

News From The Mission Field

Editor Cardston Star,

Will you kindly permit me a little space in your columns to give my friends and those I love my appreciation and thanks together with the love of the few Saints of the Swinton Branch of the Manchester Conference among whom I have been called to labor, for the kind token they have sent to aid us, in the grand work of the Lord; engaged in by his humble servants. Little do a great many of us at home know what a few pennies will do to spread truth in the world to mankind, and from the gratitude of my heart together with the saints here we thank you for your assistance given us and so promptly which shows a liberal feeling. Little, I say did some of my friends think they were aiding the work of God so much by giving their 50c to aid us in spreading truth as they were for tonight we will lead five honest souls down into the waters of Baptism as a result of our faithful labors.

I would like, if you can spare a little space Mr. Editor to give a brief history of our labors since I left home on the 23rd day of November. After bidding friends and loved ones good bye, we, (Elder John Layne and myself) started for the fountain head of the Church and on the 4th day of December (being my birthday) were set apart for a mission to Great Britain. Starting on our journey the same evening and in a few moments 26 embassadors of truth became as brothers, singing the songs of Zion as we passed from state to state finally landing in Navvoo we sought the places and land marks made by many of our fathers visiting winter quarters now known as Florence, among them being the grave yard and tree planted therein by Brigham Young which was all in a dilapidated condition, from here we continued singing the songs of Zion and hearing the testimonies

to each other as we continued our journey, and I thought how different it was with us than with our fathers 60 years ago, when they left their beautiful city at the point of Bayonet in the dead of winter fleeing to winter quarters (or Florence) thus accounting for the many graves there, Passing by Niagara with all of its beautiful scenery, we arrived in Portland Maine, when we set sail on the ship "Canada," on Dec 12th. What transpired after a few hours I will bury in the sea, as I buried all I had gained for days before, and those I do not want to resurrect as they were anything but pleasant. Two deaths occurred and I thought I would not object to three. Arriving in Liverpool Dec. 20th we met Elders Joseph Card and Scott Brown and experiencing a much pleasanter time than the eight previous days, I was appointed to labor in the Manchester Conference, assigned to labor with Elder Joseph F. Evans of Salt Lake to try and open up a branch of the Church in Swinton and surrounding cities. We went to work as assigned. The report was soon circulated that the Mormons had again landed and Ministers were warning their flock to beware of those horrible Mormons. Thus we soon became notable characters and the way we were stared at on the street you would have thought we were curious beings from some foreign land. We at once set to work to try and find a hall to preach in but no one desired to rent us a hall at any price so we were determined to open up a branch of the Church here, we rented an up stair room over an old bakery with the gable end out, bricked up the end ourselves, white-washed and scrubbed floor, etc., and went to work to procure a few benches, stove, table etc., and began to preach Mormonism in Swinton. So the small contribution of our friends there aided us in getting our benches and stove etc., and we appreciate it greatly with thankful hearts, and

Is Prohibition a Dismal Failure?

In order to test the truth of the statement made by friends to the effect that Prohibition is a failure Mr. I. B. Ball of this city wrote J. R. Mulvane, president of the Bank of Topeka, Topeka, Kans., last week. His answer has arrived and has been submitted to the Deseret News. The "News" in turn submits it to its readers:

Topeka, Kansas, Jan 15, 1909.
I. B. Ball, Esq., 219 South Main St., Salt Lake City, Utah,
Dear Sir—

It is with pleasure that I reply to your enquiry of 11th inst., relative to the effects of prohibition on the prosperity of this state.

Kansas never was more prosperous than she is today. Conditions have constantly proved during the past 15 years. Ninety-five of our counties maintain poorhouses and in forty of these there are no inmates; in many counties there are no occupants in the county jails I am quite sure you cannot point to a liquor state where conditions approach this. In Shawnee county, our own county, we have less people in our poorhouse than we had when our population was only half as large as it is now. There have been a few towns where the prohibitory law was not enforced, until within a short time ago and in these towns conditions have not been so good as in the law abiding places; in fact they have had a decidedly decadent appearance.

As to the city of Topeka, I can assure you that we are in a very prosperous condition. Our bank clearings amount to about \$67,000,000, annually and show a very favorable comparative increase. We are putting up fine new buildings. In the last two years several buildings have gone up which eclipse anything heretofore built here. Our leading daily paper has just moved into a magnificent new home costing upwards of \$100,000, which is pronounced one of the finest newspaper buildings in the west. We have 20 or 25 splendid modern school houses and are still building them. Our streets are all paved in the central part of town and we have a total mileage of pavement of 38 miles. Contracts will be let for many additional blocks to be completed this year. The street railway system is excellent. A new company had sufficient faith in Topeka five years ago to buy the property and relay all tracks and replace all rolling stock, besides making large extensions. This alone would indicate a strong condition of prosperity.

I have not touched upon the immense benefits which have accrued to the families of the laboring people—those who are generally most directly affected by the presence of saloons. You have asked me to state the results of prohibition principally from a business point of view, and I have tried to give you a plain, honest answer. There is no longer any question in this community as to the benefits derived from the law, and no candidate for office now dares to advocate the repeal or even the reconsideration of the same.

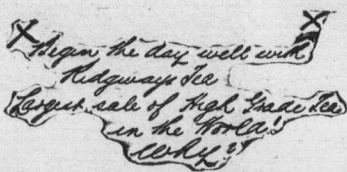
If I can be of any further service to you let me know.

At our Sept. term of courts in over 30 counties, not a single criminal case on the docket. Our population is about 42,000. Don't forget that over one-half of the dimes paid to saloons is kept out of till of the butcher, baker and merchant. In fact it is a levy on all legitimate business. A financial as well as moral leper.

Yours truly,
J. R. MULVANE.

As I said tonight we will baptize five souls and have a goodly number investigating the truth, and God is blessing us greatly as His servants and we rejoice in his blessings and the message we have to bear.

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