

Utah.

THE GREAT WEALTH OF UTAH—HER MINING INTERESTS—MICHIGAN CAPITAL INVESTED—MORMONISM—LUCKY CAPITALISTS, ETC.

Editor Courier:—Notwithstanding the manifest disinclination of the Detroit papers to permit the people of Michigan to know anything good of this most beautiful valley, which is "literally fat with corn," whose "hills are covered with ten thousand flocks, and from whose mountains may be digged silver and gold," yet the sons of the Peninsular State, through private correspondence, learn of its genial climate, its vast wealth in silver, gold, iron and coal, and come here in crowds to see with their own eyes and hear with their own ears the wonders of this grand inter-continental city—now nine times larger than Detroit was when I first saw it, and twenty-five times larger than Chicago was on my first visit there in 1835. The daily falsehoods sent from here by bumper representatives of the Associated Press, are picked up and published because they come from carpet-baggers who here, as in New Orleans, eat our substance; but statistics of the mineral, agricultural and commercial business of Utah are thrown into the waste-basket by the press of Detroit, as of no consequence. During the last three months I have presented to President Young and shown through the city over two hundred Michigan ladies and gentlemen, and they have universally expressed their astonishment at what they saw, and wondered why the papers had never told them anything about Utah. But the sons of Michigan know where the road to rapid wealth lies, and many of them via the Lake Superior mines, are here making fabulous fortunes out of our wonderful mines.

A few evenings since, sitting on the cool verandah of the Townsend House, I casually remarked to James Carson, formerly of the old firm of Carson & Close, at Ontonagon, that it was strange that we should meet here, when on canvassing the crowd, I found thirteen men whom I had met at Lake Superior in 1845; James Carson, Thos. M. Busso, Joseph Busso, Thomas M. Low, Wm. Walbridge, Joseph E. Gay and many others, practical men, who made money out of copper on Lake Superior, and are now here to increase their means out of the fabulous silver mines of Utah.

Carson & Busso have invested here since last December over \$400,000, and have a mine now in operation that will, within sixty days, produce 100 tons of bullion each day at a profit of \$30 each ton or \$3,000 profit each day. The ore smelts as easy as lead, is quarried almost as cheap as gravel, and grows richer as they go down. They have ore in sight in the Galena and West Jordan mines, Bingham Canyon, 25 miles from here, that will produce over two millions of dollars. Their partners are among the millionaires of Boston, who were with them in Lake Superior.

Michigan has invested here within the last year over \$900,000 in spite of the efforts of the Detroit press to suppress all information from this Territory. The Winsor Mine in Little Cottonwood declare their first dividend this week, payable on the 20th inst., and each month hereafter, and the Detroit stockholders will get a dividend. For the Flagstaff mine in Parley's Park, bought in December last, through me, by Hon. A. A. Morrison, of St. Joseph, Fred A. Nims and Mr. Ferry, of Grand Haven, at \$38,000; \$250,000 is offered to-day. General George W. Lee, of Ypsilanti, has a very valuable mine in the Camp Floyd District; in short, all the sons of Michigan who have come here have been fortunate in their investments. Utah has today a population of 160,000 people; Salt Lake about 26,000; and here are as good schools of all denominations, churches of every sect, as in Saginaw or Detroit. There are no troubles in Utah save those made by the "carpet-bag officers" here, who are endeavoring to steal away the lands and rob the people in the same manner as Kellogg and Durrell do in Louisiana.

Ask Alanson Sheeley, of Detroit, who spent several days here, and he will tell you that the Mormon people are among the most industrious, honest, sober people on earth; who never drink, smoke, or have any of the vices of the Gentiles. Until the Gentiles rushed here, not a bawdy house, a drinking house, a

gambling house or billiard room was ever known. Their only sin is that they believe that Brigham Young is a prophet of the Lord.

Mr. Andrew Hay bought yesterday two mines in Bingham Canyon, at a low figure, which a Lake Superior miner says will pay a 25 per cent. dividend on \$500,000. He is as lucky as usual.

GEO. C. BATES.
Salt Lake City, August 5.
—Saginaw, (Mich.) Courier, Aug. 19th.

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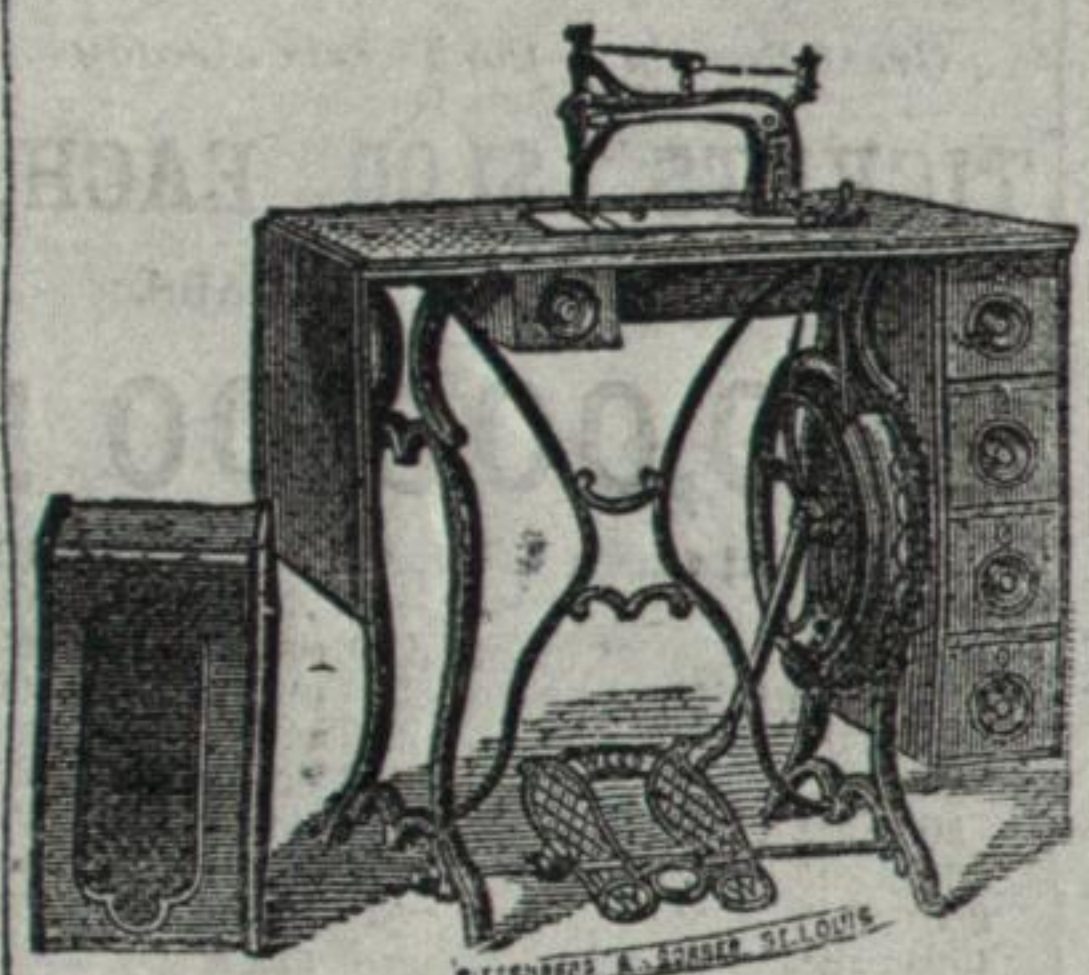
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