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THE MINSTREL'S LOT.

My lady, when thy cavaliers
About thy footstool bend,
And wait thy words with eager ears;
Thou dost not condescend
To look on me. My faithful lute,
That soothed thee with its song,
Hath lost its charms, the strings are mute
Amid the knightly throng.

Thou givest one thy sleeve to wear,
And one thy hand to press.
Thou dost believe them when they swear
Eternal faithfulness.
Their vows thou dost not seek to prove,
Thou art content the while;
And yet to me, whose life is love,
Thou grantest not one smile.

Yet when, perchance, some feat of arms
Doth call thy knights away,
And they, forgetful of that charms,
Ride forth to join the fray,
Ere the last pennoned lance is bid
By hills that lie beyond,
To soothe thy sorrow I am bid,
And gladly I respond.

Thy thought are with the cavaliers
Who laughing rode away,
And to dispel thy lonely tears
I tune my loving lay.
I am forgot in love's sweet song,
All happiness is thine;
But love is true, my love is strong,
Thy griefs are doubly mine.

Thou knowest not this love I hold.
Thou dost not understand
The love that in my songs is told—
Love beautiful and grand.
Songs serve to hasten lagging time,
Thy dreams are dreams of pride;
The lover pictured in my rhyme
Unknown to all at thy side.

FLAVEL & COTT MINES.

CACHE STAKE OF ZION.

Editor Desert News:

In November last I made a thorough tour of the Cache Stake, visiting all its wards and settlements, for the purpose of obtaining matter for Church history and giving instructions in regard to the keeping of records, etc. I held meetings in all the wards and had a good and pleasant time generally.

The Cache Stake is one of the largest and most prosperous of all the Stakes of Zion now organized. It embraces twenty-five wards, with a total membership of 15,549 souls or 2,796 families. This includes two Apostles, three

Patriarchs, 556 Seventies, 422 High Priests, 1323 Elders, 245 Priests, 267 Teachers, 699 Deacons, 7581 lay members and 4451 children under eight years of age.

Orson Smith of Logan presides over the Stake with Simpson U. Molen, of Hyrum, and Isaac Smith, of Logan, as his counselors.

Logan, the Temple city of Northern Utah, and one of the most beautiful and desirable spots in the Rocky Mountains, is divided into seven wards, each presided over by a Bishop and two counselors. Logan is 101 miles by rail, or about eighty miles by nearest wagon road northeast of Salt Lake City, and eighteen miles south of the boundary line between Utah and Idaho. It was first settled in 1859.

Logan First ward embraces the central part of Logan, extending three blocks from north to south, and four from east and west; it includes the Tabernacle block and the main business part of the city. Benjamin Marlon Lewis is the Bishop, and the ward contains 486 souls, or ninety-four families.

Logan Second ward, embraces the southwestern part of Logan City, contains 672 members or 125 families, and is presided over by Bishop Henry Ballard.

Logan Third ward contains 402 members or 70 families, embraces the northwestern part of Logan City, and Robt. Davidson is the Bishop.

Logan Fourth ward includes the central part of the north half of Logan City; it has a total membership of 863, divided into 167 families; and can boast of the most commodious and most substantial meeting house in Logan, the Tabernacle, of course, excepted. Bishop Thomas X. Smith presides over the ward, which is the largest in Logan.

Logan Fifth ward takes in the northeast part of Logan City and embraces within its boundaries the Temple and the Agricultural College. The membership is 729 or 124 families; William Hyde is Bishop.

Logan Sixth ward, embraces the lower portion or the southwest part of what is known locally as Logan island, which is situated immediately south of the original site of the city. The numerical strength of this ward is 548 souls or 102 families, presided over by Bishop Anton L. Skanechy.

Logan Seventh ward, presided over by Bishop Christian J. Larsen, one of the first missionaries in the Scandi-

navian mission, embraces the southeast part of Logan island, and has 466 members or 92 families.

Providence ward embraces the town of Providence, which may be considered a suburb of Logan, lying only two miles south of same, just across the Logan River. The membership of the ward is 782, or 153 families, and Frederick Thewrer is the Bishop. Providence was first settled in 1859; a large portion of the present inhabitants are Germans and Swiss.

Millville ward consists of the town of Millville and scattered settlers in its immediate vicinity. It is situated four miles south of Logan, or two miles from Providence, has a membership of 705, or 141 families, and is presided over by Bishop Geo. O. Pitkin, who for several years served as acting President of the Cache Stake. Millville was first settled in 1859.

Hyrum ward contains the incorporated city of Hyrum, which is pleasantly situated on a series of rolling hills eight miles southwest of Logan. It was first settled in 1860, and a large proportion of the present inhabitants are Scandinavians. John F. Wright presides here as Bishop, and his ward is the largest in the Cache Stake of Zion, as it contains 1553 members, or 281 families.

Paradise ward embraces the town of Paradise, which is situated in the south end of Cache Valley, twelve miles south of Logan, or five miles southeast of Hyrum. The ward, which is presided over by Bishop Samuel Oldham, has 565 families or 102 souls. The present town of Paradise was first settled in 1868, but an older town of the same name has existed since 1860.

Avon ward embraces the extreme south end of Cache County including Old Paradise and the settlers living in a scattered condition along the east and south forks of Paradise Creek, also known locally as the Muddy or Little Bear River. Same also includes within its borders the modern mining town La Plata, which is situated in the mountains about fifteen miles southeast of the centre of the Avon ward, or old Paradise, which is two and a half miles southeast of the present Paradise, or fourteen and a half miles south of Logan. Avon was named after the birthplace of William Shakespeare (Stratford-on-Avon, in Warwickshire, England). The ward, which was first organized July 5th, 1891, contains 99 members or 17