

Correspondence.

MINERSVILLE, Beaver Co., U.T.
October 1st, 1873.

W. Woodruff, President of D. A. & M. Society.

Dear Sir—The Branch Society of this place held a Fair on the 25th September last, at which were shown the different products of the soil, wheat, corn, &c., which was of excellent seed, the Odessa wheat, from P. Office seed, being the best specimen of any ever raised here, and about two weeks earlier than the Province or other varieties. Its weight to the strict half bushel was 37½ lbs. The above wheat raised by G. Eyre, Odessa No. 1; Province No. 2.

The samples of corn were good, the general corn crop over or better than other years.

A sample of mammoth sweet corn, raised by Geo. Jenner, was shown, having 1,240 kernels to the ear.

There was also an excellent showing of different varieties of potatoes, beets, carrots, turnips, onions, cabbage, squash (winter and summer), melons, tomatoes, etc.

The fruit was much injured in the spring by late frost, but there was an excellent showing of R. I. Greenings, raised by W. Wood, No. 1.

Hubbardson Nonsuch, raised by W. Wood, No. 1.

Very large peaches, No. 1, James McKnight, No. 2, J. H. Rollins.

There was no showing of horned stock.

HORSES.

Best stallion, M. Blackburn.

" 2 year old stud, J. Blackburn.

Best brood mare, M. Blackburn.

" sucking colt J. Blackburn.

" 2 year old filley, J. Blackburn.

HOGS.

Best Chester White boar, eight months old, 390 lbs., J. Blackburn.

Best Imp. Berkshire sow, J. Blackburn.

Best common sow, G. Eyre.

There was also an excellent showing of the handiwork of our ladies in patch-work, quilts, lace embroidery, cambric emb., fine straw basket work by Mrs. Osborn, E. Rollins, W. Rollins, H. Dotsen and M. E. Lightner, also baskets wax fruit, wax statuary, flowers—the work of Mary E. Lightner, all of which were very beautiful. There was also one basket of garden flowers of a very fine character for this great altitude, grown by C. Jamsons in open air.

The wheat of this locality suffered in July for water, hence the general wheat crop is light.

Respectfully yours,
JAMES H. ROLLINS,
Home Secretary M. A. S.

SALT LAKE CITY,
Oct. 13th, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

The main topic of conversation everywhere seems to be the dullness of the times. "Money is flat," says the manufacturer, the miner, the merchant and the mechanic. Now this is quite refreshing, for one reason. From time immemorial the weather has been the topic to which people have resorted to cover up their barrenness of ideas and conversational imbecility, but now it is the times, the dullness of the times, and almost any kind of a change is acceptable sometimes.

Instead of people complaining so much, why they don't cudgel their brains to find a remedy for this stagnation which is crippling material progress here and elsewhere. True, some have been suggested, but as a general rule they have only appeared in the character of ameliorations. What is wanted is a complete cure, a remedy that will not fail.

I don't often have an idea, and consequently when I do get one I naturally feel like sticking to it. I think I have got one now, I think I will put it in the form of a question: Why can't we have a branch mint in Utah? It appears to me that this would greatly tend to the solution of the circulating medium difficulty. We have the silver here, it is dug out of our mountains in its crude state by the "honest miner," it enters largely into the composition of the base-bullion produced at the smelter's and comes out pure from the Germania separating and refining works.

Would it not be a good thing to have this silver coined that it

might circulate freely in the place of greenbacks. When the refining company would purchase base bullion from the smelting companies the latter could be "paid back in their own coin," and it would doubtless have quite a jolly effect all round, and then why should't Utah, never behind in any good or great work, take the initiative in a genuine return to specie payment, about which some politicians blow so much?

If there be any valid reasons why Utah should not take some steps towards obtaining a branch mint, I would like to be posted with regard to them. Anyhow I offer the suggestion as one among the many which have been placed before the public for their consideration and digestion.

Respectfully,
SPECIE.

LOGAN CITY, Oct. 6, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

During the past month or six weeks there has been a great amount of sickness amongst children, probably more than has ever been known before in one season in this valley, occasioning quite a number of deaths. I am happy, however, to state that sickness is abating rapidly, owing I suppose to the cool weather we are having.

The new co-operative store is fast nearing completion, the plastering and fitting up going on rapidly, and from present appearances it will soon be ready for occupation.

The large contract for wheat made with Sacramento firms by this branch of Z. C. M. I. is proving to be a great blessing to the people, enabling them to pay up the debts which they have incurred with the different co-operative stores throughout this valley, and thereby placing it in the power of the stores to pay off their liabilities.

The Utah Northern railroad is doing a good business, and the company frequently have to put on two engines to take the train through. The work on the line north of this place is advancing steadily. The rails are laid to Hyde Park and, as far as I can learn, the grading is nearly finished to Richmond.

There has been a splendid crop of fruit raised here this year, especially apples and plums. Peaches were all killed by early frosts. The grain crops are good, the people prosperous, and peace prevails.

Respectfully,
JOSEPH H. GODDARD.

LOGAN, Oct. 9th, 1873.

Editor Deseret News:

At present all is peace and plenty with prospects of increased business in all departments of life. The magnificent branch of Z. C. M. I. is fast approaching its completion, and when finished will favorably compare with structures of older and wealthier countries.

A movement has been set on foot to erect meeting house in Logan, which according to authentic report will be unsurpassed (as a meeting house) in the Territory.

It is sanguinely expected that the U. N. R. R. will reach Franklin this fall, and it is to be hoped that the iron of said track will form another terminus at Ogden at the same time, thus affording a continuous transit on our own line, from point to point.

A gigantic labor has been performed the past season by the citizens of Hyrum, under the management of bishop O. N. L. Jensen, in opening up and making a road through Blacksmith's Fork canon, at an enormous cost, forming a much nearer route to Bear Lake Valley, and making available large bodies of timber, among which five saw mills are now in active operation. A company has been formed in Hyrum, with the title of the Wahsatch Co-operative Lumber and Manufacturing company, to operate in that canyon, with a full board of directors, organized according to law, and there is no doubt that lumber will be furnished to an almost indefinite amount.

Fraternally,
JAMES A. LEISHMAN.

— The rope-walking at Niagara "petered out." Its proprietors were so greedy that nobody would go to see it.

— Two Texas cattle men at Wichita, Kansas, played a game of marbles recently for a hundred head of steers.

— A New Jersey Justice said that the word "testimony" had an "r" in it, and the lawyer who disputed him was fined \$10 for contempt of court.

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They are enabled not only to suit the tastes of an intelligent trade, but also to compete successfully with Eastern dealers. In fact no country merchant can afford to pass by this city under the impression that Eastern markets will give him lower prices, better stock or more favorable terms. Their

Grocery, Hardware, and Drug De- partments,

For completeness and variety of stock, have never been equalled west of New York, and merchants in the neighboring settlements in the Territories cannot do better than replenish their stock from this source. Their

Clothing Department

Is now opening its magnificent fall and winter purchases, among which is the most varied assortment of Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods ever brought to Utah. Since merchant tailoring has been added to and made a specialty in this department, that branch of the Institution's trade has attained a perfection never arrived at by any similar house in the Territory. Foreign and domestic fabrics of every style and price are made to order or sold in piece. Their

Boot and Shoe De- partment

Keeps thirty hands constantly employed on all classes of work, and has never failed to secure the Prize Medals at our Territorial Fairs. Their facilities for turning out first-class work have never been equalled by any similar establishment in the Territories, and Gentlemen and Ladies visiting the city would do well to leave their measures with that Department, thus enabling them to order by mail at any time they desire a perfect fit.

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