

pointment, and Bro. Isaac Turley to assist him. President Snow and brethren afterwards proceeded with Bro. Ladd, the surveyor, and levelled for a water ditch and located a very pleasant town site, one mile west from the present location. There are 13 men, 14 women, 22 boys and 18 girls; the dwellings are built in half square, on north and west sides, of logs on end, 26 in number, 14 x 16 feet—95 acres of wheat was sown and raised 800 bushels; 10 acres of barley and oats raised 60 bushels; 50 acres of corn raised 500 bushels; seven acres of sugar-cane, raised about 700 gallons molasses; 10 acres in garden and vegetables; 1,200 trees and roots planted; have one round corral 10 rods in diameter, and one corral six rods square; one stack yard 15 x 20 rods; wheat bin 8 x 16 ft., with 250 bushels of last year's wheat on hand; one school-house 19 x 30 ft., blacksmith shop 12 x 14 ft.; carpenter shop 18 x 19 feet. Their dam cost about \$3,000 in labor, is 300 feet long, 40 feet wide, 4 feet high; also a levee at ends of dam, 400 feet long, 8 feet wide and from 3 to 5 feet high. During the late floods the river changed its course, so that the dam and levees are now worthless; the water ditch from dam is some 9 miles long and much damaged by the late rains. The people here also lost about 275 bushels of wheat. They live in their separate families, but join in their labors and proceeds thereof. They have their water for family use in a tank from the river.

At 2 p.m., we bade adieu to the saints here and started for Woodruff, 25 miles. Three miles from St. Joseph we passed the location of Allen's first camp, in a fine grove of cottonwoods, which had been under water during the late flood. Three miles further called at Signor Bernard's ranch, greeted the lady of the house, who appeared pleased to meet the party. Here is kept an assortment of general merchandise; thence two miles to crossing of the Rio Perque. At this place Brother John Hunt parted with us on his way to Savoia Valley up this river, we watered our team and arrived at Woodruff at 6:30. Prest. Lot Smith and Bishop Lake accompanied the party from Sunset. The roads to-day very good, feed excellent; travelled up the east side of river, put up with Brother L. H. Hatch and family. This place was established in May, 1877, and the Saints are living in the United Order, except two families, there are 15 men, 15 women, 25 boys and 20 girls—13 families. The fort is built of rock and adobe houses, in half square, on south and west sides, each line seven rods; the dwellings are 16 x 17 feet, dining hall 16 x 20. Thirty-three acres were sown in wheat, of which only 35 bushels were saved from the flood; lost about 200 bushels, also lost by drouth three acres; have seven acres in corn, will raise about 100 bushels; two and a half acres of sugar cane was sown on poor or mineral land, so that only about 30 gallons of molasses will be obtained; five acres of vegetables proved a failure on account of drouth. The dam is 125 feet long, 50 feet wide and 22 feet high; expended in making and keeping in repair 390 days men's labor and 227 days team labor. During the late flood most of the dam washed out, the land being left high and dry. Three of the sisters occupy the cooking department for one week at a time, assisted by such girls or boys as they desire. The people are supplied with very good water from a well 48 feet deep. The location of the fort is desirable if the waters can only be secured. Bro. L. H. Hatch has had charge here.

This evening President Snow and the brethren marked out the programme of travels from this place, being to proceed to Stinton's ranch, there leave our teams and most of our outfit, obtain fresh animals and take one carriage and proceed to Savoia Valley, visit the Saints there, then return and proceed by way of Camp Apache and Camp Grant to Tes Anemas on the San Pedro, where Bro. P. C. Merrill and company are, thence to Uthville on Salt River, visiting Bros. Jones, Crismon, Rogers and others at that place, where we hope to be on the 19th or 20th of October, leaving our homeward trip for further consideration.

Sept. 26.—About 4 a.m. a heavy shower passed over the fort, causing our brethren to seek shelter in the houses. At 9 a.m. meeting was held under the bowery, when President Snow, Elders Smith, Hinkley and Oliphant addressed the Saints in an encouraging man-

ner. Promised more help, and should they in the family order not be able to secure their dam, that others may be invited to assist as they came along.

In traveling up this river from a few miles below Sunset, we are reminded of many points on the Platte River bottoms—a level flat country, with heavy groves and scattering cottonwoods along the river, with luxuriant grass. Also since arriving at our settlements we have met with some, and others we learn were here before we came, of the political fraternity of this Territory, aspirants for office at the coming November election, each of whom appear very anxious to obtain the votes of our people for, as they say, your people generally vote one way, and whoever is successful in obtaining these votes must certainly be elected. They are very friendly, and give assurances of their good will towards our settlers on this river and its tributaries. We now start up the river to where Bro. Lake and others who vacated Taylor settlement are living, some 27 miles.

Pres. Snow and all the party are enjoying good health and spirits, and join in best wishes and love to yourself and the council of the Twelve.

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