

Correspondence.

Snow Storms—Railroads—"Rip"

OGDEN CITY, Utah, March 15th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

The people here have been waiting long, patiently and hopefully, expecting the departure of this dreary winter, and for pleasant spring to come again...

Travel on the railroads at the present time is but light; although the U. P. comes through westward with great regularity...

Last night Mr. Herne appeared again as "Rip Van Winkle," in which character he always excels...

Business generally is at present rather dull, but "when the spring time comes, gentle Annie," we are expecting better times.

Since writing the above, another snow storm has commenced.

SEMPER.

District Courts and Courts for Counties in Early Times.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 16, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

Sir:—In my letter of the 10th inst., I stated that the Legislature of Utah, at its first session, passed a law authorizing me to hold the courts in the three districts...

providing for an attorney, nor for a marshal of the Territory, and for this reason I made use of the U. S. marshal and the U. S. attorney.

Several other things worthy of note were considered at that time. One was that offences against the Territory must be prosecuted in the name of the Territory, not in the name of the United States...

At this last date Congress provided "That the judges of the Supreme Court in each of the Territories, or a majority of them, shall, when assembled at their respective seats of government, fix and appoint the times and places of holding the several courts in their respective districts...

This, whatever may be the true construction, produced in this Territory a change of practice, and since then, without any repeal of the Utah laws or of the Organic law...

judicial district. But this did not affect the law relating to the Territorial Marshal and U. S. Marshal, nor the Territorial Attorney and the U. S. Attorney.

It is probable that this act was misconstrued in some of the Territories, as we find, near two years afterward, viz. June 14, 1858, see Statutes at Large, Congress enacting "That the Judges of the Supreme Court of each Territory of the United States are hereby authorized to hold court within their respective districts...

At the next session of the Legislative Assembly of Utah that body passed our jury law, see Utah Laws p. 70, Sec. 14 of which is as follows: "A district Court is hereby empowered to sit at the county seat of any county within its district...

Yours truly, Z. SNOW.

Going to St. George.

SAINT GEORGE CITY, March 7th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

I send the following items of the journey, from Salt Lake city to St. George, of the public masons to work on the St. George Temple.

February 24th.—By railway from Salt Lake city to Provo, where we arrived at 11 a.m. Thence by teams to Spanish Fork, where we dined. Arrived at 6 p.m. at Payson.

25th.—Started from Payson at 8 a.m. Took lunch at Moun. Arrived at Salt Creek, or Nephi, at 6 p.m.; very cold night, bad roads.

26th.—Left Salt Creek at 8 a.m. Took lunch in Juab valley, 12 a.m. Made Scipio at 6 p.m. After supper, recreation, playing on the concertina by John Davies, and singing by the brethren, at Bishop Thompson's. Very sharp frost all night.

27th.—Started from Scipio at 8 a.m.; warm in the valley, very cold on the ridge of the mountain. Dined at Holden at 12 a.m. Arrived at Fillmore at 6 p.m.

28th.—Started from Fillmore at 9 a.m.; fine morning. Dined at Kanosh at 1 p.m.; passed through deep snow in Baker's Canyon; storming and very cold. Arrived at Cove Creek Fort at 9 p.m.

March 1st.—Started from Cove Creek Fort at 8 a.m. Took lunch in Wild Cat Canyon; deep snow. Reached Beaver city at 4 p.m.

2nd.—Started from Beaver at 8 a.m. Took lunch on ridge. Made Red Creek at 7 p.m.; storm in the afternoon, cold, sharp frost.

3rd.—At 8 a.m. started from Red Creek; fine morning. Lunched at Summit Creek. Made Cedar City at 7 p.m.

4th.—Stormed night and morning. Lay over till noon; bad roads. Left Cedar City at 12 p.m. Made Kanarra at 5 p.m.

5th.—Started from Kanarra at 6 a.m. Dined at Bellevue at noon. Made Harrisburg at 6 p.m.

6th.—Started from Harrisburg at 8 a.m. Made St. George at 2 p.m.

The people treated us very kindly all through the journey. The company arrived all safe and in good spirits. We commence work on Monday morning, the 9th. The Temple is progressing rapidly. The arches on one side of the first floor are fixed. WM. L. PERKINS, Captain of Company.

Mild Winter—Improvements—Immigration.

CROYDEN, March 14, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

We are progressing slowly in our beautiful valley. Our Winter, so far, has been very mild, snow at the deepest not more than from fifteen to eighteen inches. It is disappearing very gradually.

We had a very good harvest last year, and we joyfully anticipate another this present year. Our

stock has done well this Winter, so much so that we are able to kill some very good beef at the present time.

We have been very cautious in trying to prevent the return of the small-pox, nearly all the children in the settlement having been vaccinated.

Our day school is prospering, almost every child in the settlement attends school.

Although we live in an isolated condition, we get the NEWS pretty regularly, thanks to the care of the P. O. authorities. We have had a great drawback to the comfort and advantage of our settlement through the destruction of our canyon road. For several years past we could not travel from our settlement to Morgan City, so long as the high waters continued in the Weber, but now we have a very passable road for teams, thanks to our Morgan County Court, although we help to pay for it.

The postponement of the Conference for a month will be the means of allowing more of us country people to come and participate.

We have not had any deer to visit us this Winter. I understand they are plentiful down South.

We have a large baby immigration this season. Some are here and others are coming.

JOHN TOONE.

Care of Bees,

MILL CREEK, March 17th, 1874.

Editor Deseret News:

I noticed, in the DESERET NEWS Weekly of March 4th, an article headed, "Care of Bees in Spring," giving Brother Isaac Bullock's treatment of two swarms of bees that had become weak.

I find that the bee-keepers of Salt Lake County have lost more bees the past winter than we have since their introduction here. I have lost twelve swarms out of thirty one, through dysentery, caused by late gathered honey, which grained in the comb, formed a watery substance in the comb and became sour.

Those having very little or no unsealed honey have come out all right. The above subject is one that has caused me much reflection and observation, in order to find out some of the causes of losing so many of our bees the last two years, which, in my opinion, is late gathered honey.

Friend Roberts asks what has become of all our beekeepers, and hopes they will not let the bee interest die out because we have had bad luck. I say no, let us bear our losses manfully. Try again is or ought to be our motto. I was glad to hear from friend Roberts, and would like to know if he has withdrawn from the field of bee-keepers.

In conclusion I would advise all beekeepers to see to their bees as soon as the weather becomes warm enough to open them, cleaning out all the dead bees, see if they have honey sufficient to live upon, and feed them a little rye meal.

If they cannot get rye meal, take equal portions of flour, bran and shorts, mix together and drop a few drops of anise or peppermint upon it in order to draw the attention of the bees.

JOHN MORGAN.

DIED.

At Cedar Fort, Utah Co., at the residence of her son, Joel, February 27, LUCY BALLELY, relict of John White, deceased.

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