

Peter Haws called for twenty five hands to go with him to the pine country, to get lumber for the Nauvoo House.

Prest. Young instructed the laborers on the Nauvoo House to commence next morning, even if they had to beg food of their neighbors to commence with, and requested families to board hands till means could be procured.

Monday, 24.—In the morning I took my children a pleasure ride in the carriage.

At 1 p.m., Prest. B. Young, H. C. Kimball, O. Hyde, J. Taylor, Geo. A. Smith, W. Woodruff and W. Richards met in council in my office, and agreed to go to Augusta, Iowa; spend the next Sabbath, and devise means to secure the property which has been purchased of Moffat, by the Nauvoo House Trustees, and voted John Carnes go on a mission to England; Peter Haws and James Brown to Tuscaloosa, Alabama; that Elder Murray Seaman be instructed to return home immediately, and that Mr. Lucien Woodworth be respectfully requested, immediately, to furnish the Twelve with a draft of the exterior and interior of the Nauvoo House.

Prince Louis Napoleon, claimant of the imperial throne of France, writes from his prison at Ham, to the Parisian journals, "I would prefer captivity on the French soil, to freedom in exile."

Tuesday, 25.—In the office in the morning, and heard read the proceedings of the Twelve Apostles yesterday.

Lucius N. Scovil and other Masons came to see me concerning H. G. Sherwood, when I was told that Grand Master G. M. Nye was dead, which caused the following remark:—When Nye was here trying to pull me by the nose and trample on me, I inquired of the Lord, if I was to be led by the nose and cuffed about by such a man? I received for answer, "wait a minute." Nye is dead; and any man or Mason who attempts to ride me down and oppress me, will run against the boss of Jehovah's buckler, and will be quickly moved out of the way. Nye was a hypocritical Presbyterian preacher, and was known to have committed adultery in this city, and violated his oath as a Master Mason. He started an opposition lodge on the hill, called the Nye Lodge; on which subject I said, They will do us all the injury they can, but let them go ahead, although it will result in a division of the lodge. Nye, fearing the penalty of the city ordinances on adultery, speedily fled from Nauvoo, and soon after died suddenly in Iowa.

At 3½ p.m., rain fell in torrents, and wind blew strong from N. W.—several barns were blown down; so dark for fifteen minutes could not see to write—considerable hail fell. The creeks rose very high, the land covered with water.

Wednesday, 26.—At home. Squally and cold weather.

Received of Wilford Woodruff, a deed of N. ¼ of lot 4, block 12, on Kimball's second addition, valued at \$50 on titling.

Thursday, 27.—At 11 a.m., sat in mayor's court; when Jonathan Ford proved a stolen horse.

Visited at bro. H. C. Kimball's with William Clayton.

The Nye Lodge was installed on the hill. English state documents show an annual loss of £3,000,000, and 1000 lives on the coast of Portsmouth, for want of harbors of refuge.

Friday, 28.—At home.

Saturday, 29.—Rode out to the prairie with my brothers William and Samuel, and John Topham, and apportioned a lot between sister Mulbolland and John Scott.

Elders B. Young, H. C. Kimball, W. Woodruff, Geo. A. Smith, Joseph Young, and Peter Haws rode to Augusta, Iowa.

Sunday, 30.—The brethren held a meeting at Augusta, and had a good time, about 200 Saints were present. Augusta is a flourishing little town; there are three saw-mills, and two flour mills, having excellent water privileges.

At 10 a.m., a trial commenced before the First Presidency, Graham Coltrin vs. Anson Matthews, being an appeal from the High Council on complaint: "First, for a failure in refusing to perform according to contract respecting the sale of a piece of land by him sold to me. Second, for transferring his property in a way to enable him to bid defiance to the result and force of law, and to evade the aforesaid contracts; thereby wronging me out of my just claim to the same; and also for lying," &c. &c.

Witnesses for plaintiff—H. G. Sherwood, N. G. Blodgett, Zebedee Coltrin, Father Coltrin.

Witnesses for defence—Two affidavits of George Reads, Mrs. Matthews, bro. Browett, Samuel Thompson, Richard Slater.

Decision of the council is, that the charges are not sustained.

Monday, May 1.—I rode out with Lucien Woodworth, and paid him £20 for the Nauvoo House, which I borrowed of William Allen.

I insert fac similes of the six brass plates found near Kinderhook, in Pike county, Illinois, on April 23, by Mr. R. Wiley and others, while excavating a large mound. They found a skeleton about six feet from the surface of the earth, which must have stood nine feet high. The plates were found on the breast of the skeleton, and were covered on both sides with ancient characters.

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HISTORY OF JOSEPH SMITH.

APRIL, 1843.

Thursday, 20.—I went out with bro. Manhard to shew him some lots, and settled with him, and afterwards heard read a proof sheet of the elders' conference.

Elder Rigdon received a letter last Sunday, informing him that the Nauvoo Post Office was abolished. He foolishly supposed it genuine, neglected his duty, and started for Cathage to learn more about it, but was met by Mr. Hamilton, an old mail contractor, who satisfied him it was a hoax, and he returned home and the mail arrived as usual to-day.

Friday, 21.—I rode out in the city; and in the afternoon went to my farm.

There was an officer drill of the Nauvoo Legion.

Saturday, 22.—The cohorts of the Legion were in exercise this day. My staff came out with me, and spent the day in riding, exercising and organizing, and sitting in court martial, to ascertain to what staff Robert D. Foster, surgeon general; Hugh Mc Fall, adjutant general; and Daniel H. Wells, commissary general, belonged.

Sunday, 23.—Nine to ten a.m. at home, heard read Truthiana No. 6; also the minutes of special conference, which I revised.

Eleven a.m., meeting at the Temple stand; B. Young, P. P. Pratt, O. Pratt, O. Hyde, Geo. A. Smith, W. Richards, present.

O. Hyde prayed.

Prest. B. Young preached on the subject of salvation, and the Twelve commenced their mission to build the Nauvoo House; for the salvation of the church, it was necessary that the public buildings should be erected, &c.

P. P. Pratt preached in the afternoon, showing the rapid increase of Nauvoo during the past three years.