed me with intelligence to instruct & edify the people.

While at Downey yesterday I met Daisy Box Walker, my cousin. I was so glad to see her I kissed her. She & her husband are living at Virginia, a small place north of Downey.

I recd. letters from Martha, Dee, Critchlow & others. I sent \$56.00 to Monticello Coop to pay the bill run by the children this summer. I also sent \$82.00 to the Federal Bank of Cali. to pay the yearly interest & installment of Dee's loan. My earnings are about \$471.94 last wk.

At the close of my lecture in Pocatello Mr Geo E. Saunders of Salt Lake came up to me & after saying that was the best thing he had ever heard and asked if I would accept two volumes he had just recently bo't? I assured him I would. We went to the hotel and he gave me P. de Roo's 2 Vols on "America before Columbus". These are the last word on the American Indian. I had often gone to these works for many evidences, but I had always felt too poor to buy them. I appreciate very highly the gift.

Pres. Wilson has been very ill with a nervous breake down. The senate is still fighting over the amendments to the Peace treaty. The opposing faction is playing politics. There are several strikes in the U.S. 1. steel strike of 200,000, 2. the longshoresman's strike, etc., & now a threatened strike of 500,000 coal miners. The Gov. will force them into line. If not mighty distress would be upon the nation. The entire world is in a terrible commotion with wars & strikes. Famine & great distress is in the earth.

I learn from Warren Hickman that in his father's diary he says that he my father (Geo. W. Hickman) met at Green River going to Cali. to practice medicine. (He had his diploma to practice medicine). Uncle Wm said he had not seen Geo. for 12 yrs. He says that he got Geo. to stop over winter with him & that he was converted to Mormonism. I wish to say here that father was a very honorable and honest man. He talked but little except when in company with intellectual people. He was a man who never spoke ill of men. He was contemplative, but not moody if I can judge him. The older he grew the more spiritual minded he became. He was a great believer in the scriptures. His word was his hand & men admired him for his honor & learning: He loved & made much of children, & they loved him.

Nov. 14, 1919, Monticello, Ut.

Since last writing I sold C.E Crowley & Peter Later \$1500.00 each. This is more than the other 3 men sold together. There are only 3 or 4 more contracts to sell but we decided to quit selling until we got state permit. So I went home Nov. 1. On the 2nd I went to Malad and spoke



to a crowded house. The new tabernacle was growded to the doors. It was a magnificent audience. They seemed energetically attentive. I took Marva & Kyrmel with me. They had a good time. We returned Mon. morning.

I left for here a wk ago Wed. (Nov. 5). I came to see the farm and deliver two lectures on Astronomy with stereopticon views. Last Sun. I spoke here in the afternoon meeting & at night.

Moab offered to pay my expenses from here there & return if I would go & deliver a lecture on the evils of tobacco. They are making a campaign against its use to the youth. It was so stormy I did not go.

I went out on the farm Mon & worked there 3 days. I am very hopeful of our success there. Things are looking better all the time.

I got up a petition for the citizens in San Juan Co. especially in this locality, to sign asking state & gov. officials to aid us in exterminating the ground dogs. We lost over a 1000 bus. of wheat & 18 acres of corn thru the dogs.

I am to lecture here tonight & Moab tomorrow night on Astronomy with stereopticon views. My sons & their wives are well & seem happy.

Nov. 23, 1919 St. Anthony, Ida.

I lectured in Monticello & Moab. I made about \$38.00 dollars. However I broke some of my slides due to the great heat of the lantern. Apostle R.R. Lyman was one of my listeners at Moab. He was very complimentary over my lecture saying it was not only highly intellectual, but very inspirational. Pres. L. H. Redd told Bro. Lyman that he would rather hear me speak than any other man he ever heard, saying I was the clearest speaker, most logical & inspirational he ever listened to. I record this that some future generation of mine may get a glimpse of their forefather as some others may see him. It may be the means of inspiring some one to emulate me, and as a result can & may become much greater. I am looking for a mighty race to come thru me and my splendid wives. Some of my sons give promise of this already. If they will keep the faith the Lord will add to them much.

Helen & baby (Helen Marr) came home with me & will remain until Othello comes up to go on his mission. The baby is a cute little soul. It was sad when she found her Daddie was gone. She often called on the road in the most pathetic & half tearful voice saying: "O, Daddie, Daddie." but "Daddie" didn't come.

Stopped in Provo over night & until next afternoon. We visited with Mother, Francis, Laura, etc. Zina & babies are there having moved from Cali. Francis & Zina have bought the house Fred & Josephine built for themselves. He is to give \$6000.00 for it. They have two very intelligent children.

Mother's helth is not very good.

Helen & I arrived in Logan Tues. night. Paid Con W. M. Co. \$100.00 on my bill.

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Saw about getting gov. to aid in killing ground dogs.

Left home Thurs. morning. Have been at Pocatello, Idaho Falls, Rexburg, Sugar City & here. I spoke here to night to a large house in their new tabernacle on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. Am asked to speak in Sugar City, but can't tell when I can. Have made no sale so far. Will go with Bro. Hale to Ashton tomorrow.

Am stopping at the Riverside Hotel.

I am feeling very humble over my weaknesses and insignificance. O how little we know at best, and how prone to folly if it is only in idle thoughts. Men gather around me & praise my learning. I go alone and condemn myself because I know so little. Astronomy like religion teaches man this littleness. No wonder Moses was the humblest man in all Israel. He had seen God & his mighty works. To perceive the vastness of truth is to plunge one into great humility.

I saw a letter of Helen Hanson Benedict's' (She was once my pl. wife.) She has now left Benedict and in a letter to her son Myrthus, she urges him to accept no religion. How low she must have fallen? She left me without a divorce and married another & God has withdrawn his spirit from her until religion is a mockery to her. I hope she does not impress her children with such a mental blight. I sorrow for her.

Dec. 7, 1919, Idaho Falls, Ida.

Since last writing I went home for Thanksgiving. I returned last Tues. to Pocatello & from there here. I have sold \$1800.00 in stock to Harris & Baler & Mayer W. A. Bradbury of this city. (Rexburg)

Bro. Jos. Hanson is with me selling stock. He & F. O. Hales have taken the State Agency from Critchlow & myself. They are to receive 25% on all sales they make.

While home I attend S.S. & meeting. I also attended the opening exercises of the Logan High School. The building & equipment are excellent.

I attended S.S. & this evening MIA & took part in discussion of both sessions. There was a splendid spirit in the meetings.

I stayed in my room this afternoon & read & slept. I prayed earnestly for the Lord to forgive me of all sins in thought, word, or deed and for Him to aid me & my fellow laborers in selling this stock & to aid us in all ways to make this enterprise a success. As I prayed the Lord's spirit came upon me as if to testify He would aid & bless me in my work. I find some are trying to stir up strife over our selling tho it is in some respects personal with them. One undertaker especially is trying all he can to prevent our work, for he feels I take it that this casket is coming in to injure his business for this glass casket will be put on the market much cheaper than the cheapest wood coffins.

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We have had to take much in notes I am not getting enough money to meet my obligation. I had two accidents with my car coming from Logan last Tues. Not being able to stop my car on a down hill shoot due to the snow letting my wheels slide; I ran into a buggy driven by an Indian. I broke his reach & tongue. He wouldn't or didn't give me part of the road (tho I honked & honked) & I could turn no farther to the left with out running off grade my self. I gave them (the Indians) \$5.85. That was all I had with me. Later in the night I ran into a dense fog & not being able to see the road I ran off a steep grade into a gutter! Two men in a car came along & helped me out. This is the first real accident I ever had. I was grateful to get off as well as I did.

Dec. 13, 1919, Pocatello, Ida.

Bro. Hanson & I came here with J. T. Edwards last Tues. night. We started at 7:40 and got here at 12 M. A snowstorm was on & it finally turned to a blizzard. And from a ways this side of Blackfoot we met with snow drifts that blocked our car. In one place we were about 3/4 hr. putting on chains to get out of the deep snow. The wind was a fury. We should have made the trip by 10 P.M. It was a rough & cold experience putting on chains, pushing the car, dragging & kicking snow to get thru, but it was one of those experinces that gives us wisdom and a new angle in life. He who does not live this earth life without knowing its possibilities, its forces, & hindrences has missed most of his earth-rights & opportunities. Greatness & wisdom are in direct ratio to triumphal experiences and glorious defeats.

While in Idaho Falls we sold Mayor Bradbury \$300.00 contract, also Baler & Harris \$1500.00 contract. They gave their notes for a yr., but they felt they could arrange for their being cashed in a few wks. at one of the banks. We expect to close one or two contracts here before we leave for Twin Falls. It is gratifying to see how well this proposition appeals to people. When we get our state permit we expect to put out a number of agents to sell.

Recd. letters from Tyree, Martha, Dee & others. Sent Tyree his share (minus the discount) on Bradbury contract (\$190). Sent \$95.00 to Cache Valley Banking Co.

We are putting up at the Bannock hotel. The weather has been very cold. In many places in our nation there are (or have been) great storms & colder weather than about ever known.

The strained conditions in our nation due to coal strike thru out the nation is now releaved for the time being due to a promise of Pres. Wilson to see justice should be had thru a later investigation by disinterated parties. The unrest in the world is very bad still. It is a case of where we cry "Peace, peace" but there is no peace.

I find Bro. Hanson a pleasant companion. He is a L.D.S. of the purest & noblest type.

Dec. 29, 1919. Logan, Ut.

Bro. Jos. Hanson and I went to Twin Falls, Ida. for 7 days. We

sold Pres. Karkman \$750.00 contract & Lewis Allen \$1500.00. We returned home Dec. 24. While in Twin Falls we attend Sabbath services. I attended S.S., priesthood meeting & evening services. Bro. H. and I occupied the time. An excellent spirit prevailed. The house was crowded. Twin Falls is a pretty place & growing rapidly. It is growing much faster than Utah. Pres. Kirkman tells me that outsiders attend their evening meetings varying from 20 to 200 each Sun. evening. They have baptized a number of non-Mormans during the yr.

Othello has come from Monticello preparing to go on his mission! He is preparing to go to Switzerland.

We had a very nice Santa Claus affair--a very pretty tree with candles & tinsil. This is a custom which came into our house due to Sister Lawisch. The Germans are great for a Christmas tree. I have paid \$100.00 + \$16.00 int. on our notes at the bank. I sent \$25.00 to Dee and \$20 & \$70 to Geo. in the last two weeks.

The weather has been unusually cold. Dr. Albert Porta's forecast was largely true concerning the unprecedented storms & low temperature. It is now quite pleasant. We are well & quite happy. If it were not for financial stringency with us we would all be very happy.

Othello, Helen, Martha & I went to show (movie) night before last. It was very good. I paid my final tithing yesterday. It was \$325.00, not so much as last yr., tho I made as much, but I had to divide with 3 & 4 others, so I did not get as much as I earned. I really earned over \$5000.00 this last yr.

I hope to do much better this yr. I shall keep up nearer with my tithing this yr. than in the past.

Radino, Myrthus, & Valko paid their tithing. They did not pay as much this yr. as last as Rad & Myrthus worked on the farm this summer. (Radino \$5.00, Myrthus, \$3.00, & Valko \$11.50.) We paid \$12.00 fast donations for 1919.

I find that there are only 4 or 5 others who in this ward (4th) pay a bigger tithing than I.

We have to vacate this house. The party who owed this has sold & threaten to dispossess us unless we vacate. We have tried very hard to get an other house but so far we can't get a house large enough to house us. We are trying to buy a home so we can be at rest as far as moving is concerned.

I spoke Sun. in S.S. and in the 10th ward Sun night. The word of wisdom was my theme. This subject is being stressed at present. It is a wise move for Israel is drifting from for this principle.

Jan. 3, 1920, Logan, Ut.

We all spent a quiet new year. The children enjoyed themselves

home & to neighbors. Martha & I attended last night a social given by Geo. W. Squires. He was entertaining the stake officers of the F.L.&Y.M. and their partners.

Myrthus, Lorea, Valko & Radino have been to a number of socials. Juanita has been out 2 or 3 nights/ but not as much as the others. She is about sick tonight due to having a wisdom tooth pulled today.

Leon Fannesbeck has filed a complaint against me to get me out of this home as they wish to sell it & we hesitate to move as we can't get an other house. We are trying our best to either rent or buy a house, but he is fearful we will not get out in time for him to deliver it over to Serge Benson who has bo't it.

I went over to see Bro. Jno. A. Wolf who is blind. He is father of Zina (Francis' wife). Bro. Woolf is a Patriarch. He told me this story: his nephew who is a grandson of the late Bp. Benj. Brown of S.L. said that once when the prophet was staying with him in Nauvoo Bro. B. asked the prophet where the lost tribes were. The prophet called him & his wife out of doors & pointed to what appeared to be a faint star nearly in the direction of the north star and said that was the part of the earth on which the lost tribes were on. He said that when they came together it would be only a light concussion, but it would be sufficient to cause the very hills to tremble and an highway to be cast up so they could come forth.

Bro. Woolf said he once asked Eliza R. Snow where she got her information for her poem concerning the lost tribe & pieces leaving the earth. She said she got it from the prophet as they stood out in front of the mansion house. He told her that the part of the earth on which the tribes were was taken from the earth.

Jan 18, 1920 Provo, Ut At Mother's home.

I came here last night & had a fine visit with Mother, Laura, Zina, Milton Richardson & wife. His wife was a Miss Margie Jones. They have two boys. Milton has been afflicted with epileptic fits for about 5½ yrs. He is some better just now. He promises me he will turn to the Lord & ask Him to aid him to overcome his affliction. Here tofore has felt he was unworthy and had neglected to lay his case before the Lord.

I went & visited Josephine and her two sons Glenn & Bliss. Glen has the typhoid but is better now & can sit up.

I return to S.L. tomorrow morning. I came there yesterday to attend some business. I did do much, but expect to finish tomorrow.

I have been up to St Anthony, Blackfoot, Pocatello & Idaho Falls. I succeeded in collecting Crawley's payments on Glass stock, also J. L. Sorensen's. My share of those two collections was \$650.00. I had part of my commissions on those sales before. I had to lose over

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\$40.00 discount to get notes cashed. While north I signed contract with Geo. E. Sanders to take the fiscal agency in putting over a sugar factory near Carry Ida. The final arrangements we expect to make tomorrow.

