

best route for the Saints from the States to Deseret.

Crossing the Missouri River above the mouth of the Platte, and passing the Loupe Fork, which is the only river of much consequence to cross on the north of the Platte, and which may be easily bridged, or ferried at still water, and keeping on the entire north of the Platte; also of the Sweet Water, except near its source in the mountains, and there are no natural obstructions on the route till you arrive at Green River; where a ferry may be expected at high water, and good fording is always found late in the season.

Our State House is enclosed, the walls are nearly ready for plastering; and we have no doubt but the several apartments will be ready for their several uses: the sitting of the General Assembly, High School, Printing Office, and Tithing, Post, and Recording Offices, the coming winter. The Warm Spring Bath House is so near completion, that visitants are accommodated at the Baths, and daily and hourly carriages are running from thence to various parts of the city.

There are several extensive store-houses completed, and near completion in our city, and goods sufficient in quantity and variety, with the exception of groceries, for the necessities of the people, till another season.

Sugar is not only a beverage, a luxury, but it is in its nature and substance, one of the component parts of our animal structure; and a free use thereof is calculated to promote health; and could the Saints have a more abundant supply, they would need less meat.—Should every person in Deseret consume one-third of an ounce of sugar per day, through the coming year, it would require about one hundred and twenty tons, more than has or will be brought by our merchants this season; and according to the best estimate we can make, three hundred tons would be consumed in this State the

next year, if it could be obtained.

We anticipate some relief in the sugar market next season, from the culture of the sugar beet, and its manufacture, but this can make but little impression the first year, as we are not informed of more than one or two bushels of the genuine sugar beet seed in the valley, though we know of no country, where a greater quantity of saccharine matter is produced in vegetables than this.

About the middle of August, Brothers Young and Kimball, accompanied by Brother Hyde and others, visited Weber county, and located and gave the plan for the city of Ogden,—near Ogden river, and between that and the Weber river.

The General Assembly has held adjourned sessions, occasionally through the summer. The sittings have been very brief, though much important business has been transacted; important to our young and flourishing state. When the constitution of Deseret was adopted, and its boundaries were established therein, the actual settlers of Deseret outnumbered Western California as five to three. Notwithstanding which, a strong exertion has been made by Congress to receive California into the Union; to the exclusion of Deseret, though our petition for admission was equally before them. What the final action of government has been on this matter, we are not informed; neither are we able to say how long the most enlightened people of any state or nation on earth, will bear to be trifled with, by the rejection of the union which they have so strongly urged, without producing alienation of feeling. Be it longer or shorter, the result of that rejection must remain with those who assume the responsibility to reject, and should we never be admitted into the union, we shall leave the event, as we do all other things, in the hands, and at the disposal of a righteous God.

Kane Post Office, in Pottawat-

omie, is the nearest office to this place, and through which all our business has been transacted with the States and foreign countries.—A U. S. Mail arrived here on the 9th inst., from Independence, Mo., by which we received no news, except through the carrier, by whom we learned that a contract existed for bringing through the Mail once a month; and that President Taylor was dead.

Communications to and from our friends abroad, have been very uncertain in their transmission; and so far as it can be, it is desirable that valuable documents should be remitted by private conveyance.

The Perpetual Emigrating Funds have been judiciously appropriated the past year, under the immediate application of our agent, Bishop Edward Hunter; who is near this place, on his return from Pottawatomie, with a large company of the Poor Saints.

Our annual fall Conference was commenced on the 6th of September, one month earlier than usual, so that the brethren who were obliged to go to the States, need not be exposed on their travels so late in the season; but circumstances, beyond our control, have caused unexpected delay, which, in the end, will result in good.

The Conference was fully attended, and much important business was transacted, as will be seen by reference to the minutes which are published. the most important items dwelt upon, were the Perpetual Emigrating Fund; Education; and a universal sustaining of the general officers of the Church, and of the different quorums thereof, except that Bro. Parry was added to the High Council of this Stake of Zion, in place of Brother Grover, who is absent.

Preparations are making for the establishment of a parent school, or school for qualifying teachers; for primary and infant schools throughout the State; for enclosing the University lands, a plat of about 600 acres, directly east of the City; and for every thing