

THE UTAH PIONEERS.

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at night they ever had beheld, as the thought ran through their minds of the prospect that not many years hence the house of God would be established in the mountains and exalted above the hills, while the valleys should be converted into orchards, vineyards and fruitful fields, cities built to the name of the Lord, and the standard of Zion unfurled for the gathering of nations. At last the great Pioneer, the chief Apostle of the Church, through whom the people looked for the voice of inspiration and revelation from God, President Brigham Young, spoke the fateful words: "This is the very place! Drive on!"

"The very place!" Had he seen it before, and yet had not entered it? This is answered in the words of Erastus Snow, the second man of the Pioneers to enter the valley: "It was here he had seen the gold settling down from heaven and resting, and a voice said to him: 'Here is the place where my people Israel shall pitch their tents.'"

Some time before, as President Young had informed his fellow Apostles, the Lord had shown him in vision where the Saints should make their abode, and had indicated it both to his sense of sight and of hearing. Hence when the scene came before his mortal vision, he gazed upon it with the rapturous joy of a great achievement attained under the divine blessing and guidance, and recognized and proclaimed it as "the very place."

XX.

SETTLED IN A NEW HOME.

The Pioneers were now in the Great Salt Lake Valley, their wearisome journey past for the time being, but their toils and hardships as severe in subduing a soil influenced by conditions new and strange to them. They were a thousand miles from

according to the dictates of their own consciences, maintaining for themselves in this regard the privileges and rights they asserted freely to others. Therefore, reflection and inspiration made them a unit in pressing forward in the work before them.

When President Young and party reached the place where playing had been done, Elder Woodruff, without stopping for dinner, took half a pound of potatoes for food in his wagon and planted them, "hoping," as he said, "with the blessing of God, to save at least the seed for another year." In the evening Willard Woodruff, Heber C. Kimball, George A. Smith and Ezra T. Benson made several miles up City Creek canyon to look for timber and see the country. In the evening there was a thunder shower, and the shades of night came over the first twenty-four miles of the valley—the day set apart by the Pioneers, in honor of the arrival of their leader with the remaining portion of the camp, on Pioneer Day, in commemoration of their advent into these valleys.

Next day was the Sabbath. No food of pilgrims was more thankful to divine Providence than were those Mormon Pioneers upon the Lord's Day fifty years ago. Ten o'clock in the morning found them assembled for worship, beneath the blue canopy of heaven, and with no human habitation. They were alone so far as truly and persecutions were concerned, but they were not without friends for God was their Friend, and with His angelic hosts was near to them; and had, for them, a great and glorious work to perform, the length and breadth, and light, and effects thereof man has not comprehended as yet.

In that assemblage of worshippers in the Salt Lake valley, July 23, 1847, praise and thanksgiving poured forth in prayer and song, and the remarks of all the speakers. A man, woman or child had first begun the journey and they had been



ERASTUS SNOW.

delivered by three Apostles, Willard Woodruff, Orson Pratt and Willard Richards. All testified to the divine character of the religious work in which they were engaged, and Elder Pratt's discourse was a poem of triumph for the cause of Israel, wrought out by the power of the Holy One. His text was Isaiah 52:7, 8. President Young was the first to stand and address the congregation, but he added a few words of counsel to what had been said, sitting in his chair as he did so. He directed that the Sabbath should be observed by all who dwelt among the people; and gave instructions regarding the occupancy of the land, which was to be that the rights of all who should come should be preserved.

Early on the morning of Monday, July 26, plowing and planting was resumed. Under the direction of President Young, exploring parties were sent out in various directions. The President himself, with a party consisting of H. C. Kimball, Willard Richards, Willard Woodruff, Geo. A. Smith, E. T. Benson, Albert Carrington and Wm. Clayton, went up City Creek canyon, and then climbed the hills to the west and ascended Ensign Peak. Willard Woodruff was the first to reach the summit. "A good place to raise an ensign," remarked President Young as he gazed over the magnificent scene which the valley presented from that eminence, and the mountain was accordingly named Ensign Peak.

On the 27th, exploration was continued, the Utah Outlet since named the Jordan river, was crossed and Great Salt Lake visited. Utah Lake was viewed from a distance, and much information of the valley gathered on that and the following day. On the afternoon of the 28th the Apostles held a council. They talked to the point where is now located the southeast corner of the Salt Lake Temple, when President Young, striking the ground with his cane, said: "Here will be the Temple of our God." He pointed out the ground for the Temple Block, and directed that the city be laid out perfectly square, as it now is. That evening, at a meeting of the Pioneers, the plan was endorsed. It was at that meeting that the words quoted at the opening of this article were spoken.

Thus the Pioneers settled in the new home of their people. The work of constructing buildings followed as quickly as preparations could be made therefor. On the 29th, a detachment of the Mormon Battalion and others, about two hundred and fifty in all, arrived. Later, still others

this is the most suitable place, and the place for us to make our commencement. Here is the place to build our city."

