

SOUTH ALBERTA WATERED PLATEAU

Great Fertility Produced by Irrigation in a District of Little Rain.

TRIBUTE TO THE MORMONS.

What T. Jackson Wray, a Methodist Minister, Has to Say on the Subject in a Manitoba Newspaper.

An account of crop conditions in this district is practically an account of the work of the Canadian Northwest Irrigation company. Before the appearance of the irrigation company there were neither crops nor crop prospects, and in all probability without the company, there never would have been.

The seed of visions is not reckoned of much account in this prosaic world, but this man, whoever it was that dreamed a dream and saw this relatively desolate prairie dotted with homesteads and checkerboarded with waving wheat fields, was a grand dreamer, a man of faith, if you will, but a man whose faith has been more than justified by his works. Not without honor is the seed, the man who sees, save in his own country, and the rancher did not believe in that dream a bit, and he said so. Barbed wire is a weariness to the flesh of the herder of cattle, but the rancher has come to stay, and the rancher is preparing to fold his tents like the Arab and silently steal away. Let the bridge itself has no great faith in the enterprise. Some trust in cattle and some in ditches said they but we trust in the pay roll at the mines, that's good enough for us. Some of the old timers said they had been in the country going on twenty years and had never raised a cabbage and that they were not at all that way, fortunately and there was enough public spirit in the town to put up a good bonus for the sake of having the water in the streets, but nevertheless they still a type of old-fashioned and disheartening to the newcomer, unwise enough to seek advice around the bar-room. A man that is great on whisky has not usually no place for water either inside or out. Under these circumstances, the only course open to the company to demonstrate the practicability of irrigation was to induce practical irrigationists to take up land and give the thing a fair trial.

Right to the south of us, the people called Mormons, had made a success of irrigating. Certain of them were willing to come, they were also willing to construct the canals. Terms were agreed upon and two settlements were started, Magrath and Stirling. Now, it is quite customary and in good order to decree these people as bad citizens and so forth, and I am not retained in their defense, but there are one or two things about them that are noteworthy. First, it is refreshing in these days to find a body of men who will stand for principles and suffer for them, it need be, even if they are erroneous. Second, they are neither ashamed nor afraid to raise and rear a family. Third, brotherhood name among them. At the beginning of the year, Mr. Peterson, of Magrath, lost his wife and took the body south to be buried. When he returned he and his wife and his children were all dead. A similar thing was done at Stirling for Mr. Sykes during his wife's sickness. Other instances might be mentioned, but enough said. Fourth, they are not taking steps to their district, and if it be a worthy thing to make the wilderness blossom as the rose, that also must be scored to their credit.

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ago. Now there is a town of 500 inhabitants with 1,000 acres in grain. Mr. Kittle is just completing a 30 foot square frame house and good houses have recently been erected by Messrs. Priest, Spangler, Davis and Selk. Bishop Brantley has 45 acres of first class spring wheat promising 30 bushels to the acre. Mr. Grant's and Mr. Romen's spring wheat are quite as good. Mr. Romen has fall wheat that will yield well, and his whole place is a picture. His garden shows the work of a master hand. Small fruit is doing well here and the sugar beet is flourishing. Mr. Fawcett has 45 acres under wheat and oats doing well, but what's the use of specifying, I did not see a second-rate crop in the place.

Perhaps there is nothing more noteworthy as demonstrating the possibilities of the country than Councillor Grant's garden. He has raspberries making fine cane. Currants thriving well and strawberries yielding a fine crop this year and promising an excellent one next. Pears are a splendid crop, table corn strong and healthy, tomatoes a foot high and well branched, and parsnips and sugar beets in excellent shape. He is also growing trees both from seed and slip, for wind breaks, two or three varieties of willows, the Manitoba maple and a Russian pea, which I take to be the species of alfalfa, all doing excellently.

Not till this year did any settlement commence near Lethbridge. There are now over twenty settlers with 600 acres under cultivation, not one of which was broken in March last. The experimental farm, three miles out of town, is completely fenced and an excellent house built on it. About the first of last March the irrigation company made arrangements with W. D. Fairfield, who was then superintendent of the Wyoming Agricultural Experimental station farm, to take a half section of land near Lethbridge, on which to carry on an experiment of model farm. The idea is to operate a farm along the lines in vogue in the best irrigated districts of the states. It will merely be an object lesson to newcomers unacquainted with agriculture under irrigation. By going over the farm, they can see how the ditches are made and where located, the method of distributing the water over the land, and the various experiments will also be made to have all field crops which are likely to reach a high degree of success grown upon the farm each year, so that a comparison may be made by the visitor at any time during the growing season. The results aimed at in the establishment of the farm are demonstrative rather than purely experimental. All crops broken during the week or ten days value only. No time will be spent in laying out drives or in making fancy lettered stakes with which to mark each crop, but the farm will be operated as any good farmer would do it in an irrigated district.

