

St. David, the frontier settlement, with its lingering for the past five years, will no doubt take the lead and be a place of prominence. We have already, with the assistance of Elder A. F. Macdonald, surveyed two quarter sections of land into lots, blocks and streets, located on the east side of the San Pedro River, on an elevated piece of Bench land that overlooks the surrounding country, also incorporated the St. David Irrigation Canal Company with 400 shares, par value \$50 each. This canal will be taken out six miles up the river, and south from our town site and when completed will cover the best part of one township laying on the east side of the river. We are not in the Texas Pacific R. R. grant, but take our land in a body, which is a great advantage. We are also located three and a half miles north of any Spanish grant, and surely there is nothing in the way of the Latter-day Saints establishing themselves in good homes, and when men like Elders Layton, P. O. Merrill, and Edward Bunker, who crossed this country 36 years ago in the service of their government, can lead out and help to locate and build up prosperous settlements. The young men of Utah can truly say: Our fathers were and are better men than we are, for luxury, society and wealth seems more than the Kingdom of God and its interests to many of the rising generation.

Town lots will be furnished to locators at a very cheap rate, and with government title. So in our infancy we will obtain good titles and have a less field for lawyers when we commence to be a prosperous community, and pass by many of those troubles which have occurred in Utah through settling on lands before they were in the market.

I have continually through your columns advertized Arizona and many of the advantages to be obtained by new settlers, and now refer those who would like a warmer climate, to Apostles Snow and Thatcher, who are reliable in their judgment, and no man in the kingdom has had a more extended experience in locating new settlements than Apostle E. Snow, and will say farther that anything from a cambric needle to a steam engine can be had at a reasonable price, and unless emigrants have moveable property which they cannot dispose of, and very cheap rates over, the railroad it would be better to purchase here, at Benson and Tombstone, unless it be garden seed, alfalfa, and choice kinds of wheat and cane, our altitude being near that of Salt Lake. Cattle and horses can be driven to advantage overland. Good milch cows ranging from \$40 to \$75, and American horses and mules from \$200 to \$400 per span.

We trust many will come this way, and if these parts after seeing are not satisfactory, we have an extended country south and east.

Respectfully your brother,
D. F. KIMBALL.

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Editor Deseret News:

We are having very nice weather here now, and many are putting in grain, and it seems the spring work has commenced. The health of the people is good and there have been but three cases of sickness this winter. We have two Sunday schools in this branch with about 30 pupils enrolled in each. Our Improvement associations are in a very prosperous condition although we have many things to contend with that the young do not have in other places. The Sabbath meetings are well attended and the people generally are striving to obtain the blessings that are in store for the faithful Saints, and our worthy Bishop is striving to unite the people in their temporal as well as spiritual affairs. Through his perseverance and energy we have started a co-operative store which is in a very prosperous condition. We have a relief society, and the slaters are working unitedly and are trying to do their part and giving relief where needed. The winter has been a mild one for this country and the mountains are not very plentifully stocked with snow and unless we have more snow there will be a scarcity of water in some parts of the valley. We have a daily mail and the NEWS is an ever welcome visitor.

Trusting that God will bless us in strengthening Zion and her borders, I am your brother in the Gospel of Christ.
J. J. M.