safe, our grain is laid up.” That would make
the people feel free, easy, and independent,
and it ought to be their position today.
Well, so much for the political economy
that ought to exist in our midst, and by
which we as a people ought to be governed. I
believe it is the duty of the Bishops and of all
our leading men to see these things carried
out. I know it is the wish of President Young
and of the Lord. We profess to be the people
of God, let us subject ourselves to His sway
and carry out His designs. We have laid
aside our old religion, morals, and politics
long ago, and have got a better kind. Let us
lay aside our old political economy and get
one that is calculated to sustain us in every
position in life and be one in that as in
other things. I see I am talking too long.
May the Lord bless and guide us and help
us to be one, that we may be one with Him
in His kingdom, in the name of Jesus.
Amen.

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DISCOURSE BY ELDER GEORGE A. SMITH, DELIVERED IN THE TABERNACLE,
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The crowded condition of the Taberna-
acle this morning, and the reflection that
there is a number of persons outside who
are so unlucky as to be too late to obtain
admittance, reminds us forcibly of the ne-
cessity there exists for a vigorous prosecu-
tion of the work upon the new Tabernacle,
that we may be prepared to accommodate
the brethren and sisters with seats, especially
during Conference. I expect that by the
time our great Tabernacle is finished we
shall begin to complain that it is too small,
for we have never yet had a building suffi-
ciently large and convenient to accommo-
date our congregations at Conference times.
In fact, “Mormonism” has seemed to flour-
ish best out of doors, where there was more
room. This circumstance has worn heavily
upon the lungs of our Elders, and especially
of the Presidency, who have been under the
necessity of speaking to very large audiences
in the open air, and it is very important that
we should concentrate our efforts to render
the new Tabernacle habitable as soon as pos-
able. Should that portion of the inhabitants
of this city that naturally ought to attend
meeting be punctual on the Sabbath day we
should find it too small, and should wish
that we had half a dozen galleries capable of
holding three or four thousand each, that the
people might get somewhere within compass
and hear the word of the Lord.
It is written by one of the pro-
phets, that the time should come