We had our first law suit before a probate judge. It was the suit of dispossession. Fannesbeck sued for three month's back pay as he claimed, but it was shown we were up to date in payment, but judge did not allow us credit for work we paid out for plastering & calcemining so we are to pay for that over again in as much as Fannesbeck did not authorize us to do the work tho he said he would have it done, but failed to do so therefore we did it i.e. hired it done & took it out of the rent. Fannesbeck sued for \$300.00 damages for not vacating the house on date he demanded, but the judge allowed him one dollar damages. The reason we did not get out sooner we could not rent & were buying a home & the owner could not get out any sooner than Jan. 15.

We bought Jos. H. Salisbury's home on 347 W. Center for \$8000.00. We paid \$1000.00 down and are to pay \$3500.00 more by Aug. 10, 1920. If not, we lose all we have paid and turn the house back to the owner. The way it appears now to me we will be able to raise the amount required. Due to the acts of Hyrum Tyree & Jno. Q. Critchlow--acts dishonest in the extreme--I am withdrawing from the Western Glass Products' Co. The company should make a success & I earnestly hope they do for the sake of those I have sold and the sake of those who will take.

I left home day before yesterday and tho all our moving was done the folks can't not move in all our house for 2 or 3 days due to Salisbury not being able to move only in part in the home they are getting.

I lectured in the 10th ward in Logan three weeks ago (I see I have recorded this before)

I said to Marva the other day: "They tell me you are the sweetest little singer in your school." Prompt as an echo she replied: "O, now, don't feed yourself." Some retort & slang phrase for a 7 yr. old. I was telling her mother the other that I had a case of brain-fog a yr. or so ago. Marva chimed in and said, "I have had that too." She is sure precocious for her age. Her quaint & unexpected replies and observations are a source of much interest and amusement.

Feb. 1, 1920. Salt Lake, Ut, Wilson hotel.

Fine warm weather with little or no snow. There is only the slightest freezing the last few nights. It has been very foggy here most of the time for several days.

The "flu" is sweeping the state again as well as the nation? Two hundred seven died of it the last 24 hrs. Churches are being closed in some places. The farmers' roundup at the A.C. has been postponed due to the prevalence of the "flu."

I have been here most of the time for two wks. figuring on a soap proposition. The co. claim the soap to be a pure vegetable compound, but we find that this not wholly true. Unless we can get a better

proposition we (Geo E. Sanders & I) will withdraw because the Co. has not told us the entire truth concerning the matter. If we can get agents to take over the selling of the stock and I can get men to place the products, it looks as tho the Co. will be a success. Pres. Moses W. Taylor is the President of the Co.

I went to Logan last Sat. night. On Sun I spoke on the External Evidences of the Bk. of M. to a large house in the 1st Ward. I also attended Parents' Class. On Mon. I made or had made a test of the "Seagull Soap" at the American Steam Laundry in Logan. As a result that laundry ordered a 63 gal. barrel of our soap & the Logan Steam laundry ordered 20 gal. barrel. The soap seems to have several virtues over most other soaps. It can be made very cheaply.

Othello has not gone on his mission yet; he is still waiting for proper credentials from Ambassador at N.Y.

I learn Warren Hickman of Ogden is very ill with pneumonia.

Leslie & Olive have both been down with flu! Lea Hickman Luke is here to have an operation for appendicitis & other troubles. It is to be tomorrow. I just phoned to Ogden and find Warren is better but has been very low.

Feb. 6, 1920, Logan, Ut

I left S.L. Wed. afternoon. I think we (Sander & I) will drop soap proposition for the time at least. It needs reorganization.

Lea Hickman Luke was operated on for appendicitis & she is getting along nicely. Francis came up to the operation. He & I talked that night in Wilson hotel until 12 and then he drove his car home to Provo.

Leslie phones that mother has the "flu" but some better. The "flu" is sweeping all over the state. A number are dying.

I intend to go to Pocatello Mon. and help sell stock in a feed plant, being erected there. We expect to begin on the new sugar factory in 2 or 3 wks.

Feb. 15, 1920. Logan, Ut. (Weather beautiful; no snow.)

It is a phenomenal winter. In Nov. & Dec the winter was terrific here & in most of the nation with temperature almost lower than in the history of the nation. But since Jan. 15, the weather has been very fine. Now it is almost as warm as an Apr. day. Dr Albert Porta has described what would transpire since Dec 16, with mild accuracy. Flood did follow in many places; the terrific weather; earth quakes in Mexico & in U.S. did follow especially terrific ones in Mex.

Mother is better again; but Warren W Hickman of Ogden died Feb. 18 (Sun morning at 1 a.m.) of pneumonia and was buried following Tues. I spoke at the funeral. A splendid spirit prevailed in the services. His wife is bearing up well & feels the Lord's will be done. Many are dying here in the west now. The "flu" is sweeping the nation again tho it is not as virulent as last yr. Due to the "flu" in Pocatello I did not go Mon. as I expected, but expect to leave in the morning.

I have been out with Bro. Cowley for 3 or 4 days trying to sell life insurance. We closed no one but have some good prospects.

I have been reviewing my evidences on the External Evidences of the Bk. of Mormon. I have many proofs which go to show that the claims of the Bk. of M. are true. I have been in a desultory way, gathering proofs of the Bk. of M. for over 25 yrs. The Bk. of M. has many times more proof of its authenticity it would seem, than the Bible. The American continent is freighted with proofs of the Bk. of M. Archaeologic effects as well as ethnological are in abundance. Legends are found every where amidst the aborigines going to strengthen if not proof the claims of the Bk. of M.

Such men as Bancroft, P.de Roo, Montesenos, Baldwin, Cyrus Thomas, Colton, Boaz, Starr, Haynes, Kingsboro, Prescott, Buchannan, Borturini, Catherwood, Stevens, Priest, Sahogan, Peet, Bingham (of Yale) and Plungeon possess unmistakable evidences of the origin and national history of the ancestors of the Redman., as well as the history of even much older races than the Redman. I have given much study to the above men's writings as well as much that has come out in the Volumes of the Ethnological Bureau. I have been getting this evidences in shape to send to George in Berkley so he can aid the Elders there, also to send with Othello on his mission. No one can withstand our Elders if they have the accumulative evidences on the Bk. of M. I am in hopes I can find time to write a small volume on the External and Internal Evidences of the Bk. of M.

I have made out my will in a tentative way in case any thing should happen to me without due warning. I am financially broke, but by the help of the Lord I hope to make enough in the next 4 wks. to enable me to pay my most urgent debts.

Feb. 29, 1920, Logan.

I have been to Pocatello & Idaho Falls. I succeeded in cashing \$500.00 note, with E.S. Brady. He discounted it \$50.00 Only 1/3 of the note was mine.

Mr. Tyree came from Cali & met me at Pocatello & I went to Idaho Falls with him. He vindicated me in all I did & confessed he was to blame for the mix up. He so confessed it to Mr Crowley, but Crowley would not agree to pay his note of \$950.00 It may be amicably fixed up later. I came back to Pocatello with Tyree. He told me that he felt I had paid my share to Jno. Q Critchlow & C.C. Wylie tho he didn't wish to be quoted. He was anxious that I go back to work for them, but I feel I can't afford to since his & Jno Q's action. He tells me Jno Q. will not stay long on the job for he has no stability.

I have agreed to sell stock in the feed mill now to be built in Pocatello. Myself, Cotterell, & Ford will get 15%. I am disappointed in Geo. E. Sanders but I hope it is only momentarily.

I came home yesterday (Sat.) to see Othello before he left for his mission. He & Helen left to-day for S.L. She leaves tomorrow night for St. Thomas; He goes Tues. to visit Mother at Provo. He will be in S.L. Thurs. & leaves there on Fri. for his mission to Switzerland. /

So far we have all escaped the "flu" for which we are grateful. Many have died in Zion this last epidemic.



Eugene came & visited us for two days last wk. I had not seen him for 3 years last Xmas holidays. I feel badly to be separated so long. He & his wife feels badly over our not visiting them. We will surely do so before another if possible. He loaned Othello \$100.00 to go on his mission. Othello borrowed \$100.00 the bank which I am to pay. I let him have \$50.00. So he left with plenty of money to see him thru & keep him for 2 mos. there. I now owe him \$15.00 more. I owe Helen \$100.00.

I attended fast meeting today. Last Sun. I spoke to the priesthood of Pocatello Stake last Sun.

I have been quite blue of late, but the Lord has aided & blessed me. I pray for His future blessings and I believe he will bless me.

I find that I can't Lavon's insurance in a lump! I also learn that that the federal bank has quit loaning on farms due to a complain of money brokers. So the only chance left for me to raise the money for our home is to make the \$3500.00 by Aug. 20. I have faith I can.

I am asked to go to South Cache High School and address the students tomorrow morning.

Have recd letters from Geo. Dee, & Reg. I sent \$10.00 to Geo. & \$10.00 Dee. Othello, Helen, Martha, & I went to picture show last night and afterwards we had ice cream.

Mar. 7, 1920. Pocatello, Ida.

I left home last Tues. I have been here ever since. We haven't made a sale this week tho we have done some canvassing. We hope to be successful this week. If not I feel to quit the job. The other boys--Cotterell and Ford--are of the same opinion. We are all staying at the Nicollet hotel. Our room is a \$1.00 for each.

Last Mon. I spoke to the students of the South Cache High School. I then went & had dinner with Leon, Juanita & his wife. I then went and spoke to the upper grades of the district school. I was much pleased with the discipline of both schools. I was also much impressed with the excellent way in which the teachers handled their subjects. I had not seen Juanita teach before. She did very well and seemed to have perfect order and a very attractive way in presenting her subjects. But of all the teachers Leon impressed me most as a teacher. He surely is a splendid instructor.

I went to S.S. and discussed some subjects in parent's class. I spoke tonight before the conjoint association, on the Second of the Savior.

Played checkers with Cotterell & Ford. Cotterell is rather better than I am tho at times I have "skunked" him, tho at times he has served me the same.

Mar. 14, 1920. Pocatello

This is an extraordinary spring. There is no snow here except a flurry that falls occasionally and disappears in a few hours. There has not fallen in Idaho or in Utah the usual amt. of moisture this winter. However in San Juan Co. more than the usual amount of snow & rain have

fall this winter. On our farm there has fallen over 80 in. of snow & considerable rain.

Reginald has gone with two span of the farm horses to work on the road between Moab & Monticello. He will work about 4 wks and then return to the farm.

I have been most of the past wk. in Blackfoot & one day in Idaho Falls. We have tentatively sold about \$3000.00 of our feed mill stock. I go back to Blackfoot tomorrow where we expect to close more contracts. I never saw a proposition that seemed so good and so vital to the farmers & stock men where it seems so hard to sell.

I have now put in nearly a month on this work and have made little or nothing. Expect to make something this wk.

I have recd. letters from Dee & Vivian, Othello & Martha. Othello did not leave S.L. until last Mon. for his mission.

I recd an invitation to speak at the Chiquagua in McCammon & Lava Hot Springs Mar. 25 & 26, also a request to speak at Robin Mar 28. I agreed to fill all appointments for just expenses. In S.S. today I pointed out that the ten commandments contained in a brief and negative command the gist of the Sermon on the Mount. In the so-called sermon on the mount (It is the constution of the human race) the 10 com. are spiritualized & put in an educative form with spiritual chastisement rather than bodily punishment. Some time I hope to write an article pointing out that the "Sermon on the Mt." is a mighty constitution and will be found probably with all races of men whether on this or other worlds, especially where peoples & races have arrived to sufficient intelligence. If not then the principles will be found in broken lights.

I had a long talk with A. G. Goodwin yesterday. Sanders & I have asked him & his company to join us in the building of the factory at Priest near Carry. He desires to if they can make good with this suit that has been placed against them by a "stool pigeon" of the Utah-Idaho sugar Co. and Ernest Woolley as their agent. It is rotten the way that Co. has done every thing they can to defeat this Rigby Sugar factory.

My family are well. The children at home are doing well in school. I love them for their kindness & loving obedience. Myrthus is unfolding beautifully & the misfortune of being raised so crudely by his mother & her wicked & bestial husband is being weeded out of his life. If he keeps on he will be a great & a good man.)

Valko & Radino are beautiful characters? Lorea & Juanita are most excellent girls. My heart goes out to dear Lorea in her misfortune of losing her eye. I have never known a more noble & beautiful character. Thorval & Kyrmel are doing well in school. I am proud of their young sweet lives. Martha surely has wonderful influence with them all.

Apr. 8, 1920 Logan, Ut.

I left the feeding proposition for it did not palm out as we

expected. I only got about \$40.00 for over 2 wks. work.

I came home from Pocatello in my car. It cost me about \$25.00 to get here due to troubles. It cost me over \$85.00 while there. It will now cost me about \$100.00 to put it in good condition.

I have at last accepted a position with the Inter-mountain Life Ins. Co. They have been after me for over 4 yrs. to join them. I have any territory from Utah Co. to Boise, Ida. All territory in which I can put agents will be held for me and my agents. I went out for 9 days in Arimo & Robin. I sold over \$26,000.00 of insurance and if all pass the medical exam, my commissions will be over \$678.00. I had to take notes for most of the premiums.

I came home last Fri. night and have been to S.L. conference. A good spirit prevailed & many good things were said. I took Apostle Whitney to dinner & the day following I went home to dinner with him.

J. W. Bryan the great statesman was in attendance at our conference one session. Bro. Whitney spoke at that session & gave our views on the character & image of God. Bryan was much impressed & said that he had always held that idea. He made most flattering comments on what he had heard & said that it was one of the greatest inspirations of his life.

I went home and visited mother, Francis, Laura & Zina some two wks. ago. I also met Fern & 3 of her children there. She & her husband were moving to S.L.)

I paid during the last two weeks \$100.00 note & \$24.00 int; sent Geo. \$75.00; paid \$75.00 on my car; \$82.00 on our semi-annual payment on Dee's loan. I also paid \$64.85 on our annual lease of sec 32 (school section), also \$75.00 on our monthly payment on the house.

