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Reports of conferences held in Kanesville, Iowa, and vicinity, as recorded by high council clerk Evan M. Greene and other clerks. Besides providing information about governance of LDS Iowa settlements by presiding officer Orson Hyde and his associates, items in this series also describe plans for immigration to Utah and document concerns of Church leaders about the California gold rush and also about the activities of Lyman Wight, George Miller, and Alpheus Cutler.

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of the rebels from among the saints. read 25c of Mathew 31v - -

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1/2 /1 10 O. Hyde presented the following item of business,,

Apr. 9/48

I wish to speak on one thing that is we are situated here on P planes

1/4,, 10 A. M. [=====]

it is not sacvezed[?sacred? sacrilege?],, the heb- have made claims near to each other

Twelve O. Hyde W. Woodruff Geo. A. Smith O PrattCalled to order + pring by G. A S[mith]Seven- ties Jos. Young H. He[?rrim]an A.P. RockwoodPatri- arch Isaac Morley

and difficulties arise that one encroaches on an other,, the time

is at hand when the Lord will give us the whole earth,, and

High Council Jas. Allred H Hyde Silas Richards Ira Oviatt E. M Greene N S. Bulkley

if we querrel over the small tract give us here,, you would

Door keepers as usual. Marshalas also { H W, Miller Wm Snow

also quarrel about times if you had the whole earth,, here is

Jno. Key sung "The Seer"

a test,, the grand council above says we will open the way

Bro. Emer Harris spake to the congregation on the rise and progress of the Church

in Pt. Ca. to see how they will use it,, now here is the test

from his own experience. He had been highly edi- fied with the teachings of

I dont want to see you go to law,, under certain cir- cumstances it

the brethren during the confrence except one

is better to give up rights than to quarrel about it

one has made

a claim but not fenced it all and another has been fencing

on to his claim to his detriment I want to get you to understand

what I want and you recommend answer "to what I have to say is that will

give a power and force that will put a stop to these quarrels,,

when a man has tried his suit before the proper authorities

and the avaricious man will still proceed let him come and

have it recorded that he relinquished his claim to that ever -

man and let him go as far as he can and he shall have to

come to the other notwithstanding their we[...] they shall have

to come and beg of him something to sustain life,, voted,,

G. A. S[mith]. made suggestion to that man who was moved of his

claim,, I notice to get near this pile of logs. I want to

notice there is good timber prairie and mill privileges,, and

we want the people to go to the land of the tall timber,, It is a

matter of interest for all to make claims where there is

good locations,, I want the people not to claim so

as to crowd

you[r] neighbors,, it is bad policy,, these small claims will not

sell to advantage,, it is a matter of interest these small claims

when half a dollar of one or one half cent[?sections?] give their intire impre[?]

to the poorest one [...on three?] and the rest go to tall timber

if the people on the river Bottoms are washed out I am

clear as a watchman having given them full notice.

I want to say a word on the subject of the case of Bro. Yokums [?William 2BL7-VSL of Haun's Mill?] presented

by bro Miller,, when I talk about him it is about a man who has

become a matter[?mother? martyr?] to the cause,, I propose the idea of someone

letting bro. Yoc have a mare and light waggon to go answer

his friends and I will be responsible for him in this,,

and he can do good in spreading good principles good for him

self and others,, I am the son of a prophet and belong to the family

of prophets, and I know in the name of Israels God if the people

do not shoulder the brethern [?burthen-burden] of the poor of the other sick of

the river we shall not be blessed in in labors + but if we

do we shall be blessed in all things,, do [...] laboring

under the disadvantage of the poor education I
know the use

of it,,,, and feel to correspond with Brother Pratt in
this

thing - I want when our children come out of the
wilderness

better learned than those who have been all the
time in

in the midst of it - I want every neighborhood well
furnished

with a good school,, there another thing I want to
mention

again - reflect on the situation of the settlement of
the valey

in one or two years it will not take 1/4 the teams +
means

that it now will. 3 or 4 members together and
send 1 man on