

American Desert and arrived at Granite Rock on the 17th. The day we started, dark portentous clouds hung heavy over us, and the dismal forebodings of rainy weather did not set us in the best of spirits. Far to the east of us Granite Rock loomed up cold and desolate looking, its bleak and barren sides of granite showing no signs of hospitality, yet it was our only salvation, situated midway in the desert the only place where we were any way certain of obtaining water; it was to us as an oasis to the weary traveler in the great Desert of Sahara.

Owing to the impassability of the part of the country which we had to cross, our teams, with the baggage &c., had to retrace their steps, and, taking the stage road from Deep Creek, go to Redding Springs, there to replenish our water barrels and meet us again at Granite Rock. Our outfit therefore for the line party was very primitive, consisting only of a pair of blankets or robe to the man, a barrel of water, and provisions for three days. This, with a light wagon and the instruments necessary for our work, completed our outfit for the three days we were on this dreary waste.

On the morning of the 17th, wishing to obtain a good view of the surrounding country I arose early and climbing on one of the highest peaks of the mountain, witnessed one of the finest sights I ever beheld. The sun was fast rising, and as far as the eye could reach the entire desert presented the appearance of a great inland sea, studded here and there with dark islands, caused by the abrupt rising of the granite rocks and mountains; the atmospheric tints at sunrise lending a grandeur to the scene rarely if ever equaled. But as the bright luminary ascended its fiery path the scene again changed to the dreary, desolate waste of salt and alkali; and after night clothed the earth in darkness, the startling cry of the prowling coyote, or the deep howlings of the hungry wolf, reminded us of the dismal solitudes of these desert wilds.

FILLMORE, Oct. 26th 1868.

Editor News:—On my way south I noticed in almost all the settlements a marked spirit of improvement. At Springville, they are finishing their tabernacle in a magnificent style. Payson, a place where a few years since only twelve families resided, and did not find the water sufficient for their wants at that time, now consists of 1500 souls, and they have more water than they know what to do with. Summit, or Santaquin, which not long since was simply a good sheep ranch, is now a large town with an abundance of water. Mona, where a few years ago there was not water sufficient to run a poultry yard, is now a flourishing village of about fifty families with a surplus of water. Round Valley, where in 1859, we had to travel two miles away from the road to obtain water sufficient for camp purposes is now a settlement of nearly a hundred families, and the water is so abundant that it is ruining the roads. Cedar Springs, or Holden, not long since a milk Ranch, is now a populous city, threatening to outstrip its neighbors, and the people have more water than they can control. My experience leads me to believe that the water is increasing in the same proportion throughout all the southern portion of our Territory. What causes it?

Our Conference closed here last evening; we had a good time. Elders E. Snow, J. Gates, Bishop J. G. Bleak and others were with us, and gave us excellent instructions. The conference, as a unit, voted to sustain the authorities of the Church as presented before the General Conference in S. L. City. They also sustained the motion in regard to trading, and manifested a desire to enter into co-operation.

Several dry branches were severed, though some manifested a determination to come back, cost what it might. They stated that outside of this church there was nothing for them and they would stay here until they had proved their sincerity in their repentance.

Yours,
M. J. SHELTON.

MANTI, Sanpete Co.,
Nov. 1st, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—I am glad to be able to report favorably of things in Manti. The health of the community is good, and the fruits of the spirit, diffused so abundantly at the last conference, are already visible. It seems as if the teachings given, were suited to the appetites of all, and with many, big efforts are being made to reduce them to practice in their daily lives.

Our leading men have been diligent

in laying before the people the great necessity for the proper education of our youth.

The non-sustaining of our enemies, is a theme that has been duly deliberated upon, and I am happy to say not without effect, for already steps have been taken by the people of Manti to form themselves into a co-operative body, and I expect in a few weeks we will have a large store established that will have for its motto *pro bono publico*. I am proud to say, our home merchants have not held aloof from this matter, but have come forth like men, and proffered such assistance as they have within their power, to further the cause of co-operation.

On the 22nd ult., we were favored with a visit from Elder Erastus Snow, from whom we received much valuable instruction upon such subjects as immediately pertain to our present and future welfare. At the close of his remarks he blessed the people of Sanpete, and said that inasmuch as they would throw away everything of an evil nature from their midst, the Lord would relieve them of their troubles, and pour out blessings upon them that would over-balance all their apparent losses.

The mark of improvement is on the increase among this people, and, judging by the spirit that is now manifest and the facilities with which we are surrounded, I am convinced that Manti is destined to be one of the places that will yet be admired, because of its substantialness and beauty.

JAMES C. BROWN.

EDEN CITY, Ogden Valley,
Nov. 2, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—I left Salt Lake City on Saturday 31st, on a tour to this valley. While passing Centerville I met George Leavett, Sanford Porter, of Morgan county, Edward Stevenson, jr., and others, on their way to "our Dixie," they having been called to take a mission to that place. Others, also, were intending to start on Monday, Nov. 2d, and all are feeling well and much interested in the Land of Cotton.