I spoke twice in the Bannock Stake Chataugua week before last. I spoke in Arimo, McCammon & Robin. I was paid \$13+ for my expenses.

Myrthus beat over forty young men in the cross country run of/ about 2½ mi). He made the time in 14 min. 4 sec. He came out over 100 yds a head of his nearest compeditor. He is to get a sweater for winning. He is probably the best mi. runner we ever had at the B.Y.C. of his age. Radino is an excellent runner for the ¼ mi. 220, & 100 yds.

Apr. 18, 1920 Logan, Ut. (Sun.)

I left here for Arimo a wk. last Fri. and returned last Fri. I went from Arimo to Downey Sat. Sat. evening I sold \$1000.00 insurance. On Mon. Tues. Wed, Thurs & Fri forenoon I sold \$27,000.00 in life insurance. I have now in 16 day's work sold \$56,500.00 in insurance. So far the premiums have=\$42.25 a \$1000.00.

I spoke in Sun. Sch. a few min. on the meaning and sacredness of the sacrament. I pointed out that the first part was a prayer or supplication and the last half was a covenant which thing so many seemed totally ignorant of and as a result they pertook of the sacrament often unworthily.

I spoke at Downey in the afternoon on the Prophet's first vision. I pointed out that wherein the Savior said all creeds had form of Godliness, but denied the power thereof & that their teachings were corrupt", etc. the christian world had verified the Savior's words for 1st they had denied from the beginning the power; saying that the power has been done away with for there were no such thing as healing of afflicted; admin. of angels, revelations etc. (some divines are now longing for these gifts to be returned); 2nd they are beginning to change their doctrines claiming that such doctrines as "we are punished for Adam's transgression & not for one's own sins & infantile damnation are damnable doctrines" etc so they have changed them. This is their vindication that what Joseph said is true. My discussion of the subject produced a new and profound thought & feeling upon the audience. The Spirit of the Lord was upon the audience in great abundance. I am gratefully pleased to know the testimony of Joseph's mission was again quickened in greater conviction than ever before if that were possible. The people saw clearer than ever the proof & vindication of the Savior's words.

I spoke at the funeral of Sister Mary Christiansen who died at Downey. It was a sad funeral. She left 6 little children. For comment on my speech refer to Journal of clippings. (I stayed at Vie Hickman's place. He is Uncle Wm Hickman's son. He was named Survivor by his father because the two other children had died & his father felt that he (Vie) would live, hence the name.)

I arrived home Fri. evening. Paid \$55.91 more on my car & signed a new note for \$150.00 for 30 days. If all men I wrote up pass the medical examination, I will have made \$814.31 minus about \$12.00 expenses.

May 11, 1920. Logan, Ut.

I worked in Downey the next wk & at nights I delivered four lectures during the week on the Psychology of the child from the parent's view point. It, the course of lectures, was poorly advertised and as a result the first night the house was less than half filled; the second night over half filled; the 3rd night about 2/3 filled & the 4th night the house was virtually filled. Many complained that they know nothing of the lectures until they were nearly over. For comments see "Journal of clippings".

Came home for 3 days and then returned to Idaho & sold stock a half day in Downey & a day in Robin & rest of time I was in Lava Hot Springs and that region. I sold about 38 or \$39,000.00 of insurance the last two wks. While there I delivered, by special request, the sermon in McCammon Sun. after noon & at Arimo at night. Two auto loads of people from Robin & Downey came to the meeting at Arimo. One man told me he came 23 miles horse back to hear me & started back on his return journey at 5 a.m. next morning. The Lord blessed speaker and audience on both occasions. My theme was Joseph's First Vision and what flowed from it. How my heart burns within me when I realize how kind the Lord is in pouring out his spirit on me in defending and teaching his work. To hear the many utterances of gratitude & joy for hearing my explanations & analysis is satisfying as they praise the Lord for his works. While in Lava Hot Springs I delivered two lectures on the psychology of the child & promised to return some time and give two more lectures on the same theme.

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I enjoyed the hot water baths while at Lava'. I stayed with Bp. Chas. Byington of Blaiser two nights. I have promised the trustees to return to Blaiser Ward & deliver a lecture on the Education of our children. I have also promised to come & speak to Lava some Sun.

I learn that two applicants for insurance were turned down, so I lost about \$200.00 of my work. Those turned down were Jos Clegg (Bright's disease) and C.H. Layton, a boy. He had had a bad case of rheumatism.

I came home last Sat. after being gone nearly two wks. George and his college chum (Pymm from St George) came yesterday from Uni. of Cali. Geo. went to visit mother at Provo.

Myrthus got a chance to go to Provo to the State High School meet. In the northern state high school meet he got 2nd place; but in the state meet he was fifth man! The best man made it in 4 min 52 sec & My. in 4 min 54 or 5 sec.

Lorea went to S. Lake to get a special eye painted for her. She has not yet returned. She will probably be here tonight.

George has done well in his yr's schooling likewise his friend Bro. Pymm. They are going to sell Life Insurance for our company.

We got two letters from Othello. One of his letters was to Martha. It was a Mother's day letter. It was full of praise, gratitude & devotion for what she had done for him & his brothers & sisters. Martha wept as she read it. He is working in the office for the time being.

We have sent for Fern to come here until they are ready to get settled.

I have just been called to Speak in Preston Sun. night.

I wrote mother sending a Mother's day letter to her.

May 26, 1920. Logan, Ut.

Took Geo. & Pymm to Trenton, but they did not sell any insurance so came back. I left them last Tues. Went to Downey sold \$2000.00 insurance; went to St. Anthony Wed. Began work there Thurs. morning with Chas L. Johnson whom I coached up. I paid him \$5.00 for 3 days. We sold \$12,000.00 insurance. On Mon. I agreed to divide commissions with him. We sold \$3000.00 tentatively sold \$6000.00 more. I think he will do well in selling. I have made in two wks. about \$600.00.

I go out tomorrow with Leon & Geo. to sell insurance. I hope to well. I am much in need of money to meet my obligations. I have notes but no money.

Lorea had her tonsils removed last Sun. morning; She is not well yet.

I spoke in Parker last Sun. afternoon & evening. I took for my theme love (the two great commandments) and I showed the spiritual moral & physical results from obedience & the destructive poison produced by hate, etc

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At night I spoke on Jos' 1st vision why necessary--reviewed the great post God's choosing of great spirits in the beginning & setting of them apart for their mission--pointed out how & wherein others were chosen, etc.--related the vision--its effects on Jos. & on others what it meant to have Eloheim & Jehovah from (from) without the stellar universe to come to the far flung mortal world to begin a-new the redemption of a fallen race--what Christ said & its subsequent fulfillment thru out the christian world, etc. My analysis of the subject produced a profound impression. My words were followed with rapt attention. The spirit of the Lord was upon me and the audience. It remained upon me for a long time & I was filled with unspeakable gratitude.

Mon. night I spoke upon the psychology of the child. The house was nearly full of parents & young people. Some parents shed tears when they learned with vividness the errors they had made in handling their children. I am to lecture there again incourse of a month or so on the same subject.

Recd. letters from Dee & Othello. Othello wrote his first letter in German. It was a good effort but it had a number of errors. Dee says the gov. pest men are there to begin the destruction of the ground dogs. Reginald is to aid them. They begin on our land & work out. They had a wk's rain. I am trying to raise \$80.00 to get 100 lbs. of grimm alfalfa seed to plant on the farm. Dee needs money very badly.

I learn with regret the death of Prof. Edwin Smart of Provo.

July 23, 1920 Logan, Ut.

Here I see it has been two months since I wrote in my journal. I have been to Idaho three times, S. Lake twice, Provo twice as well as going over this co. several time. I attended the Nat. Teachers' Association held in S. Lake July 4 to 12th. One reason for holding the N.E. Ass. here is to keep it from going into the labor organization as a union. By holding it here we got a majority to vote against it for Utah teachers were against union with labor organizations.

I have spoke in Preston, Hyrum and Clarkston since I last wrote. I was billed to speak here twice but was called away. I was to have given the commencement address at McCammon to the graduates of 8th grade & High School but for got appointment until it was too late to get there so I sent George to take my place. He did well & was highly praised by those there. Leon, Valko & Juanita went in the auto with him. They had to go from here to McCammon from 5 p.m. to 8:30. They had to drive like fury.

I have sold over \$100,000 of Insurance since last writing. Since beginning (Mar. 26) I have sold about a quarter of a million. Have not sold much this month due to other matters.

Have sent money (\$40.00) & Helen \$25. Sent money to Dee.

Radino & Lorea gradated from H. School. Felton graduated from 8th grade at Levan with an average of over 95%. Myrthus averaged B (85%) in all his studies this yr.

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Helen has a baby girl born June 7. Fern also has a girl baby born June 2. I am now grandparent to 19 children.

Concerning that revelation of John Taylor which God gave him & was never given to the church, but written. (I have a copy of it) one night when the Savior and the Prophet Joseph visited him nearly all one night. The guards (two) heard him & the visitors talking as they say. The next day he revealed to his trusted guards. Geo. Q. Cannon & others. Bro. Daniel R. Bateman of West Jordan told me of the circumstances. He was in the room the next day with the brethren (for he was one of the guards) when Pres. John Taylor related to them the vision of the night before. Bro. B. said that as Pres. Taylor related what he had seen & heard. He arose from the floor nearly a ft. and remained so suspended. All the brethren there saw the same as he (B) saw. He said Pres. T's. countenance was so brilliant he (B) could scarcely look at him. He said that Pres. T. said he would suffer his right arm to be severed before he would recall or suspend that principle as some of the brethren wanted him to. He also said that the time would come when their brethren would excommunicate them for entering that principle. Bro. Bateman said that Pres. T. put Lorin Woolley and one or two others under a covenant to see to it that as long as they lived that plural marriage would be performed every yr. Loren Woolley was one of the two men on guard the night of the vision and heard the voices. I learn that Lorin Woolley has performed a number of plural marriages of late and that he was called before the twelve of what he had done. So far nothing has been done with him.

I asked bro. B. if this had been written. If not why? He said a brief was made. Prof. Evans & Bro. Barlow were present when Bro. B. related this to me. These two brethren had heard it from Bro. Woolley before as well as from Bro. B. (It is all strange to me).

Apostle O. T. Whitney told me he was affraid other brethren would be handled for Reed Smoot felt they would have to make a clean brest of it & excommunicate every body who had gone in since 1890.

He also said that he feared that the brethren who had been cut off might testify against them (the twelve) and the church and its policies. He hardly knew what would come but he, with others, feared something of trouble would develop.

I am troubled over my indebetedness and unless I can raise the money for Mr. Salisbury by Aug. 10 he intends to cancel the contract and keep all I have paid him. Leslie & the Insurance Co. are trying to aid me to get money to save my place.

Laura is hired to teach in the B.Y. Uni. next yr. for \$2000.00. She is a most excellent teacher. She has few equals in her line.

I had a long talk with Pres. Brimhall the other day while I was in Provo.

Lorea is staying with Fern for a while this summer. Fern & Sheridan are buying a home in S.L.)

Aug 1, 1920, Logan, Ut.

Since I last wrote I have been full of trouble over money matters. So far we have not succeeded in raising the money. Leslie & Laura are trying to raise it in Provo or Deseret. I will telephone to S.L. to Pres. Carter in case no word comes thru the mail this morning.

We have also been much perplexed over the loss of our two cows! They got out of pasture Sat. & we have put in 12 or 15 hrs. hunting them & at last found them this morning! We thought them stolen.

I had two requests to speak last night. I spoke in the 5th ward. I felt I shot over the heads of most of, at least part, of my audience. It was a warm night and not a very large audience. Some how ever gathered around me after-meeting full of appreciation at what I had said and to ask further questions of me on my sermon--"The Vision."

George (my son) and I went to Preston last wk & sold \$27,000 or \$28,000 insurance! Our commissions were about \$700.00. I have coming to me about \$4000.00 but I can't get money to pay my indebtedness. My notes are due in Oct. & Nov.

I refrain from commenting on the political situation because my descendants can read these things from bks. & magazines. I have confined my journal almost exclusively to my own affairs for two reasons: (1) It is the personal life that goes out & in nearly all instances one comes obscure if not wrapped in total oblivion, so I am anxious to have my life live across the ages and also something of my own family: (2) I do not write changing events of the world for that will be more or less preserved. Not only that but I am too busy to write largely of the great world movements. Yet I am keeping close "tab" upon world events and the progress of science & invention.

George's health is not good nor has it been since he had pluracy in France. He was baptized and blessed in the temple for his health last Tues. forenoon. Dr. in Fr. said he should not live more than 2 yrs. He was promised health.

I just phoned Carter concerning getting the loan for the house. He says he feels it will be successful. They are trying to get Leslie over phone. He is in Deseret, Millard Co. Ut.

Aug. 19, 1920 Logan, Ut.

At last I raised the money for the home by mortgaging the home & mother's home for \$8000.00. This paid for the home in full to Salisbury and gave me over \$1000.00 to pay some other obligations. Amidst other bills I paid Moab State bank \$85.75 on note. We still owe them \$75.00. I paid \$250.00 to Dee to pay part of our note to State bank at Monticello. He is to make arrangements to get a milk cow & pay some on her. I gave Geo. \$130.00 to go school on. He left here last Tues. He left us at Green River on our way back from Monticello. I paid the Cache Valley Banking Co here \$240.20 on two \$100.00 notes & interest. One hundred \$100.00 was note for Othello to get money to go on mission. I also paid \$54.00 to Kimball Auto Co. This pays in

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full for auto gotten a yr. ago last May. I paid \$33.58 to H. E. Perry on alfalfa seed gotten for farm.

(We (Leon, Geo, Valko, Thorval, Kyrmel & self) left for the farm; Aug. 7 and got back night of Aug. 17/. We had a nice trip tho we had considerable expence with the auto. We had a nice visit on the farm with Dee & family, Radino & Reginald. We found the grain & alfalfa looking good since the ground dogs are killed. We were made very hopeful over the situation.