In considering the work done and the results obtained up to the present time it will be of interest to keep in mind the fact that at the end of the April before Mr. Fairfield reached Lethbridge. Up to that time nothing had been done except to select the location and to have about ten acres broken during the week or ten days preceding. This it will be seen that a settler can come here in the spring, as several have done this year, put in a fair sized crop and get good returns, more than sufficient for seed and hay and in an acre set in fruit.

There are 35 acres in crop. About 11 acres in wheat, 55 acres in oats, 19 acres in flax, 55% in potatoes, besides a small area in beans and peaches, corn and in an acre set in fruit. The grain is dark green in color and is very thrifty. One would not judge from its appearance that it was growing on broken and broken soil, but rather one well-tilled lot of men who East. The flax is looking exceptionally well. Although it was not sown till the second day of June it is from 10 to 16 inches, and has a very good stand. It is a crop which is likely to be a great send to the settler here for several reasons. It thrives on newly broken soil, it can be put in late after the season for sowing grain, and last, but not least, it is a good money crop which is an important item to the new settler. Mr. Fairfield does not recommend the practice of growing flax continuously, but merely the use of it until the farm is brought under cultivation.

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pulverized as thoroughly as possible and was then cross plowed seven or eight inches deep and again pulverized. This area was set out in crab-apples, currants, gooseberries, raspberries, plums and strawberries. The west and north sides willow cuttings were set out to form a wind-break. All are growing nicely with the exception of the strawberries. It looks as though the land had failed to do its duty in receiving strawberry plants the first season. It is likely better to wait till the second year when the grass roots have rotted and the land can be better pulverized, for strawberries will certainly do as well here when properly started as at Stirling. A few varieties of garden vegetables were planted and are doing fairly well.

Rev. G. J. C. White has taken eighty acres and has erected an excellent bungalow and stables. He has the water conducted through the house and has no insectary stings. It is that he has far more of the comforts of a home out on the prairie than we have in town. He has ten or fifteen acres in oats. Mr. Heatherhew has 23 acres in oats and 19 in wheat. The Hyssop Bros. have 57 acres in oats and 20 in millet. The Cartage Co. has 40 acres in oats and 19 in wheat. Mr. Herron has his place fenced and a good house built. His oats are strong and of a good color. Mr. Purnell and his son-in-law have gone in largely for garden stuff. Mr. Winchester has 35 acres in wheat and oats. Mr. J. Dicks has 20 acres in potatoes. Mr. Widdie has 15 acres in oats. Mr. Childs has a fine patch of spring wheat. Mr. Kirkham has from 10 to 15 acres in wheat and oats. There is beside much breaking down for next season.

Lethbridge itself is already feeling the effects of the water in its conditions. A new market is opening up, the presence of the water in our streets has made possible the growing of trees and the square and some of the principal business streets are being planted with trees. The possibilities of the country for garden stuff may be seen in Mr. Tuff's and Job Reed's market gardens, and Dr. McEwen's lawn and garden. The demonstration of the possibilities. After many years of stagnation building operations are going ahead. Mr. Reeve and Mr. Southard have added two excellent brick houses to the credit of the town. Stewart, of Kirkham & Stewart, has put up a fine frame-building, as have also Mr. Coleman, Mr. Burgess, Mr. McDermid, Mr. Johnston and others. The demonstration of the possibilities. After many years of stagnation building operations are going ahead. Mr. Reeve and Mr. Southard have added two excellent brick houses to the credit of the town. Stewart, of Kirkham & Stewart, has put up a fine frame-building, as have also Mr. Coleman, Mr. Burgess, Mr. McDermid, Mr. Johnston and others.

I have written this at the combined request of the Manitoba Free Press and our local News, and the statements are correct to the best of my belief.

T. JACKSON WRAY,
Methodist Minister, Lethbridge.

WOODBURY FAMILY.

