

NEWS FROM PAROWAN.

PAROWAN, Utah, Sept. 7, 1896.

I have noted a few items in my travels through some of our southern counties which may perhaps be of interest to the great public.

At Milford I found there was not that bustle and rustle and rush as I have seen in former years, and in looking through the freight warehouses of the railway and the consolidated company I found them only moderately filled. The true teams were being loaded with various classes of machinery and supplies of various kinds for the mining districts of De Lamar and State line but it was far from reaching anything near the amount in these lines that marked the prosperous days of Pioche, Bullionville and Silver Reef. Knowing ones, however, claimed these new camps were growing—not rushing, but steadily, which they claimed was surer proof of their more permanent growth and continuance as ore-producing camps. They have created a better demand for lumber and other articles, which are being furnished by the various settlements in the south, and I only echo the sentiments of all classes who wish these mining districts to prosper and grow.

While on this subject of mines and mining I must say that while at Beaver I was forcibly struck with the importance of a great mine in any vicinity. There was to be seen huge piles of logs, lumber, etc., all destined for Frisco; wagon loads of hay, grain, etc., on their way to the same place and this great mine, the famous Horo Silver, helping directly the whole of Beaver county.

The crops are far from being good in any section through the South and when I look through the tilth yards, and see the small amount of hay compared with other years, I fear care will surely have to be exercised by many to pass through the winter.

I was fortunate enough to meet with the gentlemen who had been chosen to appraise the Cameron military reservation near Beaver City, and while very reluctant as to their values placed upon the different sections of the reservation, they thought they had given satisfaction to the Government Commissioner Mr. Merritt in their labors and preferred that the values should come through some authorized official source. I was somewhat amazed to find such a strict interpretation placed upon the United States timber laws; it virtually prohibits any export of timber or lumber from the State when taken from government lands and, while all are glad that the law applies to living timber as well as dry, they say there are thousands of dry logs suitable for mining purposes that must lay and rot because they cannot be hauled out of the State. This one item alone is working a great hardship upon a goodly number of men who heretofore have gained their livelihood in this industry.

Commissioners from the seat of government are here in Parowan taking testimony with regard to losses sustained by settlers during the Black Hawk Indian war, and I am sorry to say it is reported that fifty per cent of the claims are rejected from the fact

that many of the settlers at that time were not fully naturalized citizens of the United States. We trust means will be found to give relief to this class of people who suffered equally with the other class of settlers.

There was quite an electrical storm here on the evening of the 7th. Weather reports from Salt Lake say showers and cooler weather, which from present appearances will be verified.

The tannery here is raising caneigre root successfully and producing a good article in much less time than from the use of bark alone. The people realize more fully now, than ever the need of these home industries, but blocks seems always in the way of progress. As one man stated to me: He was on a committee for the purpose of selecting a site for a factory, and they found a stream that did not freeze during the winter and when they met to discuss the matter one man set his foot down and said if the factory was not built at such a place there would be no factory, and the subject was dropped there and then.

I was sorry to see the meeting house at Paragonah making such slow progress. William Williamson of that place met with a serious accident some time ago. He was stooping down to gather some barley when some of the beards struck him in the eye, which is still very painful and of which he may lose the sight.

A huge panther was trapped in this neighborhood on the Lyman McGregor ranch and finally killed. He had been feasting upon young stock and all feel gratified that he was finally captured. I dislike giving measurements they are generally misleading, but this one was generally conceded to be a monster of his kind.

TWIN BROTHER.

CONFERENCE AT ALBERTA.

The Sunday school and regular quarterly conferences of this Stake were held August 22, 23, 24, and a general time of spiritual refreshment was enjoyed by the Saints in this region. Elder Karl G. Maeser did not arrive in time to take part in the Sunday school conference on the 22nd, therefore it was continued on the 23rd, and in the course of the day he gave much timely and impressive instruction to the youth. In the evening he addressed the Saints giving a character sketch of the life of Christ, from His boyhood to his crucifixion.

On Monday forenoon after some necessary business pertaining to the Stake was attended to, President Card, addressed the congregation upon the duties of everyday life; he was followed by Counsellors Woolf and Williams, and Patriarch H. L. Hinman, who all gave much timely instruction. In the afternoon Elder Maeser again addressed the conference, showing the difference between the aspirations of the children of the world and the children of light. Reports were then given from the different wards and associations in the Stake showing a praiseworthy diligence among the Saints, and a desire to continue in the good work of regeneration; after which short addresses were given by the members of the High Council and home missionaries.

President Card made the closing remarks and conference was adjourned for three months.

On Sunday, August 30th, a special conference was called, Elders Lorenzo Snow and John W. Taylor and others from Utah having arrived. After the opening exercises, short reports were given by representatives from the different wards, after which President Snow addressed the conference, referring to his labors in Great Britain fifty-four years ago, and the incidents that led to the settling of this region by the Saints. He predicted a great future for this people, for they were where the Lord wished them to be. He also gave a statement of the great work done in the Temples in Utah for the living and the dead, and promised the Saints the privilege in the future of building temples in this land and officiating therein.

In the afternoon Elder Snow spoke of the experience of the Saints in Kirtland and other places in the early days of the Church, bearing testimony of the Divine authority held by the Prophet Joseph Smith, and of the privilege that each one has who gives obedience to the Gospel to know for himself of the revelation of the truths of Heaven. Elder Taylor followed, bearing testimony that God had again spoken from the heavens, and Israel was being gathered from the nations to prepare for the coming of the Son of Man upon the earth. Elder Card made the closing remarks and thus ended two of the most interesting and instructive conferences ever held in this region. The weather being fine, our meeting house was filled to overflowing by the Saints, also many non-members from the country around.

SYLVESTER LOW,
Stake Clerk.

PLEASANT GROVE ITEMS.

PLEASANT GROVE, Sept. 13, 1896.—It is a safe estimate to say that one hundred wagons loaded with fruit (mostly peaches) leave this town each week for Salt Lake and other markets. The crop will soon be exhausted, the demand is so great.

Elder Charles Cobley left for the Southern States mission last Friday. Several other Elders have received notification to be in readiness soon.

Miss Amy Brown, whose marriage to Mr. Richard R. Lyman was announced last week as "one of Provo's damsels," hails from this delectable burg. While we are not as large numerically as the "Garden City," we boast of lots of pretty girls and plenty of peaches.

The preliminary steps have been taken to erect a roller mill at South Jordan, Bishop Archibald Gardner is the moving spirit in the enterprise. The site is just east of the meeting house there. A company will be formed to carry out the scheme.

Master Eunis Driggs, son of P. P. Driggs, met with a painful accident at Murray last Friday. The little lad slipped a horse on its hind legs. The animal kicked the boy on the chin breaking the jaw bone in three places. The child was nearly killed outright. At last accounts it was thought he would survive the terrible accident.

Advice to relatives here from Mantl