While there Geo. gave a talk to a small crowd on his experiences in France. It was a very interesting experience & appreciated by all who heard him.

Laura had a big banquet in my honor & honor of my birthday; tho it (birthday) was Aug. 3 we had it Aug. 16 as I could not be in Provo, until that date. We all went to the Lake (Ut) with about 100 friends & relatives. Mother went also. We all returned about dark after most of the crowd either going in bathing or boat riding.

Leon, Valko, Thorval, Kyrmel and I arrived home 10 P.M. Tues. evening. We stopped at S.L. a hr. or so and picked up Leon & Lorea. Leon had gone ahead from Provo Mon. evening & visited Winnie & baby.

I took out \$5000.00 policy (End) in Life Insurance Premium = \$313.50, but my nets on this for this yr. = \$94.05.

On arriving home we found all well. I have remained here till today fixing up accounts writing letters, etc. I leave this afternoon for Downey, Ida. for a few days.

I have paid Taylor & Co of Provo \$18.07 for fixing up our organ, and shipping it to Thompsons. I paid the freight from there to Monticello. I am sending it to Vivian and Dee to use until at such time we may wish to take it.

Aug. 26, 1920 Arimo. Ida.

Left home last Fri. afternoon. Martha, Valko, Thorval & Kyrmel, & Marva took me to Cache Junction in the auto. I attended conference at Downey Sat. & Sun. By special request I lectured Sun. night on "The Banishment of the Mormon people. Many came out to hear me. Bro. Dewey & I sold \$6000.00 insurance. I came here today.

I am to speak in McCammon Sun. afternoon & Robin at night.

I phoned home to night & found all were well. Leon is going to accept a position in the Junior H.S. in Logan for \$1400.00 for 1/2 day's teaching. He will study at A.C. at the same time.

Sept. 8, 1920 Logan, Ut.

I lectured in McCammon Sun afternoon and Robin at night as announced. Had good freedom and splendid listening audiences. The mayor of McCammon, a non-Mormon, was present and was much impressed with what I said. I talked on the Word of Wisdom from the Scientist view point.

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I pointed out that science had vindicated & demonstrated every point in the Word of Wisdom was a scientific truth. I also reviewed my own findings.

I spoke on Faith at Robin to a large house even children there were wrapped in attention & seeming interest.

I sold only \$3000 or \$4000.00 insurance at Robin. I came home a wk ago last Mon. for I was phoned that Uncle Wm Darnby was here & wished to see me. I visited with him for 2½ days & then he & his 9 yr. old son, Willard, went to Oregon, their home. They live right, on the Bay in the small town of Toledo. He is to sell out & come back (here & do temple work).

I have not sold any insurance since I came home. There seems to be a lull in insurance or at least I am not successful. I have a few good prospects.

I lectured in the 7th ward last Sun. night before the conjoint of M.I.A. I spoke on the external Evidences of the Bk. of M. The facts I brought out concerning discoveries make that vindicated the history of the Bk. of M. was a rev- to all who were present & many stayed & talked to me for over ½ hr. after close of meeting. One young man was from S.L. & came up and ask a number of ques. and asked if I would go to Salt Lake and lecture before the Conjoint meeting in Pioneer Stake if they would pay my expenses.

Juanita & Leon have begun teaching--Juanita in Hyde Park & Leon in Logan H.S. He teaches general science & a course in "Americanization." Valko, Thorval & Kyrmel have begun school. The B.Y.C. & A.C. begin next wk.

I have recd. letters from Geo. & Othello. Geo. is hard at work, in Uni. of Cali. I sent him \$50.00; Othello \$75.00 and Helen \$25.00.

I learn from Zina Hickman mother is in very poor health. Zina came & paid us a visit.

My children at home are very nice and good. Our home is full of peace and pleasantness. I am most happy when peace & goodness dwell with us. I have two sons who use tobacco. Outside of this I feel my children are living good lives. I am happy in and thru my generation. Life continues to be broader and deeper with greater meaning.

Sept. 12, 1920. Logan

Have been here this wk. trying to sell insurance but haven't made a sale since I returned from Idaho. I have some very good prospects. This is the longest I have ever been out without selling a policy. I hope to have better success this coming wk.

I went to Richmond to day to speak to the M.I.A. stake convention. I was asked to speak on "How to Develop the Boy's Greater Self." This subject I treated from the psychological, sociological, and moral stand point. Our school systems do not unfold the greater self in a

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moral & spiritual sense. Often (too often) the most education brings the poorest results morally & spiritually. I pointed out that youth was hardest to interpret & lead even God complained anciently that youth developed devilishly, etc. My address was received with great earnestness and a number flocked around me to express great appreciation. One man of 30 yrs. of introduced him self to me and said that he was so appreciative over what I had said. He also said that he had been a tobacco user until 8 yrs. ago. He said he heard my lecture at that time and had not used it since. I am reverentially grateful that I have done good to others.

I attended the H. Priests' Quorum this morning. I attended the M.I.A. conference here tonight. Bros. Morton & Bealey & Miss Beesby were the speakers.

Valko & Kyrmel had their tonsils & adenoids taken out a wk. ago, last Sat. Their throats a virtually well. Geo. is hard at his law, course and is in better health. He is taking Pleading, Law of Contracts, Law of Torts, Hist. of Legal Procedure, Int. Law, & Gov. of cities, also Gym.

I am happy over the earnest struggle of my children. They are in school learning life's truths that the earth may be better by their having lived.

I have just written Mother, thanking her for the splendid center, piece she has crocheted for me. It is about 3 ft. in diameter and took many weeks to complete. It is worth and represents over \$100.00 in work. I am grateful for it. It makes me feel half sad that she did the mammoth piece of work. She is nearly 82 yrs. of age. To think of hands toiling over 4 score yrs. and yet doing this work for me. Ere long those hands of ceaseless toil and restless brain will (will) rest. Her life is becoming so frail I am worried over her rapidly failing health. Her rest will be gloriously earned. Hers has been a life of sacrifice for others. She has earned a great reward. If I could only think of her going to her exaltation rather than the lowly grave, I could be comforted over the thought of her departure. If I could think of death as a process going on from mortal mold to immortal glorification, then I could be reconciled, but being mortal I have mortal dread. Her declining life, like a golden sun-set is beautiful to behold. God bless her life, and God bless her generation forever and ever.

Oct. 1, 1920. Logan,

I have recd. a very nice letter from mother in reply to mine. It is clear cut & to the point.

I have been away the last 10 days in Marsh Valley selling Insurance. I was with Artey Dewey most of the time. I sold \$12,000 alone in 2 days. He and I sold \$32,000 together. My share was over \$600.00.

I spoke in Arimo Sun afternoon to the Stake priesthood meeting and in Robin in the evening.

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I went one day over into Hawkins Basin. I administered to a sickly boy and a young lady who is terrible crippled. She is Bp. Armstrong's daughter.

I was waited upon by committee in Downey who asked if I would deliver an address on "The League of Nations". I gladly accepted for I have felt from the beginning that the League was a sacred document which offers the only solution for peace, liberty, & justice to all nations. I will deliver the address Oct. 17.

I have also promised to aid the week's Institute at Downey (Nov. 16-22) which is to be held to train teachers in all our church organizations.

I have recd. two letters from Geo. He had the honors of being chosen as one of a committee to escort Gov. Cox to San Francisco. Since then he was one of the 10 who was chosen from a list of 40 contestants to speak thru out 11 states on the Democratic side on the league of nations. He was chosen 1st of the ten. A great honor shown him from that great Uni. of over 10,000 students. He may come to Utah to speak 10 days.

Radino & Myrthus have arrived & begun school--the one in U.A.C. & the other in B.Y.C. We are all well & every body busy.

Oct. 24, 1920 Downey Ida. --At Cousin Vie Hickman's place.

It has been three wks. since I wrote. Geo. is stumping Cali. He and his companions of ten speak from autos in the streets & crowds block the streets. He has been asked to publish an article on the issue which is to be syndicated in the papers of the nations. He has also been chosen to be one of the team to debate against Princeton Uni.

I sold insurance in Cache Valley two weeks and came here last Sun. to speak on the League of Nations thru request of a Democratic committee. It was held in the opera house Sun. night because the lecture was to be a fair interpretation of the League so the people could see it as it is. The day and night was most inclement for it rained; yes poured with fury for about 7 hrs. Tho the streets & walks rain with water the opera house was 2/3 full.

I learn the Republicans as well as the Democrats were well pleased with my clear & unbiased discussion of it. As near as I can learn not 1 in 100 have read the League; no wonder the people are confused and hardly know which way to vote. Many are loud, in praise of the clear & favorable analysis of the League. I have been asked to speak twice more in this state, but I will not. I have been asked to speak in Cache Valley and will probably speak there a night or two just before the Election. I am much impressed with the divine mission of the League. I consider it the divinest conception of peace & justice ever conceived out side of the Gospel. It is gospel applied to nations.

I have sold only \$19,000 of insurance so far this mo. Have not done well.

I spoke in the 8th ward Sun. night Logan, Oct. 3 and in 1st ward Oct. 10. I spoke here in Virginia today. The Bp. of that place came here & got me & brought me back.

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I have met Cousin Daisy Box Watkins today/at meeting & went home & took dinner with her and her two daughters. She is a very fine looking woman and shows intelligence. She & her husband are renting Bp. Olsen's farm.

I sent Geo. \$25.00. I borrowed \$200 of our Co. to pay Cache Valley Bank

I recd. letters from Martha & Felton

I am sorely pressed for means to meet my urgent obligations

Oct. 29, 1920 McCammon, Ida.

Since last writing I have been to Robin & Arimo. I sold about \$10,000.00 insurance. I lost several thousand in insurance because I could not get the doctor to go & exam. the applicants at the time of their taking of insurance.

I spoke on the "League of Nations" in Arimo and Robin. The people--Democrat & Rep.--were as a whole much impressed & many who were Rep. turned after me to vote for the League & those upholding it. I have tried to discuss it from a non-partisan for as yet I have never announced my politics. I have voted for men of principle & character irrespective of party persuasion. I have voted for Dem presidents & Rep. presidents--also I have voted for senators & state officers of both parties. I came here last night & discussed the Peace Treaty from an unbiased view point. I was wonderfully blessed with the spirit of the theme for I was teaching the audience what the League is. I also took occasion to clear Pres. Wilson's name from such unwarranted criticism many designing politicians had heaped upon him. I reviewed my acquaintance with him when I was in Columbia Uni. 14 yrs. ago at which time he delivered his 30 lectures on national & international laws. I also reviewed the factors which lead up to his "14 point of peace". I also pointed out that the 14 points constituted the warp & woof of the Covenant of Peace. I explained that the Covenant amplified & extend the thought in detail; and that because the 14 points were not found in the League in quotation marks many said the Covenant did not contain the 14 points of peace which Wilson took with him to Europe. After that, I then read & interpreted the League. Some of the articles I briefed & gave in my own language. At the close of the meeting (for we had a big house) 3 women & a man took me to task for my partisan ideas. But it seemed that the others--Rep. & Dem. were satisfied & some of the Republicans after the lecture declared themselves for the League. I have been approached by Bp. Stole today & a number of Dem. & Rep. who declare that my address last night was the greatest speech they ever listened to. One Rep. (druggist) told the Bp. that any who heard that speech & didn't say it was the best elucidation of the Covenant of Peace they ever heard had too narrow a brain to think. I am grateful for my success. Most of the unstinted praise of my lecture came to me thru those to whom it was made. The Dem. party of the state have been trying to get me to give my entire time to this issue but I can't do so. I did agree, over the phone yesterday, with Representative Whitaker of Pocatello who is mayor of Poc. to go to Albion & Burley and speak this afternoon & tonight. The Dem. committee the proceeded to engage the house at each place but the houses were engaged so I didn't go, but they have gotten me to go to Lava Hot Springs

& speak to night. I am here in the depot writing while waiting for a belated train. I have agreed to speak in Lewiston tomorrow night (Sat.) and in Logan Mon. night.

George is speaking nearly his entire time in Cali. and is having splendid success. I sent him an other \$25.00. It surely keeps me jumping to meet my most urgent obligations.

Nov. 1, 1920 Logan, Ut.--Stormy.

(There has been more storm here during Oct. than probably ever known, before during that month. It has been quite general over Utah & Ida. and surrounding country.

Yes, I spoke in Lava Hot Springs Fri. night. Due to so short a notice the house was only a little over  $\frac{1}{2}$  filled, but they were very attentive. I came home Sat. & spoke in Providence instead of Lewiston as I was billed. I speak in Clarkson to night.

I found the folks well on my return home.

I have agreed to speak in Mendon Sun. night.

Nov 2, 1920 Logan. Pleasant today.

I went to Clarkson last night with Messers Jones and Yates. We met a big house. The other two spoke an hr. and spoke from 9:45 to 10:45. It was an interested audience from start to finish. I told the audience when I was introduced, that I came to them as a teacher--not as a politician; and if they would all stand up for a minute or so, and if the doorkeeper would open the door & give us some fresh air, I would tell them why I had come in their midst. The entire house arose with laughter & good will. I then explained that it was the first time I had entered to make good the promise I made my sons when they went into the battle fields of Europe. It was the promise the nation all made the 10,000,000 young men who were drafted and that they, (the nation) would make the world safe for peace and free from war if they would fight this war to a victorious finish. The nation had in mind the 14 points of peace sent to the world by Pres. Wilson. And on these points the Peace should be builded. When I was thru I asked all to take their seats. Then for an hr. & 45 min. the tragedy of the occasion was on me and the contagion took hold of the audience.

We got back home last night 1:15 A.M. I am told that B.H. Roberts gave a most powerful address here last night for 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  hrs. He left here 10:45 and held a meeting in Hyrum. He spoke there for over two hrs.

Never before have I been so anxious over the results of the election. It means so much to the nation & the world also. I think I shall go out to the head quarters to night and watch & listen to the returns

I have written Felton and sent him \$5.00. I am much distressed over money matter. I have prayed the Lord to aid me to meet my obligations.

