

lake from the west side of the valley; nor is there much land fit for agricultural purposes, as the mountain huge the shore of the lake in pretty close proximity nearly its entire length. This accounts for the unimproved state of that part of Utah valley.

But, looking across the smooth surface of the lake eastward how different is the condition! There, from the numerous canyons and gorges of the mighty snow-capped Wasatch range emerge clear and beautiful mountain streams, which have been conveyed from their natural channels on to the lands which are now covered with beautiful cities, towns and villages, abounding with most lovely orchards and groves, and surrounded by fields and meadows that in point of productiveness and fertility are unsurpassed by any in the mountains. Commencing with Lehi on the north there is an unbroken chain of settlements for a distance of forty-two miles to Santaquin on the south, including American Fork, Alpine, Pleasant Grove, Timpanogas, Lake View, Pleasant View, Provo, Springville, Mapleton, Spanish Fork, Lake Shore, Benjamin, Salem, Payson and Spring Lake. By a wise and systematic distribution of water for irrigation purposes nearly all the arable land lying between the lake and the foot of the mountains has been brought under cultivation. Even the so-called Provo Bench lying between Provo and Pleasant Grove (which in early Utah days was supposed by many to be worthless except for herding purposes) is fast filling up with people, and the numerous farms, orchards and long rows of shade trees, even as seen from across the lake, indicate that that part of Utah valley is fast approaching the same state of culture and improvements as other tracts of the country in the vicinity.

Utah Valley, which embraces most of the inhabited part of Utah county is nearly forty-five miles long from north to south, with perhaps an average width of about fifteen miles. The lake is twenty-four miles long, and varies in width from less than five (on the south end) to fourteen miles, the average width being nearly twelve miles. Its elevation above sea level is 4558 feet. It is the receptacle for all the waters flowing into the valley when they are not consumed in irrigation. The largest stream, or river, putting into the lake, is the Timpanogas, or Provo, which rises in Wasatch county and enters Utah valley through the Provo canyon, noted for its beauty and grandeur. The other important streams are Dry Creek, American Fork, Hobble Creek, Spanish Fork, Peteetneet and Salt Creek, the latter rising in Sanpete county, passing through Juab county, and falling into the Utah Lake from the south, near Goshen. The strip of country embracing nearly the entire inhabited part of the valley on the east side of the lake varies in width from five to thirteen miles, the widest part being where Spanish Fork, Payson and surrounding settlements are situated.

Besides this valley, Utah county also embraces Cedar Valley, lying westward, which is 22 miles long from north to south, and has an average width of seven miles. This is a poorly watered valley, in consequence of

which it only contains two small settlements, namely Cedar Fort and Fairfield, which together constitute the Cedar Valley ward.

The Utah Stake of Zion embraces all of Utah county, and consists of 31 fully organized Bishops' wards, and two branches, as follows:

	Souls	Families
Provo, First ward,	1248	213
Provo, Second ward,	800	126
Provo, Third ward,	575	95
Provo, Fourth ward,	958	193
Lake View ward,	364	67
Timpanogas ward,	241	42
Pleasant View ward,	280	45
Springville, First ward,	728	135
Springville, Second ward,	485	79
Springville, Third ward,	446	89
Springville, Fourth ward,	582	106
Mapleton ward,	389	67
Spanish Fork, First ward,	760	154
Spanish Fork, Second ward,	541	100
Spanish Fork, Third ward,	620	123
Spanish Fork, Fourth ward,	829	85
Salem ward,	777	128
Payson, First ward,	1000	214
Payson Second ward,	1110	232
Benjamin ward,	341	63
Lake Shore ward,	420	80
Santaquin ward,	842	168
Goshen ward,	371	62
Cedar Valley ward,	209	34
Lehi ward,	1843	389
American Fork ward,	1090	404
Alpine ward,	408	74
Pleasant Grove, First ward,	1115	240
Pleasant Grove, Sec'd ward,	478	87
Pleasant Grove, Third ward,	211	38
Pleasant Valley ward,	429	70
Mill Fork Branch ward,	81	3
Clinton ward,	69	10
Total,	21,163	3998

Elder Abraham O. Smoot presides over the Stake, with David Johnson as his first and Edward Partridge as his second counselor. The first named resides in Provo, First ward, the latter in the Timpanogas ward. The Utah Stake, in point of size and importance, is the second in the Church.

