

# Journalist's Description Of Utah's Dixie Land

To the Editor.  
The writer, Adolph Schneider, is one of the four journalists who are making a tour of the world in the interest of scientific research, investigating social, commercial and industrial conditions, habits and customs of the different peoples, etc. The other three members of the party are Silvio Orton, a native of France, who is representing the Courier de France of Paris; Prof. Alfredo Battelli, formerly of the University of Rome, doctor of philosophy and literature, who is gathering data for that institution, and also representing La Tribuna of Rome; and Albert Wilkes, the American of the party, a Harvard graduate, representing the New York American.

Nine different languages are spoken by the combined party, the writer speaking several. The party left New York, Oct. 7, 1909, and traveled together to Pittsburgh, Pa., where we separated, two members covering the southern part of the United States, the other two, the writer and Prof. Battelli, covering the northern part, separating at Denver, Colo., where the writer stayed to investigate conditions in that state, while his companion proceeded to Alaska. The entire party will reassemble at Los Angeles, Cal., and proceed thence to Honolulu, the Philippines, Japan, Korea, China, Tonquin, Siam, India, Tibet, Afghanistan, Turkestan, Persia, Arabia, Asia Minor, Turkey, the Balkan peninsula, Austria, Italy, France, Germany and Great Britain. The entire trip, covering three continents, will occupy five years. Besides writing magazine articles, giving their observations to several magazines and newspapers, the results of their investigations will be published in book form in four different languages, which will be a vast store of valuable information concerning the actual conditions in these several countries as they are today.

While in Utah, where I spent the months of November and December, 1909, I was induced by Gov. William Spry to pay a visit to what is known as "Utah's Dixie," the extreme southwestern portion of the state. This part of Utah lies much lower than the rest of the state, the altitude at St. George, the county seat of Washington county, being 2,800 feet, or 1,600 feet lower than the state capital. Leaving the railroad at Modena, on the Salt Lake Route, the nearest railroad point to St. George, a stage line takes the traveler over a rough mountain road 65 miles to St. George. The journey is a through a desert country, which at several places en route shows that subterranean forces have been at work in the past ages, leaving as monuments their destructive agency numerous extinct volcanoes and ridges of lava, which, with the wonderful freaks of erosion produced by time on the red sandstone formation of the country, forms interesting breaks in a journey that would otherwise be monotonous.

## WONDERFUL CLIMATE.

Arriving near St. George a wonderful change is noticed in the climate. The sun shines more brightly and with more power, and glimpses of the pretty little city are occasionally seen between breaks in the red sandstone and lava ridges that bound the valley. At last we reach St. George, a delightful little city of 1,800 inhabitants, which was first settled by a band of Mormon pioneers sent there by the great Mormon leader, President Brigham Young, in 1861. Although it is the middle of December, rosebushes, oleanders and other shrubs still have their leaves on them, and bouquets of chrysanthemums, plucked out of doors, adorn the tables of the hotels. A feature that strikes the stranger most in this beautiful little valley is the quiet, happy and contented life led by the inhabitants. No saloons are allowed to exist here, but instead is a splendid school system that tends to elevate the young minds and make of them a most desirable class of citizens. The Mormon system of co-operation is here evident in a very marked degree, and one can not but give credit to a system that made gardens of the desert, made happy homes, and built up cities and villages where the stranger is made to feel at home and received in a broad-minded manner that sets his mind at rest. After 15 months spent in traveling over nearly every state in the Union, I was exceedingly pleased with the high standard of life that exists among the Mormon people, who are usually considered a peculiar people. I am not a Mormon, and had heard but little of them until my advent into Utah. Since I have visited amongst them and studied their modes of life and their high ideals, I am forced to the conclusion that they are as well along the road to the universal

brotherhood as any people I have met anywhere. So much for the people. Now to return to St. George and Dixie. While St. George is the chief town in Dixie, yet it was not the first settled. The first settlers came to Dixie in 1857, settling at various places higher up the river and at Santa Clara, a town on the Santa Clara creek, five miles west of St. George, now inhabited by 500 German-Swiss people who are noted for their thrift and energy.

