

stream of emigration from Babylon seems to be decreasing, the purer stream from heaven's portals is

CONSTANTLY INCREASING

According to geology, long ages before Adam pruned the Garden of Eden, the earth, through awful fissures, now visible as dykes, belched forth fiery streams of lava, covering the entire face of the valley two to three thousand feet deep, and leaving it a desolate plain. Air, moisture and frost now began their work, and so well did they cut and chisel, that only a knob here and there is left to tell the old story. The glacial epoch then came along, and filled the valley full of ice, which, melting in due time, left a mighty inland sea. Here the present soil was formed. The pent-up waters finally broke over the southern rim, forming the Rio Grande cañon, and where fishes once swam, man now plows and sows.

How sublime and awful the contemplation of the mighty power of God which from a barren, desolate rock hewed out happy homes and smiling farms for His children!

The surface of ground not yet disturbed by the plow is almost completely covered by river pebbles, giving one the impression that the soil is gravelly. But strange enough, the pebbles all lie on the top, as if the soil

HAD BEEN SHAKEN

in some mighty sieve. With a single plowing they all disappear. In consequence of this layer of gravel, all the roads are soon macadamized, just as thoroughly as though artificially done. The soil is a dark sandy loam. Good water is obtained at varying distances of from four to sixteen feet. It seems that beneath the sub-soil is an impervious stratum of rock, probably the old lava bed, which holds the water as in a huge basin. In consequence of the nearness of water to the surface, very little irrigation is necessary to produce a crop. The soil is very fertile and brings good crops of small grain. Lucern and all kinds of grasses grow abundantly, but the best forage for cattle is pea vines. The peas are sown broadcast, and so peculiarly is the soil adapted to their growth that they attain a height of from four to six feet without falling down. Cut before the peas are quite ripe and while the vines are still green, an excellent fodder is obtained, answering both for hay and grain.

Some very thrifty fruit trees are growing in Manassa, and every hope is indulged that in the near future

ALL KINDS OF FRUIT

will be raised. This hope is strengthened by the fact that, sixty miles north, an old Mexican settler raises fine apples, in a still greater altitude.

Regarding the climate, we have been told that it is made up chiefly of sunshine. While at times the mercury falls somewhat lower than in Utah, the difference is not appreciable. In fact, it is said that there are but few days in winter when a person can not sit and read on the sunny side of the house without feeling uncomfortable.

The people in the three "Mormon" towns are chiefly emigrants from the Southern States, who have arrived at various times within the last six or eight years. Yet there are sufficient sturdy Utah farmers to leaven the whole lump—and plenty of room for more.

There is in these towns a warm, delightful cordiality, a nearness of brother to brother, and a Gospel spirit of love and co-operation pervading the whole community, that is not met with in older towns. Every grasp of the hand sends a thrill to the heart, and is accompanied by a warm God bless you that speaks volumes of brotherly love. Two facts, we think, will explain this nearer approach to the Gospel ideal of society, the naturally warm-hearted, generous feeling of the southern people and all

ABSENCE OF CASTE

caused by the mutual interdependence of all the settlers in their united battles against the difficulties of pioneer life. In settlements further advanced in material prosperity, castes arise. It may be held that the Gospel does not tolerate them, and this is strictly true. But they exist, nevertheless. Such is the weakness of human nature that frequently, even in Zion, barbers, tailors, milliners and dressmakers draw dividing lines in society more or less distinct. And then, too, when men attain to that degree of wealth where borrowing ceases and hiring begins, there comes with it a degree of formality and conservatism which mutes out hospitality and brotherly co-operation on the basis of dollars and cents. We venture to say that every pioneer of such towns can remember when things were not so.

We have already stated that the original locators of the "Mormon" towns chose lands apparently inferior to much in other parts of the valley. By the blessings of the Lord and the honest industry of the Saints, it is now generally conceded that the best crops of the valley are raised here. A few facts will show

THE WISDOM

of the choice of location; it is outside the grasp of land and water corporations; it is the key to nearly one-fourth of the valley; it is convenient to timber and meadow land; not being so naturally prepossessing as other unsettled parts, it is given up exclusively to "Mormons."

A few years ago large tracts of land were still subject to homestead and

pre-emption, but the State authorities, having their eyes opened to the future possibilities of the soil, located and purchased from the general government, for school purposes, all that was of any value from one end of the valley to the other. Such land is now open to lease or purchase, though as may well be imagined the terms are not so advantageous as formerly. Hitherto our people, the majority of whom are poor, have leased their farms at ten per cent. per annum on a valuation of from a dollar to a dollar and a half per acre. At one time the land was probably purchasable at such figures, but that day is now gone forever.

The influx of cattle kings, who have here and there carved out immense ranches, has caused a sudden rise in land values, and, in fact, almost effectually

CLOSED THE MARKET.

What was the consternation of our people may be imagined when, on getting ready to buy the land they had enclosed, they learned that the State, from speculative motives refused to sell for a few years. President Elias S. Smith, than whom no shrewder man in land matters lives in the region of irrigation; went to Denver and took up a labor with the governor and land commissioners and succeeded, after a two days' hard fight, in convincing them that it was the *bona fide* settlers, like the "Mormons," that had given value to the land, that to refuse now to sell would effectually check emigration and paralyze the colonies already started, and that, while it was well enough to shut down on land speculations, actual settlers should not thus be discouraged from coming into the valley. The result was a promise on the part of the commissioners to sell a tract of 5,000 acres to the Latter-day Saints. The purchase had not been made when the writer left, but

SANGUINE HOPES

were entertained that when it was the land would be had at two dollars and a half per acre. If we remember rightly, ten per cent. of this sum is to be paid down, the remainder in seven equal annual payments, with interest at ten per cent., the state in the meanwhile holding the title to the land. It was feared that the next purchase would not cost less than \$4, and probably over \$5 an acre.

As an example of the absolute absence of speculation in the building up of "Mormon" towns, we relate the plan for settling Sanford, the new townsite into which Richfield and Ephraim will soon be merged. It is located on an elevation about twenty feet above the land on the west, with a perceptible slope to the east. A large canal was being built to water the town and adjoining land. The site has been leased for the last few years to secure it against land sharks, though no ground was broken till very recently. The rent values thus accumulated amount to \$1.35, which, plus the price of purchase, and a proportionate share of the cost of streets and grounds for public buildings, etc., is all that a settler is charged for a city lot.

SEVERAL HUNDRED LOTS

have been laid off, two-thirds of which are held in reserve for settlers yet to come, the only additional cost of which will be the accumulating expense. Now what system of colonizing can be fairer than this? It is the very embodiment of the golden rule. It is by following such a rule that ninety-five per cent. of the "Mormons" live in their town homes. The same principle is followed substantially in the location of farms. Where on the face of the earth can another community be found who act upon this principle?

The Saints of San Luis Stake are very well provided with school and meeting-houses, which are evidently well patronized, judging by what the writer saw while there.

Taxes are comparatively light, and are more than paid back in free school funds alone.

THE PEOPLE ELECT

their own local officers. Outside of this they wisely let politics alone. In voting for general officers, they are neither democrats nor republicans, but have for their motto—"The best men and the best measures." Such a course is most likely to secure them against political jealousy.

As a place to build up a home, the San Luis Valley is equaled by few, and surpassed by none of the many districts now open to emigration.

N. L. N.

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[SEAL.]

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WILLIAM DAVENPORT,

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