Nov. 21, 1920 Downey, Ida.--Beautiful weather

Probably never before in the history of the desert at least in the

last 75 yrs. has there been so much moisture fall Oct. & up to Nov. 18. The ground is wetter than it has been for yrs. It has been so wet that many here & northern Utah, have not threshed; and I learn that over 700 acres thru here & thousands of acres in Gentile Valley have not even been cut. The farmers are still getting their potatoes & beets up. This probably is the warmest weather for this time of year about ever known.

[The national election went overwhelmingly Republican.] It seems the people either were tired of Democratic administration or they didn't want the League of Nations or they did want either. Thru my observations & inquiry I learn not 5% of the people read the League. Some who read it said that they did not understand it. It was nothing short of a crime for a nation to vote against so important a measure without knowing what it was. I have never declaired my politics, but I was most desirous to have our nation to accept the Peace Covenant as it is & to do so was to vote for the national Democratic candidates. President Harding was the most vacitating candidate I ever knew. He in his early speeches said he was for the League with reservations, but in the middle of his campaign he said he was against it and wished to destroy it. This I think was due to the threats of Senators Borra & Johnson how were trying to destroy it. Then toward the last of the campaign Harding switched back & said he was for some league or covenant or agreement. But it seemed that the people voted irrespective of what was said or done.

I went to Mendon two weeks from to day (night) and spoke on the tobacco evil to a most attentive audience. I took Marva with me. She had a nice time & was very happy tho we did not get back until nearly 12 M; I came here a week ago last night for the purpose of lecturing for a wk. here in the church institute the first of its kind ever held in the church. I gave 14 lectures on Psychology and Sociology and education (one on education). My work was much appreciated. Many said they didn't know such truths existed. I have seemingly never seen people more appreciative. There were over 100 taking the work. They were teachers and officers in various organizations of the church including bishops, counsellors, high counsellors, presidency of stake etc.

On Sat. I spoke to the ward teachers of the Stake the High Council, the relief society & other officers including in all about 150. I reviewed the responsibility of the teachers reading from Doc. & Cov. and pointing out that they were to be the teachers of the children of light while others went into the world to warn the world. I had prepared a table showing how the increased visits to the saints homes increased the attendance at the sacrament meetings little or none. I pointed out the reason as being due to the half hearted manner with which they did it. I found from the church records only 46% of the ward teachers attended sacrament meetings. As they increased their visits they increased their attendance to sacrament meetings. For comment see Journal of clippings. I was made a present of a toilet set as a token of the institute's appreciation of my work. The presidency of the Stake (Hyde, Johnson & Richards) gave me \$25.00 as a partial appreciation for what I did. While there I made \$75.00 by

selling a policy. So taking it all in all was a great success. The stake paid my hotel bill while I was there. I have recd. letters from Geo. & Othello. Othello is doing well and working hard. Geo. will be home in about 3 wks.

I brought a 10 lbs. turkey home with me from Ida.

My deeds for my 306 of land have been granted.

Dec. 6, 1920, Logan,  
Slight snow & freezing.

We had a nice Thanksgiving dinner. We had a turkey and two chickens, dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries, apple salad, celery, pickled beets, chowchow, pears, squash pie with cream, cake, bread & butter. This was a sumptuous dinner in which we all happily joined. Leon, Winnie, & children were here to dinner.

I have been home ever since with the exception one day I went to Preston.

I blessed Leon and Winnie's baby. We named him Cecil Whitehead. It was at 4th ward fast meeting (Dec. 5) I went to the 7th ward last night by special invitation. I spoke on the Internal Evidences of the Bk. of Mormon. The house was nearly full.

I made \$431.00 last month.

I sent \$50.00 to Othello, Juanita sent \$5.00, and Leon sent \$10.00. I sent it off today. I sent a check to George today. I left it blank for him to fill out, but not to fill it out for over \$60.00.

I wrote to mother and sent her some clippings reporting my work and comments at Downey.

Dec. 12, 1920, Logan, Ut.

This wk. has been passed with little new. The most exciting of all was last Fri. when Lester Dunn and I started for Lewiston; we were going about 20 or more mi. an hour when we were thrown across the paved high way north of Logan and a truck struck us broad side and his car & mine were hurled into the slough at the side of the road. None of us were hurt. Though it was a close call for our lives. When we got just beyond Richmond the hind wheel of my car came off. It took the rest of the day at the garage to fix the car.

We made a few prospects Fri., but we made no sale, but Mon. I sold \$10,000 of insurance.

I rec'd letters from Helen, Geo. and Othello. They are doing well. Geo. will be home about Dec. 22.

Lester Dunn is joining us in selling insurance. He has been out with me two days, but have made no sale yet.

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We had a heavy snow storm (yesterday) yesterday afternoon and I was out in most of it.

Dec. 20, 1920, Logan

I have (have) been out with Lester Dunn most of wk. We sold 7000 of insurance. We have some other good prospects.

George came home today from Brkeley Cali! He looks well. He weighs 37 lbs more than when he went down. He remains here for holidays.

I have been out ward-teaching for two nights. Our ward teaching has fallen to a low level as far as influencing the people to do better. I spoke to the Seventies of this stake telling them the small influence our teaching had and recommended improvements. I attended S.S. today which I nearly always do.

I went to Smithfield to night and spoke to the conjoint of both wards. They had a large audience present and they paid splendid attention. I spoke on the "Tragedy and Triumph of Youth." The spirit of the Lord was surely with us. Some were heard to say, "I could have listened all night." I have agreed to go back there Sun. afternoon and speak in Bp. Plowman's ward. I find I will have to pay some of the notes I have taken for insurance.

Jan. 2, 1920, Provo. Ut.

I spoke in Smithfield (1st ward) last Sun. forenoon and also in the afternoon.

I spoke in our ward (1st ward) Sun. night. It was rather a strenuous day for me.

I have sold no insurance for two weeks tho I have been working part of the time.

I came here last Thurs. due to Mother's severe illness. I have here & at Benjamin ever since. Mother is some better.

I found that Thos. Richardson has had a brain stagnation due to high blood pressure. The Dr. took a qt. of blood from him & he has nearly recovered.

Eunice (my sister) is to under go an operation for a tumor! I went & visited them for a day & a night. I visited Chas. and his family also. Orlin's wife & Thelma has babies.

Jan. 11, 1921 Logan, Ut.

I came back from Provo. Mother is better. Haven't heard from Eunice. I blessed her and told her she would know by Tues. whether she could be healed without an operation.

I stopped off in S.L. and stayed over night with Fern & Sheridan. They and the children are well.

I got Geo. to fill my appointment in Richmond a wk ago Sun. night. I have agreed to speak in the 7th ward (Logan) 1st Sun. in Feb. and

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in College ward 1st Sun. in Mar.

I sold Owen Fox \$5000.00 insurance last Fri. night. The wheel came off my car two or three miles this side of Mendon about 10 P.M. I had to walk home. I got here at 1 A.M. The roads were very rough & cut up & frozen so I slipped & stumbled along thru the dark. I, slipped and fell on our front steps & injured my hip & my kidney. My kidney is quite bad.,

I went to Richmond & Lewiston sugar factory yesterday, but closed no deal but have two good prospects.

I went to the A.C. last wk. and looked up in Andrew D. White's Autobiography, Vol I p. 87 Pub. 1905 his interview with Lyof (Leo) Tolstoi Mar. 1894.

Tolstoi said that in every religion there are two main elements, one of deception and one of devotion and he asked about the Mormons, some of whose bks. he had read and was interested in the people. He said: "Two thirds of religion is deception and one third devotion." but he said that on the whole, he preferred a religion which professed to have dug its sacred bks. out of the earth to one which pretended that they were let down from heaven. "On learning that I had visited S. Lake, two years before, said White, "he spoke of the good reputation of the Mormons for chastity and asked me to explain the hold of their religion upon women. I answered that Mormonism could hardly be judged by its results at present; that as a whole, the Mormons are no doubt, the most laborious and decent people in the State of Utah; but that this is their heroic period when outside pressure keeps them firmly together and arouses their devotion; that the true test will come later when there is less pressure and more knowledge, when the young men who are now arising begin to ask questions, quarrel with each other, and split the whole body into sects and parties."

I recd. letters from Dee & Othello.

Laura sent me check of \$25.00 and a \$5.00 check given to her last summer. I will keep the \$25 and have Leon return his check or equivalent.

#### My Patriarchal Blessings.

A blessing given by John Smith, patriarch upon the head of Josiah Edwin Hickman son of Geo. W. Hickman and Lucy A. Haws (Hickman) born at Salem, Utah Co. Utah, Aug. 3, 1862.

Bro. Josiah Edwin Hickman, by the authority of the Holy Priesthood I place my hands upon thy head and bless thee with a father's blessing which is also patriarchal; and I say unto thee let thy faith fail not, but be firm in thine integrity; hold sacred thy covenants, seek to inform thy mind in regard to the principles of life and salvation for the eye of the Lord has been upon thee from thy birth. He hath preserved life for a wise purpose. The adversary sought to destroy thee while in thy youth. Thy guardian angel delivered thee from thine enemies, therefore give praise unto Him to whom praise is due

and prepare thy self for events to come and thy days and years shall be many. Thou shalt see many changes and witness trying events; thou shalt behold the arm of the Lord made bare in behalf of His people. Thou shalt know of a shurity that there is a God in Israel who will hear and answer the prayers of the honest. Thou art of the house of Israel and thy name is written in the Lamb's Book of Life, therefore be prudent and upon thy guard. Live up to thy privileges and thy voice shall be heard in defense of truth and virtue where so ever thou shalt so journ. Thou shalt also sit in counsel with thy brethren and many of riper years shall honor thy judgment for the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon thee in mighty power when necessary if thou wilt honor thy calling and be diligent in the discharge of thy duty. Thou shalt also gather of this world's goods around thee all which shall be necessary. Thou shalt also choose well thy part, and thy name shalt be perpetuated upon the earth and handed down in honorable remembrance from generation to generation. Therefore be of good cheer; seek wisdom, knowledge, and understanding and it shall be well with thee. This blessing with the blessings of Abraham Isaac and Jacob I seal upon you for they are thine by right of lineage which is Ephraim, in the name of Jesus Christ, and I seal thee up unto eternal life to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection even so Amen.

## II Given 1889

A patriarchal blessing given by Joseph D. Smith patriarch at Fillmore, Ut.

Josiah Edwin Hickman, by the power and virtue of the priesthood of God I place my hands upon you and confer upon you a patriarchal blessing. God your eternal Father is pleased with your exertions and is willing to assist you in the future as He has done in the past if thou wilt remain humble before Him. Thou wast chosen before thou wast born as an instructor in the midst of Zion and through thine honesty God has qualified thee for the labors before you. He has witnessed thy trials in the days of thy youth, and thy fortitude in battling against the weaknesses that were inherent in thee. For this reason thou art blessed above many of thy follows. It has been a struggle with thee in life to gain a victory of thy passions. In this thou hast been blessed, and I bless you with wisdom and knowledge and with understanding to over come every unrighteous desire in thee.

Thou art of Israel and are numbered amongst them who shall stand upon Mt. Zion and shall witness the coming of the Savior. Thou shalt perform thy part manfully to assist in bringing about the redemption of Zion and shall be instrumental in the hands of God in leading many into His fold and implanting the principles of of truth in the hearts of the children of Zion.

I bless you with blessings of life and wisdom to preserve your physical organization in tact and with every blessing and qualification necessary to your calling as an instructor in the midst of Zion in the name of Jesus Amen.

## III A patriarchal Blessing by E. H. Blackburn, patriarch given at Fillmore, Ut. Oct. 19, 1889.

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Brother Josiah Edwin Hickman, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the authority of the Holy Priesthood, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal and confer upon thee this thy patriarchal blessing which, through thy humility and faith on the Lord Jesus Christ, it will aid thee and stimulate thee that thou mayest overcome when the hour of temptation comes upon thee. Thy lineage is of the promised seed thru the loins of Ephraim and thou art entitled by lineage to the holy Melchisedik priesthood and entitled to the gifts and powers and blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore thou art called to the ministry, chosen of the Lord to aid with this great power given unto thee in establishing of Zion called to be his servant, to publish the name of Christ abroad in the earth from land to land and from sea to sea, to aid and bless those that sit in darkness, to have power to win many souls unto Christ. Prisons await thee, but God, through his great loving kindness unto thee, will bring thee from thence thru the gift of faith which He will give unto thee; for this gift lieth before thee. Call mightily on the Lord and prison walls will not hold thee and many will rejoice at thy delivery.

Blessed in thy family, in the own due time wives and a numerous posterity will be given unto thee; prophets and wise men will come of thee; thousands of thine own will rise up and call thee blessed for thou shalt be flected as a lawgiver unto them. In the own due time of the Lord, He will call thee to judge and direct many people and the sinner in Zion shall fear when thou speakest in the office and power of thy calling.

Thou art called of God to labor much in the house of the Lord for thy progenitors and to be entitled to the revelations of the Lord to guide thee that thou mayest know how and what to do in the very moment thereof for thy dead; for thousands of the spirits were made glad when thou wast born that thou wouldst greatly aid them in their salvation for thou wilt yet open the prison doors to them that are bound. And thou in this labor thy joy shall be full. The glory of the Lord shall be around about thee. For thine integrity of heart, honesty of purpose, the Lord thy God loveth thee and ere long will exalt thee on high. Thy house shall be a house of order; peace and the glory of the Lord shall dwell there and the priesthood of God shall never depart from thy house.

I seal upon thee the blessings of earth houses and land, gold and silver in abundance; and of the abundance that the Lord will give unto thee thou shalt greatly bless the poor, the widow, the fatherless, and the afflicted of Zion's children. They name is recorded in the heavens there to remain. The Lord thy God will give unto thee power to become one of his elect and to be king and a ruler in the Redeemer's Kingdom, entitled to the continuation of the lives. I bless (you) thee in thy tabernacle to grow and expand as wide and as high as eternity, Thy mind to reach forth and grasp those things and to overcome and be numbered with the sanctified; blessed to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection, to inherit wives and a numerous posterity in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

IV Given 1891 A patriarchal blessing given Nov. 10, 1891 (in the old State house) Fillmore, Ut. (Scribe Christian Anderson) by Joseph

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D. Smith, patriarch.