## SUNSHINE ABUNDANT.

The people of Dixie claim over 300 days of clear, bright sunshine during each year, and I can well believe their claim to be well founded, for while it was winter when I was there, a cloudless sky prevailed during that time and the sun shone with remarkable clearness. It is owing to this great amount of sunshine and the short winters, added to the extreme dryness of the long summer, that the fruit grown in Dixie has been acknowledged by experts as better than that of other places, being of a more delicious flavor. Four crops of figs are grown each year; peaches, grapes, almonds, pecan nuts, English walnuts, and other subtropical and temperate zone fruits are grown each year, and cotton was grown for a number of years and worked into cotton materials at a local mill. Fruit growing, however, has not been engaged in to any great extent, commercially, owing to distance from markets and the difficulties of transportation. This is now about to be changed, for a railroad is projected through the county, that will leave the Salt Lake Route at Land and run southerly over the Klabab plateau to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river, the grandest and most sublime scenery in the world, so pronounced by Maj. Powell in his investigations for the United States geological survey.

On the Klabab plateau is an immense body of timber, mostly yellow pine, estimated by the government expert lumbermen (it is on a national forest reserve) to contain upwards of four billion feet of timber ready for the saw immediately available. This timber is the objective point of the railroad, and the scenic portion of the Grand Canyon, which is here at its best, will draw many thousands of tourists annually. One, however, does not have to go as far as the Grand canyon to see sublime scenery, for about 38 miles east of St. George is the Mukuntuweap canyon of the Virgin river, which Maj. Powell of the United States geological survey says: "In its proportions it is about equal to Yosemite, but in the nobility and beauty of the sculptures there is no comparison." The amount of ground under cultivation in Utah's Dixie is not great. Two reasons may be given for this: first, because the early settlers only cultivated that ground that could be easily irrigated, great expense being necessary to bring large areas under cultivation; and secondly, the lack of markets and difficulties of transportation. Now, however, that a railroad is promised, extensive irrigation schemes are projected, one of 100,000 acres, and another of 50,000 acres. The water for these projects will be taken from the Virgin river, and the lands lie in the eastern and southern portions of the county.

## AUTOMOBILE STAGE ROUTE.

Mention was made in the fore part of this article of the rough mountain road over which it was necessary to travel in order to reach Dixie. In less than three months, about March 1, 1910, a fine automobile road will be in operation between St. George and Acama, on the Salt Lake Route, a distance of 68 miles, which will enable travelers to cover the distance in about three or four hours. While I was in St. George making this road, fit for automobile travel was subscribed. Kenneth C. Kerr, the general passenger agent of the Salt Lake Route at Salt Lake City, with whom I became acquainted while there, says of this Acama road that it is the finest mountain road he has seen that only needed some work on the St. George end to make it a perfect automobile road. This road will be a scenic one, and will be the means of bringing in a large number of visitors to Utah's wonderful Dixie, the land of sunshine.

## HARDLY AS ADVERTISED.

Building Trades Council Takes Issue On Real Estate Ass'n Statements.

In a signed statement J. E. Munsey, H. E. Osborne and Parley Burt of the Building Trades council take issue with the Salt Lake Real Estate association in its statements that there is a shortage of skilled labor in Salt Lake. Such statements are said to be misrepresentations, and the delay in the erection of

buildings is said to be due to a lack of material. The statement follows:

Some weeks ago the Salt Lake Real Estate association caused articles to be published in the daily papers stating that building operations were seriously hampered by the scarcity of labor in all the building branches. The matter was taken up with the several local unions, through the Building Trades Council of Salt Lake, and it was unanimously shown that each and every one of those unions engaged in the building trades had members idle at the time. An average of 15 or 20 per cent of their membership were idle and looking for work. And an article was published in the papers at that time, by the press committee of the Building Trades Council stating the facts.

At the present time the Real Estate association is advertising in Collier's Weekly, the Saturday Evening Post and a London weekly, setting forth the imaginary munificent wages paid to laborers of every class, and asking them to come to Salt Lake, and as we positively know, misrepresenting the labor situation here in order to induce them to do so.

The fact is, and can easily be proven, that building operations are retarded by lack of material, and at the present time, by the inclemency of the weather, and not by any scarcity of skilled labor. Another significant fact is that a large percentage of the membership of the building trades unions of Salt Lake are taxpayers, men of families owning their own homes, and just as much interested in the growth and prosperity of the city as the Real Estate association. A committee from the Building Trades Council would be pleased to meet a like committee from the Real Estate association, at any time, to show the truth of the above statements.

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Water, George Austin of Salt Lake and Thomas L. Allen of Coalville; soil, Dr. J. A. Whitson of the State Agricultural college at Logan; minerals, Prof. Joseph F. Merrill of the state school of mines; timber, O. J. Salisbury, vice chairman of the commission.

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