DOWN IN SOUTHERN UTAH.

The Land of Rain a Sun Astonishes the State.

Andrew Kimball Describes Conditions As He Found Them There—Fruit in Abundance.

Panguitch, Utah, Aug. 25, 1897.

To the Editor:

Very few of our people stop to think of the actual wealth of our fair State of course the glories of our climate are not accorded to many and but few of those who do travel observe the real merits of our country and yield to its grandeur and its varied stores of value. We cross and recross the State in quite a few ways and fault it for not doing so and so another.

Having been on some days of St. George, I had turned an unfavorable opinion, imagining, of course, that all the good things which God had were doing matters to the cause of humanity. Contrast enable us to do possibly, and to take other conditions into, even though our opportunities are limited and unable at to look more favorably on something else.

While in Texas last winter the weather was always with the exception of the fearful storm observed in the city of San Antonio, situated well to the south and west. It perhaps brought a few tropical rains. Drought is the dread of winter with us. The temperature was so moderate in Texas that the people would live out of doors. To see the beautiful flowers and endless variety evergreens, one would imagine to man to one but city life in the beautiful month of May. The mistake could be seen given vegetables and which produces a wonderful make you believe it was summer rather than February. Hundreds of delicate people there go to the south simply to avoid the radical weather of the north and seek a health resort. It promoted to John in the other, my little boy is coming San Antonio. We have not experienced as yet to hold especially our "rainy south." but we may yet some, as is the case with that portion of country, when kindness will go to St. George and that country for the benefit of their health and the multitude of a more genial climate. No doubt some finer home will be secured by those who can afford it, where, if so disposed, but only with the to provide and therein all the comforts of life. Temple for their sacred dust. Dwelling down the cities of a milder or less in a temperature of 10, and to other respects as mild and moderate as that of the southern borders of the Atlantic or the California shore. Just instead of paying out hundreds of dollars to get thousands of miles, a distance of a few hundred will bring us to just as favorable conditions.

On either side, and at every turn of the road as we enter St. George we see the beautiful vineyards loading with grapes of a delicious flavor. Not a moment one would imagine himself in the Holy Land and could not preclude the often-made independent expression of the comfortable homesteads where he would not, and do for one you and for me. When we arrived has were just ripe and you could imagine our pleasure in picking the luscious fruit from the tree with it yet speckled with the morning dew and heard a little boy in the Fines and there could be seen the pomegranate and other fruits of a kind, only seen in the Holy Land. Three miles. Only a short distance from the cities are the cotton fields, producing a fine grade as can be found in the cotton producing districts of the Southern States. All through the South this season there is an abundant harvest, trees are fairly broken to pieces with the burden of fruit and fruitful and luscious fruit.

Notwithstanding the abundant crop of fruit, but surpassed by that produced in any country, we may see this fall in our city and country markets imported, dried and evaporated fruits marked to sell at from 12½ to 15 cents per pound, while our Utah product, if sorted at all, brings from 2 to 3 cents per pound. While visiting the Washington, Weber and Cache valleys we said Brother Thomas Judd, president of the stake board of horticulture, who is a thinker and a horticulturist, not only in living and observing the fruits, but in trying to disseminate a knowledge of the proper methods among the people, that he may produce as marketable an article as our neighboring states, and that we may and indeed bought the pounds of as choice dried apricots and peaches as ever saw in California, showed plainly the practicability of producing a high-grade article of dried fruit in our State. A few years ago the proper methods to set forth by the Horticultural society, and I may say here to our Brother A. A. Wright of Ogden, would be pleased to forward to the address of any one desirous of these pamphlets. Respectfully,

ANDREW KIMBALL.

San Juan Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the San Juan Stake was held at Bluff, San Juan county, Utah, Sunday, Aug. 22, 1897. President R. A. Hampton and his first counselor, William Hall, were present, also Elders Lorenzo Snow, of Salt Lake City, Utah, and Joel Ricks, of the Bishop's office. The Sacrament was taken up by the Bishop presiding, Elder Lorenzo Snow. Their priority closed that the San Juan Stake one is in pretty fair condition, that the people are improving both temporally and spiritually.

The afternoon was devoted to instructing the Saints by the president of the Stake and Elder Lorenzo Snow.

Monday, Aug. 23, was devoted to Sabbath school conference, and Mutual Improvement, Relief Society, Y. M. and Y. L. M. I. A. and Primary conference. The meeting was a fast day, and testifying for the Spirit of the Lord was poured out upon us.

The Spirit of the Lord poured out upon us, and it was a very valuable time.

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CONFIDENCE AT ELSINORE.

Good Condition of Sevier Stake—Irrigation Companies Consolidate.

Richfield, Utah, Aug. 23, 1897.

To the Editor:

The quarterly conference of the Sevier Stake of Zion was held in Elsinore on Saturday and Sunday, August 21 and 22nd. There were present of visiting brethren Amos Francis M. Lyman of the Quorum of the Twelve, and Elders Jonathan G. Kimball of the First Council of Seventies, and Brigham Morrill, president of the Millard stake. Also President Rudger Clawson, of the Bannock stake, and President Thomas Judd, of the Cache stake, and President Thomas Judd, of the Cache stake, and President Thomas Judd, of the Cache