leave and stay away we will be contented
with what we can raise independent of
all those who are wandering abroad and
trying to shake hands with the Devil. But I find that those who stay here, and
do their duty and struggle to fulfill coun-
sel, will increase in all that is good, while
the others—pig and puppy—will all go
to hell together. I know that we are
very pious, and for want of better un-
derstanding make mistakes in reference
to blessings. Joseph used very often to
get up and bless the congregation in the
name of the Lord; President Young does
so sometimes in a very emphatic man-
ner, but are these blessings appreciated?

Now I do not care how much wealth
you pour into the laps of men, unless
there is in their bosoms the Spirit of God
they are unhappy. You may also fill a
woman's lap with riches, surround her
with every imaginable comfort, and if
she has not the Spirit of the Almighty
within her, and the spirit of content-
ment she will be miserable. It is so with
all of us; unless we have the spirit of
contentment in our hearts we are mis-
erable, and unless we can enjoy that
spirit which brings happiness, inspires
the soul and makes a heaven in ev-
ery home, we shall be constantly un-
easy. Watch the men who have gone
abroad; if they become discontented the
Spirit of the Most High leaves them, but
if they do not get uneasy and unset-
tled in their minds they have no fear
of death, but they rejoice in the enjoy-
ment of the Spirit of the Lord and the
spirit of mercy, then the light of revela-
tion, peace, happiness and contentment
are and forever will be their portion. So
will it be with all of us. These are the
blessings of the Lord unto his faithful
people. If a man has all the wealth in
creation, and has heaped upon him all
the honors and powers that the world
can give, his soul is discontented and
miserable, unless he possesses the Spirit
of Christ.

I recollect reading in Seers' History
of India of "an English envoy sent on
a mission to Delhi about ten years be-
fore the emperor's death, on being intro-
duced into their imperial presence, was
surprised to see a little old man, with
a long silvery beard, dressed in plain
white muslin, standing in the midst
of a group of omrahs (Hindoo noble-
men) whose rich robes sparkling with
jewels, formed a striking contrast to
the unostentatious appearance of their
sovereign." This Aurung-Zeb was re-
markable for the simplicity of his habits
and manners, which he constantly main-
tained amid the splendor of the most
magnificent court in the world. He died
at the advanced age of eighty-nine, in
the fiftieth year of his reign. The very
wealth and riches that were around him
were misery to him, and the crimes that
had put the other claimers to his throne
into the grave, made him, in the midst of
splendor miserably miserable.

Brethren, study to be content, and
when we want to see if we can't go off
to California and get some more spices
and some things that we cannot get here;
to surround ourselves with sweet meats,
let us just remember brother Musser's
remark—"Shake your head." Emphati-
cally, No; I love Zion better than all
things else.

Now the facts are, the comforts of life
depend upon the manner good things are
used. You may get the choicest of this
world's goods; I don't care if the wealth
of the world is used to get the most de-
licious dishes for a man to live upon,
in a short time they become sickening
and nauseous and are actually injuri-
ous to the human system. Those who
live in this way become weak and effem-
inate, and finally rendered entirely use-
less. For my own part, I say give me the
good wheat and good plain living, then I