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Feb. 11. In company with Bro. Hatch and my wife, Emma S., started for Showlow Ward to attend ward conference. Attended priesthood meeting in the school house at Fool's Hollow. Stayed at Willard Whipple's. **Feb. 12.** Attended the conference a.m. Bros. Freeman and Hatch spoke; p.m. I spoke, also Sisters Smith and Driggs besides the local authorities. Met Edmund Ellsworth who was in poor health. He told me he heard Joseph Smith say in Nauvoo that the outsiders would not let the Saints stay there. Said they would remove to the Rocky Mountains where they would spread abroad until Israel would become very great. . . . **Feb. 13.** Returned home. The family were celebrating Sister Ellen Larson's birthday. **Feb. 24.** Attended High Council.

Feb. 25. (Sat.) Attended Young Men's and Young Women's conference. Present were Bros. Dalton and Cluff as missionaries from Utah. **Feb. 26, 27.** Quarterly conference, Bro. Udall and others from St. Johns Stake present. **Mar. 6.** Bro. B. H. Roberts arrived from St. Johns; held evening meeting. **Mar. 7.** Meeting with the Seventies, after which he went to Holbrook.

Mar. 31. (Fri.) Left home for Salt Lake City accompanied by my wife, Emma S., and my daughter, Bashie, with many others. Reached Holbrook the same evening; in all some 38 persons including my son, Joseph W., and his wife, Sarah E., and my daughter, Seraphine, and her infant son. Arrangements had been made with the railway companies for a rate of \$45 for the round trip. Stayed at Mrs. Lindy Scott's by her invitation. **April 1.** Took the east bound train for Albuquerque at 1 p.m., it being four hours late, where Sarah M. Rogers and her little boy turned off for Deming.

April 2. (Sun.) At the town of Springer in New Mexico we overtook a passenger train waiting for the clearing off of a wreck from the track. Upon the train were some Saints from Mexico, among whom were my son, Jesse N., Bros. Lunt, Pratt, Nagle, Harris and others. While stopping had an opportunity of listening to the sounds of a phonograph. After a delay of some hours started again. **April 3.** Stayed a short time at Colorado Springs. Off at 10:30 a.m. The car was uncomfortable and dirty. At 7 p.m. just after crossing Hagerman's Pass having obtained consent from the conductor, a meeting was held in the car occupied by the Saints from Mexico, at which I spoke about 30 minutes, making all hear, I believe, followed by Henry Lunt, L. H. Hatch and D. L. Harris. **April 4. (Tues.)** Reached Salt Lake City at 5 p.m. Attended to various items of business.

April 5. Attended conference. Received a telegram from J. R. Hulet about the land money. Replied as follows: "Check was mailed you today." Did a great deal of business for members of our Stake.

April 6. Upon arising with my wife, Emma S., we sought the Lord in prayer, and I received an assurance that my sins were forgiven me and at the same time a realizing sense of my littleness and comparative nothingness. I felt no enmity against any of God's creatures, but a determination to do right with His assistance. Refrained from food and drink. Attended the priesthood dedication services in the

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temple at 10 a.m. The brethren all looked good to me, some of them better than I expected, and when I looked at Pres. Woodruff his soul looked white to me. He offered the dedicatory prayer. Attended the services in the p.m., it being the time appointed for members from our Stake; my wife and Bashie attended. The prayer was offered by Pres. Cannon. Spent the evening by invitation at Pres. Joseph F. Smith's. In the course of the evening he made a remarkable statement to me and to others, that I was the best man among all his acquaintances. **April 7.** Visited friends; went to the theatre. Passed a large part of the time in the society of my brother, Silas, and his sons, Silas S. and Albert R.

April 8. (Sun.) Received special permits for self and sons, for Uncle Silas and Bro. L. H. Hatch to attend all the temple services. Attended twice a day with two exceptions until the evening of the 18th instant. Pres. Woodruff taught that to enjoy the Holy Spirit was a greater testimony to any man than to enjoy the presence of an angel. Said he never witnessed so great an outpouring of the Holy Spirit but once before, and that was when Joseph Smith said that Adam lived to be older than any other man, but died inside the thousand year limit. Said once in A. O. Smoot's mother's house an angel appeared to him and showed him a panorama of future events. Also of seeing a vision of thousands of the Lamanites enter the temple by the door in the west end of the building previously unknown to him. They took charge of the temple and could do as much ordinance work in an hour as the other brethren could do in a day. He prophesied that the Presidency and Twelve would never again be disunited, but if any one of them got wrong the Lord would remove them. Said no one's standing is secure unless the person has a consciousness that his course is approved of God. Announced that it had been shown him that God had accepted the temple and forgiven the sins of the people. F. D. Richards said it was of more importance for the people to be accepted than for the temple to be accepted. Pres. Cannon warned the Saints against a relapse into sinfulness and indifference. Pres. Joseph F. Smith said, "Don't be Saints today and sinners tomorrow."

April 19. Attended a meeting of the authorities of Zion comprising the general authorities of the Church and various Stakes to the number of 110 men. There were two very long meetings in the room of the First Presidency. All spoke. Bro. L. H. Hatch bore testimony to my integrity in the duties of my calling. **April 20.** Again met in the temple in the room of the Presidency, this time fasting. Pres. Woodruff was unable to be present. Instructions by the Presidency and Twelve; 115 of us clothed and held prayer circle in the Celestial room, after which we partook of the sacrament according to the true order in the room of the Presidency. The meeting lasted eight hours. Pres. Joseph F. Smith stated to Bro. N. C. Flygare in my presence that I was the best man within the circle of his acquaintance.

Pres. Woodruff related a circumstance that happened when the gospel was first preached in London by George A. Smith and himself. They were attacked by a legion of devils, and it seemed that their

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