Members of the Woodbury family met at the residence of F. B. Woodbury last evening and effected an organization to be known as the Woodbury Genealogical Society of Utah. John S. Woodbury of St. George was chosen president; John H. Woodbury of Granger, Salt Lake county, vice president; F. B. Woodbury of this city, secretary, and John T. Woodbury of St. George, assistant secretary. The purpose of the society is to gather genealogical data of the Woodbury family of this state to be published in a genealogical book which is being compiled by the Woodbury Genealogical society in Massachusetts, comprising the descendants of John and William Woodbury, who came from England to America in 1623, and 1630, respectively. The next meeting of the organization will be held October 7th, at the home of the secretary, No. 8 Orchard Square, Salt Lake City.

FROM FRONT TO BACK.

Rear and Side Doors Only Swung to Thrifty Saloons Patron Yesterday.

What may be the initial step towards Sunday closing of saloons, was taken yesterday morning by Chief of Police Hilton when he issued orders to the morning shift to notify all saloonkeepers that their front doors must be closed tight. It meant that those who are not fortunate in having side doors must quit the business on Sunday. The saloonkeepers were greatly surprised when the order came, but according to the reports made by the police it was obeyed.

SUES RAILROAD COMPANY

Mrs. Martha Williams Seeks to Recover Loss of a Value.

Mrs. Martha Williams has filed a suit in the District court against the Oregon Short Line for the sum of \$512.75. This is the compensation she asks for the loss of a value for which she says the railroad company is responsible. She alleges that the value contained various articles the aggregate worth of which is \$512.75.

PERSONALS.

J. C. Hamline of Vernal is stopping at the Walker.

William Burke is in the city from Pocatello for a few days.

W. N. Noble and family are stopping at the Albany hotel in Denver.

Landlord Holmes of the Knutsford is back from an eastern trip.

Thomas Davis, late of England, today became a citizen of the United States.

M. J. Kennedy has gone east to spend six weeks at the sea shore for the benefit of his health.

Senator F. Alder is in the city from Iron. He is registered at the White House.

P. S. Martin of Milford came to the city this morning and registered at the Cullen.

Engineer C. H. Fitch, of the United States hydrographical survey, has returned from Idaho, where he went to investigate irrigation matters.

Captain W. W. Brander of the army arrived from the East yesterday and spent the day in Salt Lake. He is en route to the Presidio at San Francisco.

Judge W. H. Dickson and daughter, who left Salt Lake for San Francisco this morning to spend the summer, will be in the city contemplating making the California metropolis his permanent home in the future.

25 PER CENT DISCOUNT ON HAMMOCKS.

Weather keeps hot, but Hammocks have dropped 25 per cent. Large assortment to select from.

CANNON BOOK STORE,
(Deseret News, Props.)
11 and 13 Main St.

COMMISSIONERS TAKE ACTION.

Put Themselves on Record as Against Sunday Liquor Selling.

NAYLOR ASKED TO APPEAR.

Sheriff Will Go Before the Board to Tell Why the Law is Not Being Enforced in the County.

The temperature in the county commissioners' office waxed rather warm this morning, when the question of Sunday liquor selling came up. Chairman Anderson said the sheriff's office had been notified that on Sunday, July 29th, liquor had been sold in several places in the county in defiance of law; that the sheriff's office had been directed to send officers to the places indicated on Sunday, August 4th, to see that the law was complied with; that the sheriff's office had failed to comply with the instructions of the commissioners.

On this statement of the chairman the clerk was directed to notify the sheriff to "appear before the board on Saturday, August 10th, to show cause why his office has failed to do its duty in enforcing the law with respect to the selling of liquor on Sunday."

The commissioners accepted an invitation from Captain Critchlow and General Kearse of the executive committee for the entertainment of the National Society of the Army of the Philippines, to participate in the public program to be given on Wednesday morning, August 14th.

MOYLE MISREPRESENTED.

A letter was received and read from Attorney James H. Moyle in relation to the complaint of Judge Powers against the former for closing an old road in Big Cottonwood canyon leading to "Carnegie Castle," the mountain retreat of Judge Powers. Mr. Moyle explained that the road had been abandoned for years and the main road which crossed the east side of the canyon, but he affirms that he is willing that the road should be revived. He further says that the only individuals who are seriously objecting to the opening of the road are the owners of the road, T. G. Webster and Robert A. Brighton, over whose land the road passes. Mr. Moyle says that he has repeatedly told Judge Powers and others that he was agreeable to the opening of the road, and that if the county would take it and make a good public road of it he would be pleased, but the other parties interested desire to be heard before any action is taken.