Brother Josiah Edwin Hickman, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by virtue and power of the priesthood of God, I confer upon you a patriarchal blessing in as much as you desire to know what God requires of you, for it shall be revealed unto you from time to time, in accordance with your keeping of His laws and commandments, for there is nothing that would be for your benefit in their life but what shall be made plain unto you if you are but faithful in keeping the commandments of God. You shall yet lift up your voice in the midst of the nations of the earth to the confounding of the wicked, and the encouraging of the righteous, and no one shall have power to stay your hand, for you shall stand as courageous as the lion of the forest, and those who would oppose you shall shrink before your piercing eyes, for they too shall be strengthened by the great optician, even the maker thereof and if you will follow the whispering of the Spirit of God you shall never be incarcerated for the Gospel's sake. Your children shall grow up around you as the thrifty olive trees in the tropical clime, many of whom shall be full of faith, and their countenances will shine with the intelligence of God. You shall stand as a leader in the midst of your father's household, and many shall come to you for blessings and for counsel, and your mind shall expand until the eternities shall open up to you as the unfolding of a scroll written upon and your life shall be most eventful and joyous to you, full of the most startling events and original thoughts for the Spirit of God shall be the most congenial companion to you; and I bless you with life, even until you are satisfied and desire to rest, for you are of Israel and are entitled to all the blessings of the Priesthood and those that pertain to the new and everlasting covenant, and I bless you with the spirit of wisdom to preserve your body that you may be healthy and strong, with power to heal the sick, and disease shall flee before you, and many shall receive blessings at your hands, for I seal these blessings and this power upon you, with the promise that not one word shall fail for I seal them upon you in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Patriarch Smith gave me another blessing May 24, 1892 before leaving for Uni. of Mich. it is recorded in Journal A p. 83

V A patriarchal blessing by Arza E. Hinckley patriarch given at Rexburg, Ida in the summer of 1892 (June 26)

Brother Josiah, in the name of Jesus, I seal upon you a father's blessing (Patriarchal), which shall be as the Holy Spirit whispereth. Thou art of the pure blood of Ephraim and shalt be crowned in his Kingdom. Thou hast come forth in this day according to the covenant that thou didst make in the heavens before the world was. Thou shalt become a clean vessel and a polished shaft in the hands of the Lord to push the house of Israel together. Thy voice shall be as Enoch's of old, that the wicked shall not be able to stand before thee; and as he led his hosts against the enemy, so shalt thou lead thy hosts forth in the defense of Zion and thy enemies shalt be scattered and shall not be able to rally against thee in battle.

Thy name shalt be a terror to the wicked and shalt be honorable among the righteous in all the world. The destroyer shall be stayed  
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until thou passeth by. Thou shalt do a work in the temples of the Lord for the redemption of thy father's and mother's houses which shall extend back to the day when the gospel was upon the earth. Thou shalt do a great work in instructing the youth of Zion. Thou shalt teach the learned and be the instrument in the hands of the Lord in bringing many up to the standard of education, physically, morally and mentally, as becomes the Saints of the Most High. Thou shalt walk with angels--converse with them as with thy most intimate friends. The Holy Spirit shall lead thee continually and teach (you) thee the mind and will of the Father concerning thee and thy works. Thy guardian angel shall watch over and protect thee from all evil thru out thy days which shall be many. Thou shalt travel and, with the gift and power of the Holy Priesthood, shalt gather out the righteous from many nations, bring them home to Zion and preside over many. Thou shalt be chosen with the righteous to go forth and redeem the Center Stake of Zion and receive an inheritance therein. Thou shalt assist in building the Temple of all Temples Thou shalt do all thy pleasure on land and on sea, among the Lamenites and upon the isles of the sea. No good shall be withheld from thee worlds without ends. In thy habitations there shall be no want. Every gift and blessing, both spiritual and temporal, that shall be for the furtherance of thy work and thy salvation shall be thine. Thee, (and) thy companions, and descendants shall be honorable among the Saints forever and shall be numbered among the prophets and prophetesses. Thy counsel shall be sought by the great and the wise. By faith thou shalt perform many miracles to forward thy work. This is a portion of the blessings the Lord has in store for thee which with all former blessings and eternal life, I seal upon you to come forth in the morning of the first resurrection and dwell with the faithful and our Savior thruout the mellinium and receive an inheritance on this earth when it is celestialized, and dwell in our Father's Kingdom forever. Amen.

VI A Patriarchal blessing given by Chas. D. Evans in Provo. Ut. Sept. 26, 1899.

Brother Josiah, I ask the Lord in the name of Jesus Christ for a patriarchal blessing for thee, which I pronounce and seal upon thee as the Holy Spirit directs. In heaven thou wast valiant for the Lord Jesus Christ and on earth thou hast a great work to do. Thy intelligence will be like a fountain in the earth springing up unto life continually; profound wisdom will abide in thee and treasures, new and old to thee shall spring up within thee, and thou shalt know the mind of the Lord. The light of Science shall enlighten thee and thou shalt discover truths therein, which are unknown to men and lead out into new thoughts and deep inspiration. Thou are a born leader of men; and thou shalt be a defender and expounder of the Gospel. In the day of trouble thou shalt be as an anchor to many who will seek thy wisdom and thou shalt be unmoved as a rock in the earth. Truth will abide in thee forever and righteousness shall be the girdle of thy loins; and as an opening flower receives the sunlight of heaven so will the gifts of the spirit descend upon thee. Thou shalt live in the day of almighty power and see Zion redeemed, and the powers of heaven come down among men. Thou shalt see the great Center Stake built up and the glory of heaven upon its great temple; thine eyes shalt see the pillar of fire and thy ears shalt hear the voice of the Lord for thy flesh shall be sanctified and thy eyes reflect His glory. Thou shall stand to receive thy inheritance after the fullness(es) of the gentiles has come in. Thou shalt see Judah gathered, and like

Abraham the right of inheritance shall descend to thy generations and thy name rest upon them forever. Thou shalt lay the foundation in the flesh for a kingdom to remain when the earth is dissolved and thou shalt be caught up to meet the Lord. Thy children shall cling to thee as the ivy to the oak. Sickness will flee at thy anointing and devils obey thy voice. Thy geneology shall be revealed and every spirit in the line of thy family dead worthy of the blessings of the covenant shall be redeemed. I bless thee with the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob for thy seed shall not fail in the earth nor the priesthood deport there from forever. Kingdoms and glory await thee; thou shalt be numbered with the 144,000 for thou are one of the elect, and thy dominion shall not fail; and I seal upon thee thy exaltation in the name of the Father and Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

VII A patriarchal blessing given by Howard Cory, patriarch, Mar. 17, 1904 in Provo, Ut.

According to your desire, I lay my hand (he had only one arm) upon your head to bestow a Blessing upon you which is patriarchal; also a father's blessing. I feel to say, brother Josiah, that you are an Israelite in whom there is no guile, that you have been led by a good spirit to identify yourself in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints, and the same spirit has led you to engage in a work that is well pleasing in the sight of God, to elevate the rising generation and God will bless you in your performance of this noble work. You shall be blessed in your incomings and outgoings; and, in your family, which will be of your begetting, shall grow up around you as plants of renown. You shall have the privilege of performing a good work in the Priesthood in preaching the Gospel to many people, especially to your own kindred, working for them in the temple of God, many that have passed away which is one of the greatest blessings we can have. The Keys of the Priesthood are connected with the salvation of the dead. God will guard you by his Spirit in all your labors, both temporal and spiritual. You will be preserved from dangers that lie in your path, that your life may be prolonged upon the earth to see many things, even the redemption of Zion in which you will greatly rejoice to see Zion rise and shine and become the joy of the whole earth. And I seal the Holy Spirit of Promise upon you, and seal you up to eternal life to come forth in the first resurrection. This I do by virtue of the Holy Melchisedek Priesthood of the Evangelical order in the name of Jesus Christ, even so. Amen.

VIII A blessing given by Jesse B. Martin, patriarch, Dec. 4, 1900. (This was given in my Physics' room (what was known as the dark room) where it was lighted with 150 candle power.).

Josiah Edwin Hickman, in the name of Jesus Christ, I lay my hands upon thy head and give thee a patriarchal blessing. Thou art of the lineage of Ephraim and shall receive your inheritance with that tribe. The Lord has sent thee to do a great work upon the earth and thy mind shall expand and thou shalt comprehend the true order of the Celestial planets and become familiar with the principles by which they are governed, for the Lord will reveal these things unto thee for thy comfort and the benefit of those you will be called to teach and you shall be shown the heavenly bodies and see them even as Abraham saw them before he went to Egypt. And you shall yet receive all your blessings in the temples of the Lord

your washings and annointings and your second annointings that will prepare thee to reign as a king thru out the endless ages of eternity and thou shall sit in legislative halls at the center stake of Zion and shall help to make laws to govern the whole world during the 1000 years reign of Christ on earth. And the time is not far distant when you shall have many of the daughters of Ephraim given unto thee as thy wives, and noble spirits will be sent unto thee to take tabernacles thru your parentage because they will be taught the principles of life and salvation. Thou has been faithful over a few things and thou shalt be made ruler over many, and to thy posterity there shall be no end. They shall be as numerous as the leaves upon the trees. And you shall see your Redeemer in the great temple at Jackson Co. and He will smile upon thee and bless thee for thy faithfulness and you shall have oil in your lamp and enter into the feast of the marriage supper of the Lamb because thou are wise in the Kingdom of God. Thy faith shall increase, and thou shalt have power to heal the sick and cast out devils; cause the blind to see and the deaf to hear by the power of the Holy Ghost; and you shall have visions and dreams that shall cause thy heart to rejoice in the Lord thy God. And I seal you up against the powers of Lucifer and he shall not have power to lead thee from the Church of Jesus Christ. I seal you up unto eternal life to come forth in the resurrection of the just and receive your crown in the new and everlasting covenant. These blessings I seal upon thy head in the name of Jesus Christ even so. Amen.

While Bro. Martin was blessing me he cried as a child as he gave the words. When he was thru he said: Bro. Hickman, do you know who you are? Have you ever been impressed as to your lineage, etc.? He said that he had promised things to me he had never promised any other person. He said he saw things he dared not tell me. He said that when he was shown things concerning me (he said that) it over came him, and he could not help weeping. He came back a day or two later and said that he went home and lay down upon his bed and (full of wonderment of what God had shown him as he blessed me) God gave him an open vision and God inspired him to return and bless me and reveal these things to me, which he did. He said I was not to write them then for they were too sacred to be written then and the world was not to know them. He gave me permission to put down a few leading points, so I could hold or keep a few of the main points. These things I have held sacred and only to my wives & mother have I revealed one or two things. All this I have (here) written here I wrote on the back of blessing so I could ever have the record. Here are a few things he revealed to me; I am a literal descendant of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ; God is to give me the same Urim and Thummim that Abraham had and that God should touch my eyes with his finger and that I should be shown more Astronomy and would know more Astronomy than any person in the world out side the Church of God. He also said many comforting things which I was not to write. He was impressed and so said he felt that I should not die, but be translated and live thru the millenium. This last was only an (his) impression.

When I was at the sacred fast-meeting in the temple (in) July 3 of 1898, it was there revealed by Geo. Q. Cannon that there were those in that room who were literal discendants of the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. I cried out in my soul, saying: "O, God am I one of them?" and a wonderful feeling came over me like the descending of a mouth but it was so sacred to me I dared never mention it, not even when patriarch Martin asked me if I had ever had an impression as to my lineage.



IX A Patriarchal blessing given by Christian J. Larsen June 30, 1914 in Logan, Ut.

(Written on edge of page 134) This sentence was inadvertently left out of both copies of this blessing: "You were ordained before the world was to be a teacher in Zion in this dispensation." I wrote the blessing as the patriarch gave it & I omitted to write it down due to haste.

Brother Josiah, I place my hands upon your head in much humility and ask God the Eternal Father in the name of Jesus Christ that He will give unto me His Holy Spirit to indite your blessing; and by virtue of my patriarchal calling I confer upon you a patriarchal blessing. I say to you the Lord loves you for your integrity and is well pleased with you in all your labors among the Saints of God. You are surely one of those sons of God who shouted for joy in the heavens when the foundations of this earth were laid. And you are one of those noble ones whom God stood in the midst of when He said: "Of these I will make my rulers". Hence be exceedingly glad and thankful to your heavenly Father that your spirit was preserved in the spirit world so you might be born upon the earth in this the dispensation of the fulness of times when the Gospel and the Holy Priesthood in all its fulness have been again restored to the earth by the prophet Joseph Smith, and much will yet be required at your hands in helping to build up the Zion of your God, for the Lord has wonderfully endowed you with the gifts of faith, of intelligence, and memory; and in all your labors you have been blessed of the Lord and your mind shall continue to expand and your intellect continue to grow brighter for you were from the beginning destined to be a leader and a counsellor in the midst of your brethren; and your sons shall become great intelligent men also, and your blessings shall rest down upon them and they shall become a mighty people and have great possessions in the earth; and your daughters shall become mighty women and shall be leaders among their sex; and your blessing shall rest down upon them and their posterity. You are the royal seed of Joseph who was sold into Egypt and thru the lineage of Ephraim, and I confer upon you the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, & Jacob. And you shall stand at the head of a numerous posterity, for to it there shall be no end. You shall live to accomplish all you came upon earth to do; and I seal upon you the fullness of all the blessings which are given in the temples of Lord; for to your blessings there (there) shall be no end. I seal you up from the power of the destroyer until the day of redemption and confer upon you the blessing of health, both of body and mind; and that you may live to accomplish all that may be required at your hands; and that your last days shall be your best days. And in looking back upon your past life in the earth your heart shall be made to rejoice. You shall have part in the first resurrection and be numbered with the 144000 who shall stand as Saviors upon Mt. Zion during the millenium for there is a crown of glory and immortality and eternal life prepared for you; and thru your faithfulness, I seal all these blessings upon you and seal you up unto eternal life by virtue and seal of my priesthood even so. Amen.

Jan. 17, 1921 Logan.

I have now recorded all my patriarchal blessings given me except one patriarch McGregor gave me. It seems to have been lost for I have not seen it for yrs. It was given about 1910 or 11.