His forecast has proved through fifty years of experience to be correct. How did he know of what he spoke, when his natural eyes had not beheld, nor his ears heard what was in the country? How, but by the same God-given inspiration which moved upon Joseph Smith, when he declared the Saints should become a mighty people in the Rocky Mountains? It was the revelation of God to him and to the Church—the gift of prophecy and revelation which came to this dispensation through the restoration of the Gospel to the Prophet Joseph Smith, and those who received his divine message, and which continued with the Prophets Brigham Young, John Taylor, Willard Woodruff, and others who hold the Holy Priesthood, and which abides with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, organized and authorized by the direct command of the Lord Jesus, mankind's Savior King.

Henry Reiser.

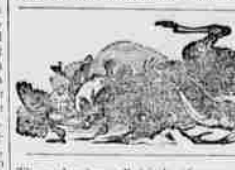
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Utah Nursery Co.

A review of the various commercial interests of Salt Lake necessarily takes in the above representative concern. Established in 1887, its trade has gradually increased year by year until now the Utah Nursery Co. ranks foremost among similar concerns in the West. The company is incorporated with a capital stock of \$225,000. The Nursery Farm, devoted to the growth of nursery stock consists of eighty acres and is situated on Ninth East street and South Boulevard; a mass of access, as the Rapid Transit electric car line runs by the place. The company grows for sale all kinds and descriptions of fruit and ornamental trees, small fruits, roses, shrubs, etc., and are the largest nurserymen in the inter-mountain region. Their business has grown to large proportions and extends not only throughout Utah but also the surrounding states and territories.

The directors of the company are James Anderson, H. J. Dummey, M. R. Seales, E. W. Wilson and J. A. Goodhue.

The officers are J. A. Goodhue, president, M. R. Seales, secretary. Offices are located 308 and 309 Alley Block.

We are proud of many of our leading enterprises which have raised Salt Lake to a high commercial position and are glad to be enabled to mention such a representative establishment as the Utah Nursery Co., and do not hesitate to commend it to those of our readers who may desire to make purchases in their line.

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J. Valentine, president; George L. Redge, Chas. F. Crockett, Henry King, John J. McGowan, Ben. Cheney, Henry E. Huntington, E. Gray and Duffell Evans. These are all representative financiers. The total resources of the bank, including the enormous aggregate of loans, are twelve and one-half million dollars. The bank capital is \$500,000, and the surplus resources, this bank was not only but be stable and the most of the corporation is given to the interests of the community and the advancement of the business of the West.

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ORSON PRATT.

Winter Quarters and from civilization, and five hundred miles farther from the beautiful city of Nauvoo, whence they had been compelled by a cruel persecution to depart. The change in conditions was as great in natural surroundings from all they ever had seen before, that it is no wonder some of the Pioneers were not favorably impressed with the new location. But the objections and objections were few, and the statement of President Young came to them as the voice of God—there was no other place which they could go to in their condition and carry out their purpose to worship God

led direct to the place where they were to settle and which already had been dedicated to the Lord by an Apostle of the Blessed Master. These other Apostles, George A. Smith, Heber C. Kimball, and Ezra T. Benson, addressed the congregation, expressing sentiments of gratitude and of shining hope and faith in the God of Israel.

Again in the afternoon religious services were held, and the assemblage partook of the sacred emblems which constitute the Lord's Supper. These brief remarks were offered by Elders Lorenzo D. Young, John Pack and others, and addresses were



BRIGHAM YOUNG.

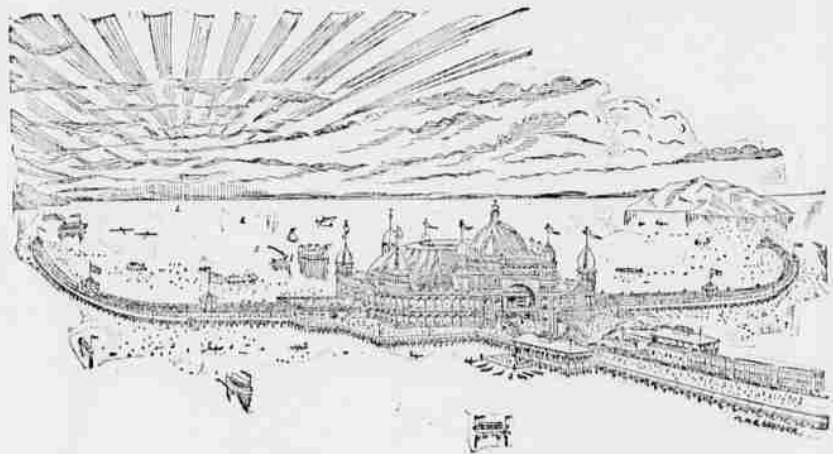
PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG ENTERING THE VALLEY, JULY 24, 1847.

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