COUNTY CLERK'S REPORT.

The report of County Clerk James for the month of July was received. It shows the total receipts to be \$1,844.15, divided as follows: Receipts for District Court department, \$659.50; receipts for marriage licenses, \$155.00; receipts for incorporations, \$305.51; receipts for public fees, \$383.15; receipts for merchant's licenses, \$45.75; miscellaneous, \$41.30.

ECCELS GETS JUDGMENT.

Paving the Way for a Clear Title to Valuable Property.

(Special to the "News.")

Ogden, July 5.—Judge Rolap this morning rendered his decision for David Eccles vs the Ogden Investment company, in the sum of \$75,000. It seems that Eccles bought a building from the defendant company for \$75,000, and that there was something illegal about the sale which caused the suit for recovery of the purchase price.

YOUNG MAN DEAD.

Stanley Clark of Provo Dies Suddenly in Idaho.

(Special to the "News.")

Provo, Utah, Aug. 5.—Newell Knight, of this city, received a telegram from J. W. Baum, at St. Anthony, conveying the information that his step-son, Stanley Clark, is dead, and asking if he wanted the body shipped to Provo. The deceased was a son of Mrs. Knight by her former husband. He was 18 years old, and was working for Mr. Baum. Mr. Knight wired back to have the remains shipped home, where the funeral will be held as soon as the body arrives.

PROBATE ORDERS.

The Late Andrew Brixen's Family Allowed \$100 a Month.

Judge Hall made the following probate orders today:

In the matter of the estate of Andrew Brixen, deceased, the petition for the family allowance of \$100 a month was allowed from the date of death.

The Utah Savings & Trust company was appointed guardian over the person and estate of Howard M. Tromblie, incompetent.

Lena W. Roberts was appointed administratrix of the estate of the late Rebecca Hill. Her bond was fixed at \$250.

The protests against the appointment of executors of the estate of A. H. Kain have been allowed to amend their protest.

The receipts on the distribution of the estate of the late Georgiana Hunter were filed today and William W. Sanders, the executor, was discharged.

PAVING CONTRACT AWARDED

Work is Given to Alcatraz Company of California for \$140,280.

The board of public works met this morning and awarded the contract for grading, curbing and paving Second South street, to the Alcatraz Asphalt Paving company, of San Francisco, California, for \$140,280. The contract provides for the paving of Second South street from First West to Sixth West, and on Third South from East to West Temple streets. The streets will be paved with double alcatraz and the bid will begin at once, providing the contract and bond meet the approval of the city attorney. In addition to the bond the company submitted an option wherein it agrees to put down at prices stipulated, either Burmudez or Trinidad on any portion of street upon due notice.

The company which secured the contract submitted the lowest bid, the other bids are as follows: N. P. Glavin

Construction company of Chicago, \$183,100, and the City Improvement company of San Francisco, \$157,570.

The clerk read considerable correspondence regarding the public work in the city, and the board adjourned to meet later in the afternoon to pass up on a resolution relating to the option submitted by the Alcatraz company.

DIVORCE IS GRANTED.

T. E. F. Constock Obtains Legal Separation from His Wife.

T. E. F. Constock was today granted a divorce from his wife, Hannah E. Constock on the charge of desertion. The couple were married in Portland, Oregon, in 1896, and the husband complains that his wife deserted him about one year ago and has refused to return to his home.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

Supplies Received for New Sub-Stations and Preparations Made for Opening.

The new sub-stations for facilitating the post office business have received their supplies from the department at Washington and will be ready for business right away. They are located at 242 west, South Temple, Eighth South and Eighth West, 537 north, First West, 252 south, Ninth East, 960 east, Fourth South, and at Murray.

DEATH OF AN ONLY CHILD.

Dr. E. E. Wilcox and Wife Lose Their Baby at Wasatch.

For the third time the angel of death has invaded the family circle of Dr. E. E. and Florence Burton Wilcox, and carried therefrom an only child. His last visit was at Wasatch, just before last midnight, when he bore away from its mortal tabernacle, the spirit of their sixteen months' old babe, Edwin Burton Wilcox, after an illness of about one month's duration.