I went out Sat. and sold \$2000 insurance. I went to the picture show Thurs. night.

I spoke to the High Priests of our stake (Logan Stake) yesterday forenoon (Sun); I spoke to the Sun. School officers convention yesterday afternoon on "how to spiritualize our teaching." Last night I went to Wellsville and spoke on the evil effects of tobacco, both physical, mental, moral, and spiritual." The house was full and gave splendid attention. At the close of the meeting, a patriarch came up to me and said, "God bless you. I have never heard a man who had such power in speaking. A wonderful spirit goes with you. I know, for I am a patriarch." I was reverentially grateful to know the spirit of God was with me for I had asked as I always pray before going to speak, that the Lord will clothe me with his spirit and that the same power be upon the audience that they may be led to glorify the name of God and if possible, to draw nearer to him than ever before. I have no other desire than to do good and give knowledge and wisdom. To this end I have done all my studying and preparing for years.

Feb. 4, 1921. Downey, Ida.

Two wks. ago today (Sun) I went to Hyrum and spoke in the afternoon meeting on starving children of Europe. In the evening I spoke in River Heights on the same theme. All Zion fasted 24 hrs or at least were asked to, and gave what they saved for the 3,500,000 starving children. I learn that there was raised in the entire church over \$109600.00.

I spoke in Grant last Fri. night on Astronomy and used the blackboards to sketch my views on. I spoke in Parents' class here last Sun. I stayed in and read the rest of the day.

Arley Dewey and I sold \$62,000 of insurance in a wk. I am leaving for McCammon & Arimo.

I stayed with Vie Hickman & wife. I am writing on the train hence the hen scratches.

Mar. 6, 1921 Logan, Ut

I returned home from Arimo Feb. 5. I came back by way of Preston. I missed the 2:45 car & attended the conference the rest of the afternoon. I was called to the stand and spoke the rest of the time (45 min). The next day (Sun) I spoke in the 7th ward conjoint meeting in the evening on the III Bk. of Nephi.

I went to S.L. and handed over \$67000 of business to the Co. I went to Provo & visited mother, Laura, Francis & family & Leslie.

Then we (Glazier, Jackson, Francis, Leslie & I) all went to S.L. in Leslie's car & met with the Pres. & other officers to see if we could get better concessions concerning handling of our notes, but in a letter I have since recd. I learn they have given us no aid.

I found mother much better & the rest were well.

I stayed all night with Fern & family.

Twelve days ago I went to Rigby, St. Anthony & Parker. I learned while at Rigby that the company were having a great deal of trouble

to get money to finish paying the farmers for their beets.

I met brother Chas. Johnson at St Anthony & went with him to Parker. We sold \$13,000 of insurance & had two or three others ready to sign. He and Bro Sorensen are going to sell together for a short time. It is so hard to get agents to keep selling after I leave them.

While in Parker I spoke Sun. afternoon and in the evening. In the evening three wards or towns met at Parker. They were Egin, Grover (?) & Parker. The people filled the house to the doors. That evening I spoke on the Word of Wisdom from the Scientist's view point especially the tobacco phase as Utah & Idaho were then just passing laws against the cigaret, etc. Both in the afternoon & evening I had splendid liberty & the people were greatly wrought upon by what was said and the spirit of the occasion.

I returned home last Wed. evening & went to Preston next day & stayed there until last evening. I did no selling while there tho I tried hard & took Bro. Bosworth with me in order to get him started. I go back tomorrow.

I attended S.S. today and spoke in College Ward tonight on some reasons why we believe the Bk. of M. This was the theme thru out the church today in the S. Schools.

I am much distressed over finances. If I could cash all my notes I could liberate my distress considerably.

I had a distressing dream over Othello/some 2 or 3 wks. ago. I dreamed he suddenly appeared home. I kissed him and asked why he had returned home so suddenly. He made no reply but looked at me sad & silent. I then seemed to realize he was dead. He was taller than in life and I recognized that his body had never grown to the full stature of his spirit. Martha dreamed a distressing dream about him but could not clearly recall what it was. Since then one of our Swiss converts wrote here to his brother that Elder Hickman had been attacked by a Catholic priest in a Bible meeting (which Othello was conducting) and attempted to stab Othello with a knife. So far we have not heard from Othello concerning this affair. We are anxious to learn the truth of the affair.

Thorval at the age of 12 yrs./ He is a good boy full of ambition and hope. He is now finishing the 7th grade. He is a deacon and one of the boy scouts. (This paragraph is beside a blank space where a picture had obviously been pasted. DSH)

Mar. 13, 1921 Logan, Ut.

I have been to Preston trying to sell insurance but due to financial conditions every body seems too poor to buy. I sold \$5000.00 and have some fair prospects. I go back next Tues. I am coaching up Eph. Bosworth as one of our agents. His brother Brig. is going to sell for us also.

I attended a cottage meeting while in Preston which was held at Jos. Thomas' home. I was urged to speak. I talked 45 min. on the

triumph of Zion that I had lived long enough to see Zion vindicated in many ways and the truths and doctrines verified thru time experience, & science.

Radino is getting very high marks in his examinations--all "A's" & "B's".

Leon's hands are better.

Thorval stands very high in his studies. He will get thru the grades when he's 13 yrs. of age.

Have not recd. a letter from Othello for some time.

Eugene and Dicy lost their baby. It was 3½ wks. old. They are feeling very badly over the loss. I wrote them a letter of condolence. This is the second of my grand children that has died. I am, now a grandfather to 21 children--19 living.

I recd. a letter from Geo. and Vivian. She is in poor health.

I am much distressed over finances unless the Lord comes to my rescue I feel I will fail. Father, call mightily upon you for financial aid that my home does not come in reproach before men, that I will not lose my home, but can meet all my obligations.

Mar. 23, 1921, Logan, Ut.

I went to Preston a wk. ago yesterday and sold insurance with my agent, Eph. Bosworth. We sold \$21,000.00. I am going back tomorrow.

Apostle Whitney had written me to meet him here last Sat. and go to Franklin Stake Conference at Preston. I did not get the letter but we met accidentally in Preston, but he insisted that I be with him Sat. after noon & Sun, so I did. He and I spoke in the afternoon, and Pres. Semour B. Young and I spoke Sun. forenoon. I spoke on the psychological & physiological effect of "love"--Love your neighbor, your God, your enemy. I pointed out that every emotion produced a chemical change in the body and that the body is influenced for good or ill according to the emotions. Anger produces a poison like wise fear. Some animals as well as humans produce a poison thru anger which if extricated & injected in other animals will kill others. This poison produced in ones self tends to destroy body & mind. He who hates distorts mental & bodily equilibrium; as a result one is checked in his mental & spiritual development. The spirit of God can't dwell in an angry being.

God asks us to love our neighbors as our selves, because all we are we have been inspired to and aided to attain to it thru them. He asks us to love God with all our mind & soul--not for his but for our own sakes--for the higher the ideal the greater and better is ones advancement. God is the highest ideal known therefore he should be worshiped with all our might, mind, & strength.

He asks us to love our enemies and pray for those who despitefully uses us. This command is for our sakes, for if we can't, we

can't keep the spirit of God. He who hates is dragged down spiritually & morally. If one hates his enemy, he is in a way our master, or at least, he destroys us in a better sense. He who hates grows worse; he who loves grows better. Love your enemy that you may lift your self and indirectly aid your enemy. Christ exemplified this doctrine on the cross, when he prayed for those who crucified him, etc.

The audience (930 persons) was intensely attentive and a new vision seemed to dawn upon them.

Apostle Whitney declared that it was the finest speech he ever heard. I learn that he so reported before the quorum. He declared that it was a new revelation to him & was very much impressed. I was reverentially grateful to know that the Lord had blessed me so and gave the audience understanding hearts. Apostle Whitney occupied the time in the afternoon. His speech was a brilliant review of our history--drivings, triumphs, etc. He and Pres. Young went home at 5 P.M. and I was asked to remain for the evening meeting. A musical program was rendered for 30 mins. then I spoke for 1 hr. & 30 min. on "The Word of Wisdom" from the view point of the scientist including my own research. Tho the audience was about 1100 and made up of mostly young people yet a most intense interest prevailed even in the gallery to the end. I laid most emphasis on the evils of tobacco, etc. The stake officers of the M.I.A. felt what I had said was a fitting climax of their year's work, for their slogan, for the year, had been; "We Stand for the non-use of Tobacco." See Journal of Clippings.

I came home Sun. night arriving here 12 P.M. I found Martha ill, but the rest were well. I have remained here for 3 days, writing and fixing up my accounts. I return to Preston tomorrow.

Our Insurance Co. has agreed to either advance 50% of our com. where we turned in notes or would advance us \$250.00 for every \$20,000 business turned in.

Cousin Eva (Hickman) Hydes' ten year old son, Marion Dale, died last week and was buried here. She sent for me to come and deliver the address, but I was in Idaho and did not get the word.

Mrs. Hyde is cousin Warron's daughter. I am writing her a letter of condolence.

Apostle Whitney is to be called to go to Europe to preside over the European Conference.

I have recd. letters from Othello, Geo., Vivian & Helen. Othello is doing well in his work. He is traveling elder for his conference.

Reginald is in Moab & has telegraphed for \$25.00. We sent it. He did not say whether he was coming home or was to go to the oil fields in that country.

Apr. 12, 1921 Logan, Ut.

I went back to Preston and sold insurance until last of Mar. I

discussed by special appointment the ward teachers' problem--the success & failures of the work before the priesthood of the Oneida Stake. It was the monthly priesthood & officers' meeting of all organizations. When it was learned I was to speak all the organizations, except genealogical committee, asked to remain & hear my address. I had access to the entire church records on teaching & results also the relation of ward teaching & sacramental meeting attendance. The records showed that in stakes where from 4 to 10% of the families were visited by ward teachers 13% attended sacramental meetings, but in stakes where the teaching was doubled there was virtually no increase of attendance to Sacramental meetings. Even the stakes where there were from 90 to 100% of the families visited there was only an increase of from 6 to 7% in attendance to sacramental meetings, showing that from 9 to 12 times the efforts resulted in only a very small increment of increase. This means that ward teaching is largely ineffectual.

I then pointed out what I considered the faults & weaknesses in the teaching. It was quite a revelation to those present. Good will result from my discussion.

Eph. Bosworth and I sold \$36,000 of insurance. We had to take paper for all we sold.

I went to conference in S.L. It was a most excellent conference. It would seem there is a new awakening in the spirit of our people. There has been a great increase in sacramental meetings and in the interest & attendance of priesthood meetings & the auxiliary organizations. Pres. Grant is being magnified before the people. The conference was large beyond capacity on Sun--the tabernacle was over flowing, likewise the assembly hall, & a very large out door meeting was held.

A Dr. Holden the lecturer of the International Harvesterer Company from Chicago spoke in one of our sessions. He said: "I wonder if you people who stay here all the time fully appreciate the greatness of your principles? You are a wonderful people. You lead the world." He said that he was not saying this because he was in our midst for he said that he sang our praises every where he went. He said that the only man out side of our people who praised us more, was Dr. Winship of Boston, Mass. He said many commendary things about us & what we had done here in the desert. He pointed to many things of greatness which our people possessed.

He said there were two audiences that he liked to speak to--one was the Mormon audience & the other was the penitentiary audience, because he said, they both stayed till he got thru--the one stayed because their culture & respect & the other had to stay.

His speech was very much appreciated by the audience for they felt his sympathy & appreciation were sincere.

I went to Provo with Leslie & wife & Francis and wife one evening & back the next morning. I have a few hrs. visit with mother and Laura. Mother is better now. She is so weak she can walk around, but little. Her mind has the brilliancy of youth. Her memory is as detailed in its recall as a young person.

I met Reg. in S.L. and he was to come home with me, but he left it seems for some place to get work. I am much distressed over his not coming home. I had sent \$25.00 to him in Moab and while in S.L. I gave him \$4.00.

I stayed with Fern two nights; She & family are well.

I started to write this at the depot in Logan and finished here in Oxford at Brig. Bosworth's home. He and I sold \$6,000.00 in insurance last night. I had a splendid rest last night and feel like I could sell \$10,000 today.

I am greatly distressed over my finances. If I could only get money for sales made I could relieve my distress.

Apr. 24, 1921, Logan, Ut.

I left Bro. Bosworth's and went to Downey and from there to Arimo & Robin. While at Oxford I sold \$29,500 of insurance. At Downey Bro. Dewey & I sold \$6,000 & had two examined who were written up months ago for \$5000.00 each.

I went to Robin & sold \$4000.00 of insurance. That made \$36,000 I wrote with Bosworth & Dewey. The \$4000.00 I wrote alone.

I came home due to receiving a telegram or rather letphone from Reno, New. concerning Reginald writing checks on a S.L. bank and other banks on which he had no funds. It is awful and we are all much grieved over the affair. I may go there.

I spoke last Sun. in Oxford and to the Parents class in Arimo today on "Thou Shalt Commit Adultery." The leaders of different S. Schools feel they can't handle this subject and I have recd. a number of requests to discuss this subject before parent classes.

I have now been 2½ yrs. in filling this volume. During this time I have been trying to earn money to establish myself & educate my children. I am now more in debt than ever before with all my struggle. I have made more money in the last 2½ yrs. than I ever did before in 6 or 7 yrs, tho it does not seem to count due to my heavy expenses. I have one son, Othello, on a mission to Switzerland, Geo. in Uni. of Cali, Leon & Radino in U.A.C.; Lorea & Myrthus in B.Y.C. Valko & Felton in H.S. & Thorval, Kyrmel & Marva in the grade. Have also been helping Dee & Reginald some; Tho. I have been struggling for means to educate my children & redeem our farm, I have done much lecturing in Utah & Idaho. I am very grateful I can be of service to the people. My lectures seem to be most highly appreciated by the people who hear me, for which I am very grateful.

