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Record of quorum meetings held in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, January 1848-September 1851, as well as business matters and ordinations. Record begins 2 January 1848 with reorganization of quorum. James Sloan was newly appointed clerk. William Snow acted as president until August 1850. Lyman Stoddard served as president pro tem from then until February 1851, when George Coulson became president. Most meetings seem to have been held at Blockhouse Branch. Meetings were discontinued shortly after February 1851, per note of James Sloan at end of record. At back of the volume is roster of quorum members, listed by branch, with occasional notations regarding disciplinary actions, deaths, and removal of individuals to other places. Minutes report remarks of numerous church leaders, including Orson Hyde, George A. Smith, Ezra T. Benson, and Almon W. Babbitt, as well as remarks by Oliver Cowdery when he requested rebaptism on 5 November 1848 (pp. 9-10).

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Holy Ghost dwells it is impossible to stay his power & influence,

till things shall work to his good, & accuse then to shame. It is

impossible for a man of God to put all things right in his sphere,

but his priesthood requires him to exercise his power and do the

best he can, but when he does not strive, or where there is a chance

to call for council to assist, & if he fails to try this, he will be consi=

=dered not acting in his sphere. Bro Hawes here complained that

his influence is gone, has he managed the things around his own

door, or has he called for Connels to assist him, here are things, these

little things is what has touched he Hearts of People. The Gold

mind found up here, when we went there we knelt down there

& asked God to bless it, that it should be for the benefit of this people,

and let none have power there that will act on selfish motives

in it. I have good feelings towards Bro Hawes & Bro Woodworth. I

understand the Alpha & Omega of the council of 50. Bro Hawes has

not exerted a good influence in his own town, but comes here and

wants to teach us things that we will have to jump 4 rods to

reach them. Give me your faith & you shall have things as they,

shall come to your edification. I am left in charge & I want to

conduct so as to render my account, that he may say well done

good & faithful servant, &c. Bro Benson said, the remarks are

just what we need, we are not to judge men altogether by their

words, Men shall be judged by their works. Bro R. Miller is a

sample. Read the Constitution of the gold mine. Bro Clawson

spoke on branch meetings, & made remarks relative to the last

Ball, by Bro Lamb, followed by Presdt Benson. much talk on dancing

Adjourned till first Sunday in Feby next, at ten o'clock a. m. at same place.

James Sloan, Clerk. Wm Snow Presdt

Sunday feby 4th 1849. The High Priests quorum met. presdt Wm

Snow, & Presdt G. A. Smith in attendance. Prayer by G. A. Smith.

Hymn sung by the assembly. After some appropriate remarks

by Presdt Snow, Bro G. A. Smith said he had ordained John

Woodland a High Priest, in Pleasant Valley Branch. Elijah Wilson

of Springville branch ordained a High Priest. Jonathon Russel

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