ANDREW JENSON.

EPHRAIM WATSON'S DEATH.

A few days ago the NEWS contained the announcement of the death of Ephraim Watson, a pioneer of Laketown, Rich county, as the result of an accident which occurred on Tuesday last, when the unfortunate man was caught by the overturning of his wagon in Laketown canyon. Joseph Irwin sends the following additional particulars of the sad occurrence:

Father Ephraim Watson, one of the first white men to locate here, started out in good health and spirits with a load of vegetables to market at Evanston. When he got to the forks of the canyon, two or three miles from town, his eleven-year-old boy got down to get him a drink of water. While the team—which, by the way, was one that had indulged in running away considerably of late—halted, one of the animals rubbed its bridle off on to the wagon tongue and, the animals beginning to run, Mr. Watson pulled on the line of the off horse so that the team made a circle back. On going the second round, the wagon overturned and Mr. Watson was buried under the load. His boy stood to the front of the team just previously and endeavored to restrain them but they overpowered him. After the accident happened the child called to his father, but the only response was a slight groan and all was over.

As soon as the people at Laketown were apprised of the occurrence, Messrs. Willis Johnson, Joseph T. Cheney and others went up to the scene of the terrible accident. When they raised the wagon they found the deceased upon his hands and knees, his head touching the ground, and the overturned spring seat and load above him. So far as could be ascertained, the shock was so sudden that it must have almost immediately killed the poor old gentleman. No bones appeared to have been broken. As soon as possible he was brought home, and Coroner Jos. S. Moffat came over from Meadowville and with Messrs. Joseph Weston, Willis Johnson and Geo. Henry Robinson as jurors, held an inquest over the remains. They returned their verdict "that said Ephraim Watson came to his death on the 22nd of August, 1893, by the accidental overthrow of his loaded wagon upon him, at the forks of the Laketown canyon."

Mr. Watson was a native of Clayton, Yorkshire, England, and was aged 64 years and 2 months. He joined the Mormon Church in 1853, emigrated to Utah county in about 1858, and dwelt in Lehi for some time previous to his coming to Bear Lake valley. He was among the first to settle in Laketown—then an Indian camp—and shared in the trials and privations incident to the making of these homes of the Saints. He was very abstemious in his habits, and held and magnified several positions of trust among the people. It may truthfully be said that he tried to the utmost of his ability to honor his God by living his religion and doing right by his fellow man.

The funeral services, conducted by Bishop Ira Nebeker, were held at the meeting house at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, when appropriate addresses were made by Bishop I. T. Price, Elders Jos. Robinson and Joseph Irwin and Bishop Ira Nebeker. The meeting house was crowded with people from Laketown, Meadowville and Round Valley wards.

CLOSING OF ST. GEOGRE TEMPLE.

St. George Temple will close for ordinances on Friday, 22nd September, and reopen on Tuesday, 24th October, 1893.

DAVID H. CANNON

JAMES G. BLEAK.

ST. GEORGE, Utah, Aug. 19, 1893.

THE ORIENTAL critics whose performances on the Midway Plaisance at the World's Fair have caused such a flutter in moral circles, observe with grim sarcasm that when the Amazon belles came in with their mahogany legs bared to the knee the other night, a number of leading society women who occupied boxes blushed almost down to their waists.

IT NOW seems as if the World's Fair would be a success financially as well as otherwise. During the month of August the daily paid admissions have amounted to 100,000 and sometimes considerably more. If this continues with continued endeavors in the matter of retrenchment, the increased patronage will soon make up for the deficiency of the early days. A daily attendance of 80,000 is estimated as abundant to pay all expenses.