I have suffered more in my mind these last two & half years than I had suffered for yrs. before, due to my anxiety to do right & get means to pay my obligations. I have probably prayed more and harder than any other period of my life. I needed to for succeed. I have tried hard to live close to the Lord, being true & sincere in all ways. I may have erred in leaving the school room, but it has given me better

health & greater vitality. It has rested my brain. I did not realize how tired my brain was until I left the school & gave it a rest for a few months. My lungs are perfectly well now and my health is excellent.

Dear Father, I pray that I will do your will all my days that my life and labors will be acceptable to you. I pray earnestly daily, that you will prepare me for future events and any thing you desire me to do. I feel, dear Father, there is yet a mission for me fo which I am not fully conscious; yet a silent feeling tells me I am yet to do that which I have not yet done. I pray there are yet deeds of righteousness and fetes of learning, yet to be mine which I have not as yet attained. Dear Father, grant I may in this lifeyet accomplish all that the patriarchs have promised I should do and receive. May my remaining years be fraught with greater deeds of usefullness and may I have greater joy in my labors than in the past. Grant, O grant, dear Lord, the prayers of my soul which Thou only knowest. Make me worthy of all I ask, for the betterment of the race and my own uplift and glorification. Permit me to accomplish all Thou didst send me on earth to do. Glorify Thou me with the glory I had with Thee before I came here.

[A copy of father's blessing given 1854'. I copy it here because the blessing is getting very much worn. It is recorded in Bk. G. p. 666 No 1650

Salt Lake City Mar. 31, 1854

A blessing by John Smith, patriarch, on the head of Geo. Washington Hickman, son of Edwin Temple and Elizabeth A. Hickman born Randolph Co., Missouri, Mar 12, 1825.

Brother George, in the name of Jesus Christ I lay my hands on your head and seal upon you the blessing of a father even all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. You, with the assistance of your brother (Wm), shall have power over your father's house; shall bring them to a knowledge of Salvation and a knowledge of the holy priesthood. They shall receive the thrth and obey it. You shall have power over the gentiles to cause the honest in heart to receive the truth. At your word the storms shall cease. All things shall be accomplished at your word.

You shall see Zion gathered from every nation of the earth, and all things accomplished which your heart desires. You shall see and converse with your Redeemer and inherit all his blessings with all your father's house. Amen.

Copied Feb 6, 1920



September, 17, 1920.

Dear Josiah & Martha,  
we received your letter  
& glad to hear from you.  
We are all well now, & Laura  
is in school early & late.  
Francis & family well.  
Olive & Children have  
the whooping cough.  
I received a card from  
Othello, he is well.  
The pain has entirely  
left Gina & she is happy.  
Tell us we are all well  
& that is the best news  
I can send. I should  
like to see you all  
to all. There isn't any news  
to write. Write often. We want  
to hear from you. Yours  
loving Mother & Father

Patristical Blessing

Nov. 15/93

Blessing given by Albert de Loma  
Clark, Patriarch, upon the head of  
Lucy Ann Harris Hickman daughter  
of Elijah Harris & Catharine  
Beardsley born Oct. 3, 1838, Jackson Co.,  
Ill.

Dear Sister, Lucy Ann, it is with a  
great deal of pleasure that I confer and  
seal blessing upon thy head. Thou  
art a true Israelite, and a descendant <sup>Joseph</sup> who  
was sold into Egypt thru the loins  
of Ephraim. Being of royal descent, you  
are an heir to the blessings of our heavenly  
Father, even the treasures of heaven & earth.

The Lord has been very mindful  
of thee and prolonged thy days among  
the children of men to be blessing  
into humanity thru thy fidelity and  
usefulness upon the earth. Thru  
thy untiring efforts thy name is re-  
corded in the Lamb's Book of Life and  
a place hath been prepared for thee in  
the Celestial Kingdom and Father in  
heaven and while you are well ad-  
vanced in years yet your mission  
is not yet finished for your nam-

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ple, forbearance and faith shall  
make an impression upon Father's  
children for good and will move  
them to works of righteousness.  
While you may seem feeble to  
yourself yet you are teaching the  
gospel of the Redeemer of the world  
thru love, kindness, and charity; and  
these exalted principles covereth up  
thy weaknesses for thou art on  
the Lord's side.

Let thy heart and mind receive  
encouragement and strength, for  
your very presence is an in-  
spiration to Father's children and  
has a hallowed influence upon  
them. Therefore rejoice in your  
life's mission, and rejoice in  
the spirit <sup>that</sup> you bear upon the  
souls of men and your guardian  
angels shall not desert you, but  
that divine power will give you  
comfort and satisfaction for re-  
member thou art an elect lady, and  
it is designed that thou shalt enjoy  
thrones, principalties, and dominions  
and eventually be a priestess to thy  
husband <sup>thru the ties of the everlasting priesthood</sup> who will be a priest to

the most high and you will be  
able to look down the stream of  
time upon thy descendants with  
joy and satisfaction and eventually  
see them invited in the hands  
of the ever lasting gospel. Therefore  
take courage in thy declining years  
for thy descendants shall be as  
kings in a crown of bright-  
ness and thou shalt have <sup>and thy</sup> family ties. So continue to  
look upon the bright side of life, and  
thy life shall be extended until you  
are satisfied and ready to meet those  
of the Celestial Kingdom. And  
I reconfirm our former  
blessings and seal you up against  
the powers of the destroyer and eventu-  
ally be sanctified in our Father's  
presence in the name of the  
Redeemer of the world.  
amen.

Recorded in Bk. 3, p. 232.

## PIONEERS OF THE PLAINS.

A weary band of brave outcasts  
Who'd weathered many stormy blasts  
Were driven out by harsh command  
As strangers in their Native land.  
Trace their journeys thro years of woe,  
Being oppressed by dreaded foe;  
At last cast out from happy home  
In the wilderness caused to roam.

Like banished Moors they backward gazed  
To see their loved dwellings blazed.  
Siberia's convicts filled with fear  
Cannot tell scenes one-half so drear.  
'Oft times their tracks upon the snow  
In stains of crimson blood would show.  
Without redress they were driven  
From their all, save God and Heaven.

Ten babes were born on the first night;  
They crossed the river in their flight.  
And the Angels sang a chorus,  
And all around seemed glorious;  
Christ thus came a little stranger  
And was cradled in a manger.  
He was an outcast just like this.  
The Angels whispered, "Mothers peace."

And the morning rays thus found them  
With the Angels presence round them  
Lulled to rest in sweet repose,  
Neath the canvas and wagon bows.  
And thus without the least delay  
They wended on their weary way,  
To seek a place to worship God  
On unfamiliar Western sod.

A new religion they'd espoused  
Which cruel prejudice aroused.  
Narrow-minded man had forgot  
For what our fathers bravely fought.---  
But worst of all, oh, cruel fate,  
Before they'd hardly left the gate  
That barred them from the settled land  
A messenger came to the band.

Five hundred men of you must go  
Fight in the war with Mexico.  
Persecution had hit them hard;  
Was this now to be their reward?  
"Yes my boys it's a test to see  
If still we have loyalty,  
And with fife and drum we'll tramp  
If it takes every man in camp.

Thus went the noble five hundred,  
 Tho they knew someone had blundered;  
 For to fill the ranks. We have the truth,  
 It took old men and strippling youth.  
 To fight for their Country, oh, yea,  
 But to leave in that wilderness  
 Wives, mothers and children to fraud  
 Took courage and faith of a God.

Many were left who still will stay  
 Till the bugles calls the last day.  
 There is no mark the place to tell  
 Where wolves howled out their funeral nell.  
 Could the dead stood as Lot's wife  
 To mark the pathway of their strife  
 What monuments would fleck the way  
 Like mile-stones on the great highway.

For days and weeks e'en months they trod  
 O'er craggy rocks and pathless sod,  
 O'er dusty plain and mountain high  
 No human haunt to greet their eye,  
 Save the Indian wigwam drear  
 Which came in view to give them fear,  
 For the Indian then was dreaded foe  
 To white men where so e'er they'd go.

At last on Ensign peak they stand  
 Unfurl the symbol of their land  
 And as it floated o'er the breeze  
 Each stalwart man fell to his knees  
 And thanked the God of Heaven  
 For all the mercies He had given;  
 And prayed the stars and stripes o'er head,  
 For which their fathers faught and bled,  
 Might bring sweet freedom to the West  
 And all the desert land be blest.

They pictured vineyards, fields of grain  
 Like Moses saw in Cannan's plain  
 And shout "Hurrah", till echoes ring  
 From every rock and deep ravine;  
 The answering echoes seem to call  
 One glad chorus; "Welcome all."  
 A mirage shines on desert plain  
 That seems to join the old refrain;

Houses, cities before them rise  
 Steeples towering to the skies.  
 They stand amazed and look again,  
 There's nothing there, but sage brush plain.  
 Their leader said, "What you have seen  
 I 'oft have witnessed in my dream.  
 We'll build temples to the most High  
 With steeples towering to the sky."

They sought not for themselves alone  
 But all who'd come a peaceful home;  
 And knew God's blessings would attend  
 All those who proved his faithful friend.  
 Psalmist David of ancient days  
 Who walked with God and knew his ways,  
 Said furtille land should desert be  
 If people lived not rightously.

Also desert should fertile turn  
 If God's laws they'd live and learn.  
 Desert has blossomed as the rose  
 So let us give praise to those  
 Who braved thattwenty-fourth of July.  
 Honor their Memories", we cry.  
 For sure God heard their prayers and blessed  
 Our mountain valleys of the West.

Who can but render to them fame  
 Rank with the wise their leader's name  
 Who like a Moses led his band  
 Safely to the promised land;  
 There mid elements wild and rude  
 The desert hills and plains subdued;  
 And planted there mid wind and strife  
 Most peaceful homes and happy life.

By----- Edls Kohlhepp.

NOTE-----The Author's grandfather and Uncle went in  
 the Mormon Batallion, old man and strippling youth.  
 Her grandmother and great-grandmother rest on the  
 trail to Utah. Her mother an inexperienced girl  
 made her way as best she could, seeking employment  
 at an Indian mission to get clothes. She followed  
 the pioneers the next year. She lived to age of  
 ninty, died at North Ogden December 23rd, 1918.

O Ocean Old, though as young as you were when you played upon earth's restless beach in creation's morn. What philosopher have you not taught! What scientist have you not thrilled! You have wooed with your charms artists and poets and thrilled them with imagery. From your limped lips you sang their souls in tune with the infinite; for you suggest eternity and symbolize immortality.

You have called earth's children from afar to come and dwell with you that you may not be so sad and restless. ~~But~~ when they ~~have~~ nestled upon your shores you ~~have~~ come upon them with mad fury, as though angry because of their trust; you have with titanic rage, destroyed their homes and drowned those who came to you. Do you possess the spirit of the DEMON and yet the DIVINE? You sent the cold winds of November and chilled and killed sweet Anabel Lee. Have you not pity upon infant/maiden? You speak to all in the language of creation's morn, yet every nation hears you in its own tongue. With pentecostal enlightenment you speak all languages. Why then do you destroy those you woo? Have you no pity? You are kind to those engendered in your own watery pallet - those born in your own bosom. Are you jealous of those of foreign birth? Do you entice to kill; and yet millions love you? You lave the feet of sea-bathing children and give them health and lap their feet with cooling waters.

comes  
When the maiden to you and sits upon your shore, soul speaks to soul. And after this speechless communion she returns to her home consoled and satisfied as though she had heard from the lips of him whom she loves and yet doubts. How charming you are and yet so deceitful! How loving and yet at times so furious! So charming and yet so repellent! Such a universal teacher and yet forever with-holding hidden mysteries. Your deeps are dumb. In your love and fury, are you trying to teach us that death is grander than life, and that immortality is sublimer than nature's charms?

As I stand upon your shore you seem to be incessantly hurrying, running, and tumbling upon the sands of the beach. Are you longing to be free? You come with rapid pace as though glad to reach the shore. You seem so happy just to spread out your liquid hands and arms on the smooth, sandy beach. And then you quietly return, thrilled and charmed, as though you had got the caress of your earth-lover. Then decoyingly you slink back into the deep to await your turn in the ceaseless charm of the shore's warm caresses.

You are forever mourning, forever pleading, forever revealing, forever hiding wordless mysteries. You are forever wailing as though speaking for the dead; forever with contradicting moods; forever loved, forever feared, forever treacherous. You are the enigma of the ages. Is that why your God said to you, "Thus far and no farther"? Yet you have faithfully listened to His ambassadors. Their prayers have produced the hush of storms upon your heaving breast; and you have borne them to foreign lands and returned them again to their homes and loved ones.

Now adieu, for my steps lead me far from you. *When the command* ~~shall yet~~ *comes for you to give* ~~stand upon your shores when the command comes for you to give~~ *upon your shores. I shall stand again upon your shores.*



AN APOSTROPHE TO THE OCEAN.

✓ O sad and ceaseless Ocean, I stand on your shore and look out on your restless breast ~~with awe~~ <sup>with awe</sup>. You seem to be ever coming from without the infinite. As I watch I feel you are bringing to shore some truth - some mystery from the weird unknown. But when you reach my feet there is no answer from your liquid lips. You give no hint of the hidden past. You tell me not of the dead you claimed eternities ago. Where are they whom you engulfed in recent decade? You lap the shore and purr at my feet when you are in pleasant mood, but to my yearning inquiry you are unkindful. Will you forever slight off my heart-aching longings, turning me away empty? Yet you hold mysteries which time or your cavernous voices have never revealed.

✓ I know not your age nor have you answered the quest of the scientist. I read your tracks on my shore, yet they do not reveal to me how long you have walked on the sands of the past.

✓ At times you moan and roar. Are you sad? Again at times you purr at my feet as though you would be companion to me. Are your briny deeps the tears of sorrowful women? Are you regretful over the deeds of ~~your~~ <sup>you</sup> you have done? Do remember those you denied fresh water and let them die of thirst? Do you moan for these?

(Inured) ~~Inured to your~~ Like a charming maiden with your matchless wiles you have ~~called~~ <sup>lured</sup> gallant sons from many lands ~~to your bosom and~~ they have made their beds upon your restless waves. They sang of your glory and forgot the ties of home. You ~~have danced upon every strand with entrancing grace.~~ <sup>with entrancing grace</sup> Till her sons have left father, mother, sister, brother and all for thee.