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The other story which should pique the fancy of any aging flier is the advertising joke published in the Mormon weekly Frontier Guardian at Kanesville. It purported to be an advertisement for overnight flights from New York to San Francisco. Both food and drink were offered. But the 1849 advertisement warned prospective passengers they would have to pay extra for any excess baggage checked on for the flight. This little and otherwise unexplained ad suggests to me the Saints enjoyed a good joke. At the same time they were able to see themselves a thousand miles away from where they might take advantage of such a quick and easy way across the continent.

On the other hand, a serious, if tongue-in-cheek ad, placed in the Frontier Guardian by gunsmith Jonathan Browning certainly supports the idea of good humor among the Saints: His April 4, 1849 ad read: "Gunsmithing