N. T. Porter, of Centerville, has manufactured 2,000 gallons of syrup from the Chinese sugar cane, and three other mills have been doing good business there. Fifteen mills at Bountiful have also done a good business in this beautiful cane-growing country. At Farmington three mills have made about 5,500 gallons of this useful article—a syrup that has so much blessed our isolated Territory, so far away from the land of sugar.

On Saturday evening I partook of the kind hospitality of bro. Philo Allen, who has also taken part of his family on their way to "Dixie," and in a few weeks will take the remaining portion to fill his appointment. It is pleasant to see the general willingness of those called to this Southern Mission to abandon comfortable homes, feeling to honor the call from our prophet, Brigham, the leader of modern Israel.

On Sabbath morning, Nov. 1st, I passed down Weber river to where the Sand Ridge road is intercepted, on my way to Ogden city. The Weber bottom, to the junction of those roads, is nearly one mile in width, affording some very fertile soil. A little more energy is required to substitute for dirt roofs and brush fences something more suitable to the present advancement of our thrifty country.

I attended meeting in the Tabernacle, at Ogden city, at 11 a.m., and also at Mound Fort at 3 p.m.; passed on to North Ogden, and met with the Saints at 7 p.m., where I met Elder John Taylor. We have had excellent meetings and find a generally increased desire to build up Zion, and the people are in for co-operation, not only of mercantile, but of other associations.

Elder Taylor states that his contract on the railroad, excepting about one million feet of lumber, is about filled, and in a few days he expects to put 80 men on Sharp & Young's contract.

On Monday 2d, I passed over the mountain ten miles, to Eden city, and held meeting in the evening, which was quite well attended, considering that most of the men are out on the railroad, and almost every family has the whooping cough. There are some thirty-six families in this place. As I drove into it I saw hay stacks, and ricks very abundant; I cast my eyes right and left and in front to behold grain stacks or corn stacks, but not even a vestige of a straw stack could be seen. On enquiry I found that the hoppers had paid too many visits here. President Ballantyne and most of the male members of the ward are off on the railroad, to procure their winter supplies.

E. STEVENSON.

We have received the following communication from a gentleman of position in the State of New York, and give it to our readers as an evidence of the spirit that prevails in many places concerning us as a people. We extend a cordial invitation to the writer to give us a "shake hands" when he passes overland.

GEO. Q. CANNON, ESQ.,
Salt Lake City, Utah.

Dear Sir:—I enclose our draft on New York for five dollars, which please credit and send me the daily DESERET NEWS, for we are waiting to give you a shake of hands, by and by, on our way to California.

Our section furnished some of the first converts to the Mormon brotherhood—Parish and Patten—and we hope to see their works in the Pyramids of America—Salt Lake City—which is the wonder of modern times.

Our age is progressive, and we hope to see your city, its society, and their surroundings. You are the leading feature in one of the most magnificent enterprises that the world has ever conceived, for you are shaking hands with New York, San Francisco, the Gulf of California and the mouth of the Columbia, and, moreover, while the telegraph circles a world, time is no longer the separator of nations, and thus, Salt Lake City is not isolated nor alone.

The master of all labor nears you, and soon the Iron Horse will bear down on you with his golden harvests.

The world's greatest want is *production*, and, consequently, the more men, women and children, the more happiness and peace.

With us, the season has been propitious—from hot to dry and warm, but in the aggregate the crops have been good and the yield of butter and cheese large. With a little snow, the frosts are lightly falling—autumn is walking into winter, and with Santa Claus we peep at Christmas, and come in, to wish you a happy New Year, for the world is our neighbor, and I am yours.

MALAD CITY, Nov. 3, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Bro.—A few lines may not be amiss from this quarter. Our city was surveyed last fall, by Bro. Stephen White, of Brigham City, but many of the settlers did not then wish to conform to the rules of the survey by moving houses, corrals, &c. This spring a number of them left for the States, disposing of their city property and farms, and those who have bought feel like falling into line, which, eventually will terminate in bringing the city to a right shape. At present it is in the form of a horse shoe, running from Deep Creek to Spring Creek, a distance of one mile, and has been without any "form or order." This summer many of our friends and brethren have been moving their fences and houses to form the city plot, which now begins to look a little like "Mormonism." Fruit trees of all kinds will be set out this Fall. Bro. Thomas Bollingbroke set out last Spring several hundred trees of various kinds. All did well and looked beautiful through the Summer, satisfying me that the soil is rich and good. A number that came in with this past season's immigration are here, among them my old friend and brother, Isaac Jones, of Carmarthen, South Wales, who for 22 years has faithfully performed his duty as a servant of God among the Welsh nation. He is thankful that he is in the home of the Saints; and feels well. The inhabitants of Malad City are nearly all Welsh. The brethren made application to me to have Welsh meetings on Sunday evenings at 6 p.m. I granted the request, and must say that we are having good times every Sunday, at 2 p.m. and at 6 p.m. We had a missionary last Sunday, Bro. Edwards from Ogden. He preached in English in the afternoon, and in Welsh in the evening.

