speaking, followed in his track, and
spread themselves over the face of the
land. But see what these adventures
have come to. This country discovered
by him, is enveloped in war; and if you
live a few years longer you will see much
of the land that has been blessed with
unequaled prosperity from the east to
the west, a wilderness and a desolation;
and this will be in consequence of the
abuse of the blessings bestowed upon it
by those who enjoyed them. If I mis-
take not, a certain Senator said to a Sen-
ator from Louisiana, "What are you go-
ing to do with Louisiana?" "Why," was
the reply, "Louisiana was a wilderness
when we bought her from France, and
if she secede we will make her a wilder-
ness again." If the land does not be-
come a wilderness and a desolation, we
do not see correctly—we do not under-
stand correctly the revelations which the
Almighty has given us. The scripture
says, that in the last days His people will
go forth and build up the waste places of
Zion. But they must first be made deso-
late, before they can be called "the waste
places of Zion." Then the hands of the
Saints will be required to build them up.

Compare the coming of the Saints
here with the banishment of Joseph
into Egypt, and the manner in which
Columbus was sent off on his perilous
exploration, and note the conclusion
that follows. The world dreaded the
gerns of greatness which they saw in
the Saints. They dreaded the power
that seemed to attend them. They
were almost at war with us because
we were united. They disliked the
idea of our being politically one, they
wanted us to be of different parties. But
when they saw we were united, they
said, "There is a power that is destined
to make them great, to exalt them." And
let me say here to the Saints, be you
united and be one with your leader and
you will as surely ascend to power and el-
vation in the earth as Joseph of old did
in the land of Egypt. We are here, and in
unity. We are not destroyed. When I look
at our condition at the present time, I
cannot but feel that we should be thank-
ful to the Lord, every day of our lives.

I was once in business, in the East,
in the mercantile line, and we used to
sell our common unbleached factory at
16 and 2/3 cents a yard. A yard of factory
brought a bushel of oats. When I see that
the Saints can now get three yards of
factory for a bushel of oats—three times
as much for their produce, "in this God-
forsaken country," so-called by some, as
we could get when we were in the east,
I have said, what but the hand of God
could have done it. I feel that the hand
of God is over this people. Then why, in
the day of prosperity, should we permit
our hearts to run after the things of this
world, and not permit our feelings and
affections to be centered in this King-
dom, and use the riches of this world as
we use the waters of the ocean—not en-
ter into them to be engulfed by them, but
slide over them to power and greatness
as the ship moves onward to her destined
port.

Brethren and sisters, be faithful—be
true to the Lord our God. Though you
should not get so much of this world's
goods, be sure your hearts are in unison
with the God of heaven. May the peace
of Israel be and abide with you, and with
those who guide the destinies of Israel
from this time henceforth and forever:
Amen.