

slice of our county was entirely frustrated.

President T. E. Ricks leaves on a business trip to Salt Lake City Monday, March 4th.

We are enjoying beautiful spring weather and the farmers are correspondingly happy. We have a very good country for home seekers, and a hearty invitation is extended to all who desire to better their circumstances in life. There are thousands of acres of land not yet taken up, and thousands of acres of improved land for sale cheaper than it can be reclaimed. We have all the water for irrigation purposes that we can possibly use, and more too. The climate is good, and most anything that can be grown in northern and central Utah can be grown here. Come along, all ye who desire to make yourselves homes and help us to build up this good country.

IN LCCO.

AN EXCELLENT SUGGESTION.

While listening to remarks, during the Salt Lake Stake quarterly conference just closed, in which members of the Church who have been out of work for some time, in this city, were advised to seek employment in country settlements, it occurred to me that many in that unfortunate condition would gladly follow the advice if they were directed to places where their services are most likely to be needed. It would be undesirable, haphazard and even disreputable for the hundreds who, for months past, have fruitlessly endeavored to secure work in this city, to assume the apparent vocation of tramps, and traverse the Territory in search of what they have failed to obtain here, in many instances leaving unprovided and unprotected, wives and families to lament such a separation. The idea of a man being regarded as a tramp, no matter if he has the self-consciousness that he is not one of the ordinary kind, but has an honest purpose in view, is repugnant to every man possessing a sentiment of manly self-respect.

I presume that the unemployed would not be counseled to leave the city unless those who gave the advice have good reasons for believing that the desired work can be obtained in specific localities. Now, what can be done to enable the worthy seekers after employment to secure that which, it is said, they may find in the country, without resorting to the highly objectionable mode of tramping from place to place, begging for food and shelter while on their search? It seems to me that some plan could be devised to obtain information, say, for instance, from the country ward Bishops of the Territory, as to where mechanics, tradesmen and laborers of various kinds are needed. If the exact localities were designated and the classes and numbers approximately stated of persons who might be employed, and this information were imparted, say, to the Presiding Bishop of the Church, he could, through the city ward Bishops possibly, find worthy individuals who would gladly avail themselves of such opportunities to obtain labor suited to them. I think that, in some such way as this, there need be no settlement in Utah many days without requisite aid for development in the shape of skilled

workmen and laborers, who are now a surplus in our larger cities.

I do not submit the foregoing as, in my opinion, the best plan that could be adopted, but merely offer it as a suggestion, with the hope that others better qualified may give the matter consideration, and that it may result in the doing of something to bring the relief—that is so urgently required. Believing that the NEWS, ever foremost in advocating that which will enhance the welfare of Utah's citizens, will cheerfully lend its columns to assist in formulating some practical methods of securing for the unemployed the work that, it is said, may be obtained in the country, without having the respectable workmen converted into apparent tramps,

I remain, yours truly,

D. M. MOA.

THE BIRTHDAY ON THE CLARA.

SANTA CLARA, Feb. 23, 1895.

The following is an account of how we celebrated George Washington's birthday. In the daytime there was no excitement whatever; but the evening changes the program of our proceedings: First—Opening prayer; then a song by the school children, "All Hail the Glorious Morn;" a song and tableau; a recitation by a number of small boys; a recitation, "Cheer for Washington;" exercises by a number of small boys and girls; a comic recitation; another comic recitation by a number of small boys; a "Humbug" dialogue; then a dialogue in four scenes—"Months and Holidays," "The Boston Tea Party," "The Minute Men" and "Valley Forge;" following this was a tableau showing the surrender of General Cornwallis to Gen. Washington; an exercise exhibiting the Goddess of Liberty and her maid; a dialogue by a number of boys and girls; a recitation, "Over the hills and far away, where the chipmunks die of the whooping cough." (The little boy who gave this is only about 4 or 5 years old); a recitation; an exercise showing how Washington used to dance the minuet, and rendition.

This party was gotten up by our able school teacher, Miss Adelle Thornton. The lady has done a great deal in getting up the affair and she has many thanks of the people for her trouble.

The people of Clara as a rule are enjoying pretty good health at present. We have three returned missionaries and two more are called to fill the vacancy—Elders John Graf and John Stahel. After these get to their fields of labor we will have four in the field again, from this little ward. We have a good showing in this regard.

Fall grain looks nice and green, lucerne is about an inch high. The people are very busy putting in spring grain and other work. More soon.

A. GRAF.

CELEBRATIONS IN NEPHI.

NEPHI, Juab Co., March 2, 1895.—The birthday of our worthy President, Wilford Woodruff, was celebrated in excellent style in Nephi yesterday. All the old people over 60 years of age and the widowers and widows irrespective of creed were brought in vehicles to the Social Hall. A 1

noon the tables were filled with the bounties of life, prepared by our good sisters of the Relief society. About 190 were seated and Elder William Paxman pronounced the blessing upon the food. After all were satisfied and the tables cleared away, an excellent programme was rendered as follows: Singing by the assembly; prayer by Patriarch Jacob G. Bigler; Mother Tippet sang "Come let us anew," (aged 74 years); an address by Mary Pichtleitb; song by Prof. C. Morris, "Do be somebody, darling;" President Wm. Paxman spoke of the good that the old folks had done in establishing Nephi; a recitation by S. Kendall Latimer, "Popping corn;" song by Mrs. Grace, "We may be happy yet" (age 74 years); recitation by J. W. Paxman, "Jimmie McNeil;" the mandolin club pleased the old folks very much with their selections; "O my Father" by Enoch Bowler; Bishop W. H. Warner said that over forty years ago we built a wall around Nephi, by counsel of President Brigham Young, twelve feet high and six feet wide on the bottom. When it was finished they had three days' feasting; C. Sperry sang "Gird on the sword," etc.; Bishop Parks thanked the old folks for what they had done for the young; Sister S. A. Cazier sang "Papa will settle the bill."

At night the scholars of the district school gave an entertainment in the Central school house in honor of Longfellow's birthday. The teachers of our district schools are all raised in Nephi excepting one and all are giving great satisfaction.

LANGLEY.

NEWS NOTES.

The Cheyenne (Wyo.) Sun says: A little figuring on the reductions to be made in salaries in Laramie county, and supplemented by those made by the school board will disclose, that as soon as all are in operation, a saving of something over \$4 per capita will be realized.

Fire broke out on Saturday afternoon in the main school building on the Puyallup Indian reservation, Tacoma, Wash., and caused a damage of \$800 before it could be extinguished by the teachers and Indian pupils by means of a bucket brigade. They had the flames under control when the Tacoma department got there. F. B. Wilson, reservation clerk, was injured by being struck on the head with a bucket.

An unsuccessful attempt was made the other day to open the burning coal mine at Hanna, Wyo. State Mine Inspector Thomas and a gang of men came down from Rock Springs and the seals were partially removed and the men with the necessary appliances went into the mine. Four of the men were overcome and had to be carried out, while all suffered from the damp and fumes.

A stage line between Fruita and Grand Junction, Colo., is being seriously talked of and would be of benefit to all, says the Fruita Mail. The railroad rate of 13 and 19 cents is extortionate and the passenger rate of 60 cents each way is more than our people can afford to pay in these times of depression. In addition the train service seems to have been arranged with special reference to the inconvenience to the people of Fruita.