Governor Ballard, of this Territory paid us a visit this Summer. He was quite pleased to see the improvement made in Malad precinct in so short a time.

Bro. John Nelson's grist mill will be running about the 15th of this month. Our Fall grain looks well.

Yours,
DANIEL DANIELS.

FOUNTAIN GREEN, Sanpete,
November 2, 1868.

Editor News:—President Orson Hyde preached here yesterday, and his remarks were pointed and searching, showing the necessity of our sustaining each other and the Kingdom of God. He paid a visit to our Sunday School, and gave good instructions to the teachers and to the children; and to all ap-

pearance left a very good influence on all in this settlement.

We have a very good attendance in our Sunday School, which is conducted under the able management of Bro. Samuel Jewkes; Bro's Thomas Crowther and James Woodward deserve great credit for their assistance in teaching.

This settlement is increasing in numbers as well as in good works. Our school house is getting too small, and we are determined to build a larger one. It seems the spirit of the times here is saying give us more room, and we intend to extend our limits. We have the facilities that will court the attention of many who want to make a good home.

The Female Relief Society, with Sister Polly Ann Johnson, Annie Lund and Jane Crowther at the head, is doing a good work. I have seen several good new bed quilts of their make which they calculate to give to some poor, needy family, new comers or any one else who may need them. The Society is alive with good works.

Our stock is doing very well; our farmers are busy plowing; and we are aiming to keep President Hyde's counsel, and that is to draw nigh to the Lord.

Respectfully,
REES R. LEWELLYN.

ESTRAYS.

(From Spanish Fork.)

Heifer, 1 year old, red, small spot in forehead, upperbit left ear, underbit right ear.
Heifer, 3 years old, red, left horn lops, 8 on left shoulder.
Heifer, 1 year old, red, spot on flank, rump, belly and half of tail white, spot in forehead, brand on left shoulder.
Heifer, 1 year old, red, white face and belly, crop right ear, under half crop left.
Heifer, 1 year old, brindle, brockle face, crop and under half crop right ear, crop and underbit left, bob tail.
Heifer, 1 year old, red and white, slit and two underbits right ear, crop left, A on left hip.
Heifer, 1 year old, red, white belly, spot in forehead, end of tail white.
Heifer, 1 year old, dark brindle, white belly, flanks, hind legs and half of tail, brand on left side and left hip.
Heifer, 2 years old, red, spot in forehead, white belly.
Heifer, 1 year old, brown, right flank white crop both ears.
Heifer, 1 year old, red, spot in forehead, underbit right ear, upperbit left.
Steer, 1 year old, brindle, little white on belly and end of tail, upperbit left ear.
Bull, 1 year old, roan, hole and slit right ear crop left.
All will be sold at the County Pound, Provo, if not previously claimed, Dec. 2, 1868. Sale will commence at 10 o'clock A. M.
EDSON WHIPPLE,
Utah Co. Poundkeeper.

LOST.

BETWEEN Payson and Fountain Green, on the 15th or 16th of October, a LINEN SACK containing Shirts and Under Clothing, belonging to a newly arrived immigrant. Any information concerning it will be gladly received by the owner, Hans Nielsen, or by Rees R. Lewellyn, Postmaster, Fountain Green, s791 w1

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court for the District of Utah.

In the matter of ABRAHAM WATERS, } In Bankruptcy.
Bankrupt.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That on the 2d day of November, A. D. 1868, a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Abraham Waters, of the City of Salt Lake, in the County of Salt Lake, and Territory of Utah, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt, upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said Bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more Assignees of his estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden in Salt Lake City, before R. H. Robertson, Esq., Register, on the 30th day of December, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.

O. F. STRICKLAND, JOSIAH HOSMER,
Att'y for Petitioner. U. S. Marshal
And Messenger in Bankruptcy.
By WM. P. APPELBY,
Deputy.

NOTICE.

In the Supreme Court for the District of Utah.

In the matter of HYMAN ELLIS, } In Bankruptcy.
Bankrupt.

District of Utah, ss.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That a warrant in Bankruptcy was issued against the estate of Hyman Ellis, of Salt Lake City, in the County of Salt Lake, and Territory of Utah, who has been adjudged a Bankrupt upon his own petition; that the payment of any debts and delivery of any property belonging to such Bankrupt, to him, or for his use, and the transfer of any property by him, are forbidden by law; that a meeting of the creditors of the said Bankrupt, to prove their debts, and choose one or more Assignees of his Estate, will be held at a Court of Bankruptcy, to be holden in Salt Lake City, in said District, before R. H. Robertson, Esq., Register, on the 7th day of December, A. D. 1868, at 10 o'clock A. M.
Salt Lake City, November 7th, 1868.
R. N. BASKIN, JOSIAH HOSMER,
Att'y for Petitioner. U. S. Marshal and
Messenger in Bankruptcy.
By WM. P. APPELBY,
Deputy.