It was at the family home at Nephthi that the little one's health commenced to fail. Just what was the matter with it will probably never be known. It was brought to Salt Lake and then taken to Wasatch, with the hope that it would be benefited by the change. Everything that medical science, love and kind nursing could do was done, but all in vain. Its parents were compelled to see the life spark grow dimmer and dimmer until it flickered out altogether. The lifeless little body was brought down from the mountains this morning and taken to the residence of General R. T. Burton, its grandfather, 106 south, Second West street, from which place it will be buried Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

AMUSEMENTS.

The first performance of "Under Two Flags" will be given in the Salt Lake Theater this evening, beginning at 8 o'clock sharp. It will run for three nights and Wednesday matinee.

The concert at the Salt Palace last night was the most heavily attended Sabbath evening performance of the season. Besides, it was much appreciated and brought forth numerous rounds of applause. Tonight Wilbur Kirwin Opera company will put on a new vaudeville and burlesque bill which will hold the boards for the rest of the week.

CARNIVAL MUSIC.

Hauerbach's Composition in Celebration of Elks' Coming Street Fair.

A committee of Elks consisting of Lester Freed, Capt. Stoll, Les Ransahoff, A. L. Jacobs and J. Hartman, visited Calder's Park last evening at the request of Band Master Hauerbach, to listen to a piece of music composed by him, to be known as "The Elks' Carnival March." The music has been especially composed by Band Master Hauerbach for the occasion.

Elks' band will attend the Carnival on Elks' Purple Day, Sept. 20th, in a special uniform for the occasion headed by the Eureka band.

A communication was received today from Mrs. D. W. Salt Lake Valley Lodge No. 12, A. O. U. W., informing the director general that that organization will do all in its power to make the Elks' Street Fair and Carnival a success.

The following booths were subscribed for today: Morris, the florist; Hamlin, the sign painter; Mullett & Co.; A. L. Jacobs, stock broker.

Colorado Springs Lodge No. 399 will have a representation to witness the christening of the live elk on Elks' Purple Day, Sept. 20th.

Lodge No. 425, La Grande, Oregon will also have a representation on that day, as will Miles City, Mont., Boulder, Colo.

There will be a meeting of all committees this evening at 7:30 sharp at Elks' Carnival headquarters at the Kenyon hotel.

The following visiting brothers have registered: Chas. Caldwell headquarters, day, Jas. W. Wilson, No. 55, Jones town, Ohio; Chas. Murray, No. 316 Crystal Creek, Colo.; F. H. Holzheimer, No. 711, Tintic, Utah.

AFTERNOON MINING CALL

Daily-West Weaker—Grand Central Sells Away Down—Uncle Sam Active.

Trading was quite active on the mining exchange this afternoon, with prices generally a little weaker than this morning. Ajax opened with sales at \$1.54, but afterwards weakened to \$1.45. Daily-West dropped 100 at \$39.75, while Uncle Sam released some 2,000 shares between \$1.09 and \$2.07.

Ben Butler sold down to 21%. Tesora participated at \$1.00. South Swansea released 100 at \$5, while Grand Central loosened up 100 on a bid of \$4.40. Lower Mammoth was firmer at \$3.59. Mammoth weakened to \$2.27, at which price 100 shares changed hands. May Day declined to \$1.01. West Morning glory sold at \$1 and Kankee Con. was traded in at \$4.70. Sacramento was active at \$34.

SHOE STORE BURGLARIZED.

Robinson Brothers Place Broken Into Saturday Night.

Some time during Saturday night, Robinson Brothers shoe store on East Temple street was broken into and robbed of \$5 cash.

It was discovered this morning when a clerk opened the store. He found that a window in the rear of the building had been forced open. An investigation proved that the cash till had been broken open and the contents amounting to \$5 were found missing.

MAN WITH A KNIFE.

Mysterious Individual Arsones Neighborhood and Police.

This afternoon word was received at the police station that a murderous looking man was chasing another man

LIGHT, AIRY, ELEGANT.

Just received a handsome line of

FRENCH MUSLIN CURTAINS,

Beautifully decorated in exquisite designs and coloring.

BED SPREADS and BOLSTER COVERS to match.

For Samples, see our Show Window.

H. DINWOODEY FURNITURE CO.

SALT LAKE GETS REVENUE OFFICE

Commissioner of Internal Revenue Yerkes Decided Upon This

This Afternoon—Change to be Made as Soon as Mr. Callister Can Arrange For It.

(Special to the "News.")

Washington, D. C., Aug. 5.—Salt Lake will get the