

Bancroft to use in a proposed new edition of his history of Utah. Bro. Young and I were appointed to see and arrange with Utah artists for some 13 sketches. — I worked at the juvenile office until nearly midnight and then went with Walter J. Lewis to supper at Gallagher's restaurant. Thereafter I went to Sarah's and to bed.

Friday, Dec'r. 6th, 1889. } Cloudy today but no storm. — My
Salt Lake City. } whole forenoon was spent at the office
in answering letters, arranging and marking goods, etc. At 2 p.
m. I went to the Gardo House where several of the Apostles met
with a number of the People's Party Central Committee when the
matter of an appeal from Anderson's decision in the naturali-
zation cases to the Territorial and U. S. Supreme Courts was con-
sidered. Most of those present were in favor of carrying the case
to the highest court. — The best method of protesting against An-
derson's ruling was then debated. The plan which seemed to meet
with the most favor was for the First Presidency and Apostles to
prepare and sign a dignified paper, without even mentioning
the actions of the Courts, setting forth our doctrines, and denying
the wicked charges of our murderous character and disloyalty to
the government. Then another paper was to be signed by the "Ma-
mon" business men of the city giving the lie to Anderson's state-
ments. Following these mass meetings were to be called throughout
the territory to protest against the vile political scheme to which
Anderson has lent himself to rob a whole people of their franchise.

About 4.30 p.m. this meeting adjourned and was followed by a meeting of Presidents Woodruff, Cannon and Smith and Pres. Lyman and Grant. We here considered and made a few changes in a circular letter that is to be sent out to the Presidents of stakes advising them to propose to the people of their stakes to spend the 23d of this month - the anniversary of the Prophet's birthday - in fasting and prayer that the Lord may interpose in behalf of His people and preserve them from the power of their enemies and incline the hearts of the rulers of the nation to us. We are also to pray for a righteous decision in the church suits now pending before the U.S. Supreme Court, and also for other things which the Spirit may prompt. — In speaking of the recent examination before Judge Anderson Father said that he understood when he had his endowment in Nauvoo that he took an oath against the murderers of the Prophet Joseph as well as other prophets, and if he had ever met any of those who had taken a hand in that massacre he would undoubtedly have attempted to avenge the blood of the martyrs. The Prophet charged Stephen Markham to avenge his blood should he be slain; after the Prophet's death Bro. Markham attempted to tell this to an assembly of the Saints, but Willard Richards pulled him down from the stand, as he feared the effect on the enraged people. — Bro. Joseph F. Smith was traveling some years ago near Carthage when he met a man who said he had just arrived five

minutes too late to see the Smiths killed. Instantly a dark cloud seemed to overshadow Bro. Smith and he asked how this man looked upon the deed. Bro. S. was oppressed by a most horrible feeling as he waited for a reply. After a brief pause the man answered, "Just as I have always looked upon it—that it was a d—d cold-blooded murder." The clouds immediately lifted from Bro. Smith and he found that he had his open pocket knife grasped in his hand in his pocket, and he believes that had this man given his approval to that murder of the prophets he would have immediately struck him to the heart. — In the evening I was at a party in the 14th Ward for a few minutes, but only danced once. Thereafter I went to the farm with Mina.

Saturday, Dec'r 7th:— Very stormy and dismal day. — I was at the office all day where I was engaged in answering letters and arranging goods. In the evening I went to the farm and spent my time in reading. — My teamsters - Lehi and Nephi Howe - were at the party last night and thereafter both got drunk. They therefore did not work today. I gave them warning of a discharge if they allow this to again occur.

Sunday, Dec'r 8th, 1889: } Nice though cool day. — At 8.20
Salt Lake City. } a.m. I took the north-bound train and went to Kaysville. Father, F. M. Lyman and B. H. Roberts also went thither. Bro. Barnes kindly received us