necessaries and comforts of life, and he
provided a way for them to obtain them.
He opened the mines of California, and
he caused the news to fly eastward, and
this inspired the people of the East, al-
most en masse, to go to the Eldorado of
the West to secure the precious metals.
I happened to be on the borders at the
time the excitement was in progress, and
having crossed the Plains once or twice,
people came to me to know what they
should load with. I told them to take
plenty of flour, for that would be good
anyhow, and if they took more than they
could carry they could trade it with the
Indians to good advantage for something
that they needed. I also told them to
take plenty of bacon, the very best that
they could bring; plenty of sugar, and
also plenty of coffee and tea, we were
not quite so conscientious in those days
about using tea and coffee as we profess
to be now. I also told them to take plenty
of clothing, such as shirts, overcoats,
blankets and everything that would keep
the body warm; and I told them that
tools of every kind would be very con-
venient and almost indispensable, such
as spades, shovels, planes, saws, augurs,
chisels, and everything that a carpenter
needs, for said I—"When you get to the
end of your journey you may not find
everything to your hand that you want,
and these things will be very convenient
for you to build with." And I gave them
this counsel in good faith, for I thought
if they did not feel disposed to carry all
these things through, they could very
readily exchange them in our valley for
something that our folks could spare and
which the emigrants would find useful.

Well, they fitted up train after
train with these staple articles, and
to use a steamboat phrase, they
loaded to the very guards, and when
many of them reached here, having been
retarded by their heavy loads, it was so
late that they said—"If we attempt to
go through to California with this out-
fit, we shall be swamped in the snows of
the Sierra Nevada Mountains, and so we
must leave it here." They had brought it
just where God wanted it, for said he—"I
knew you had need of these things;" and
while many of those who brought them
along were good, honorable men, it so
happened in the providence of God that
his people were abundantly supplied.

Did not brother Kimball prophesy
here once, in a time of the greatest
strait, that goods and merchandise of ev-
ery kind would be so cheap and plen-
tiful within a certain time, that they
would have to be piled up on the way-
side? Yes, and his prediction came true,
and the merchandise had to be placed
by the wayside because there were not
houses enough to put it in. Well, when
the emigrants got here with their jaded
teams, they were glad to trade them
off. Said they—"Here gentlemen, are the
dry goods, merchandise, tools, and other
things we have brought along, they are
at your service, give us a pack mule and
a pack saddle, a lariat and a pair of spurs
that we may go on our way." This was the
way matters were arranged in many in-
stances, and there was no fault to find,
we did the best we could under the cir-
cumstances, and they did the best they
were obliged to for us.

Who financiered that? Was that on
the principle of two and two make four?
I do not object at all to that principle, but
one is the result of human skill and wis-
dom, the other is based upon unshaken
faith in God. That is what I am com-
ing to—unshaken faith in God, which
in this case, in our own experience,