

invite immigration. For years the amount of land in Utah that could be reached with water has been comparatively small. High prices have been the rule because of the pressure of population on the irrigable land along the streams. It is not unusual for land a day's ride from the railroad to bring \$75 to \$100 an acre, with a good water right, though land close by, without water, is not worth the cost of an abstract of title. This scarcity of irrigable tracts has been due to the lack of capital for the construction of reservoirs. The Mormon people early settled on most of the land that could be irrigated from natural sources and so acquired water rights that could not be infringed upon by later settlers. With the introduction of reservoir systems this pressure for homesteads will be met and extensive regions opened to settlers on a basis of mutual profit to the colonist and the owner of water.

As an example of this fact the Millard county lands controlled by the State will be sold at \$1 an acre, one-fourth payable in cash and the balance in three years without interest. The water company contracts to furnish a permanent water right at \$15 an acre on twenty years' time, with an annual charge for maintenance and repair of canals amounting to \$1.50 an acre for the first five years, \$1.25 yearly for the next five and \$1 a year thereafter. The total acreage to be reclaimed in this tract, it is estimated, will furnish homes for 8,000 families, figuring on the Utah average of twenty-seven acres to the family.

Besides this great reservoir system, eight others have been surveyed in Utah and six have begun the construction of dams, all of which will be completed in time for spring irrigation. While some of these systems are comparatively small, they will add nearly 100,000 acres to the irrigated lands of the State. There remains for development the enormous desert region of the Uintah and Uncompaghe reservations, soon to be opened to settlement, and amply provided with water for reservoir storage, the region along the Grand river, where it is estimated 200,000 acres can be watered from that one stream, and in addition there are thirteen reservoir sites surveyed and designated as such by the government geological survey and now controlled by the State.

Altogether the activity in the direction indicated largely has compensated for the losses and depression due to the fall in silver, although it has not affected the silver sentiment in politics. If recent elections and expressions of public opinion may be accepted as indications

"CITY OF THE ANGELS"

Los Angeles, Feb. 28th, 1898.

It being almost a certainty that this beautiful city will yet be connected with the equally fair city of Salt Lake by the proposed railroad through southern Utah and Nevada, a few items from this paradise of birds and flowers and balmy breezes may be of interest to your numerous readers.

In this, the latter part of February, when one living in the East naturally expects to see all nature still in the icy grasp of King Winter, the weather here is like that of the late springtime, warm and balmy, while the flowers bloom in profusion everywhere, and the trees are in full leaf, some of them in bloom. Yesterday I spent the afternoon at West Lake park, and the brightness and beauty of the scene there beggars all description. In the center of the park is a lake formed from natural spring and on all sides of this lake the bank has a gradual slope down to the water, and on this slope the well-kept smooth-shaven lawn looks like emerald velvet in the bright sunshine. Stretch-

ing back from the lake, over many acres, there are walks and drives, green grass and beds of bright-hued flowers, interspersed with rustic seats on which one may sit in the shade and rest, listening to delightful strains of music from the band, and watching the white sails of the boats gliding smoothly over the sparkling water, gazing at the throng of people passing to and fro. Rich and poor mingled together in this, one of the many beautiful "breathing places" to be found in this great city; the former, clad in their rich and elegant garments, the latter in their more humble attire, but with a more happy and contented look upon their faces than many of their more wealthy neighbors.

There are a number of Elders here from Utah, and they meet with some success, and have quite a number of converts. Last October I attended a conference in this city, and the resident members of the Church had prepared a banquet and ball, and in mingling with them I could not but notice the same atmosphere of hospitality and sociability which is such a strong characteristic of all such gatherings in Utah. I am glad to see that the earnest labor of the Elders is bringing forth good fruit, and may they ever be successful in their many fields of labor.

Extensive as the city of Los Angeles now is, it is still spreading and growing constantly, as new tracts of land are being opened up, and many new dwelling houses are being erected. One improvement now under way is the putting of the telephone wires underground that the poles may be done away with.

With kindly greetings from this land of the Golden West to my many friends in Utah, I am

CLARA HYDE.

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY IN BEAR LAKE

Laketown, Utah, Feb. 25, 1898.

Elders James H. Hart and Wm. L. Rich of the Bear Lake Stake presidency, and Bishop Amos R. Wright of Bennington, and Elder Joseph R. Shepard of Paris, Idaho, addressed a large audience of the Laketown people, with some visitors from adjacent villages, tonight. Elder Shepard very eloquently portrayed the character of the people who would be God's people: a people of self-sacrifice and self-denial, ever walking in duty's pathway; a people who could not serve God and Mammon, who must serve God with their whole heart; this service meaning separation from the vagaries and vices of the world. To illustrate his subject he quoted counsel and requirements of Joshua of Israel, and the terms prescribed whereby Naaman, the leper, could and did obtain relief from his leprosy. The speaker addressed himself particularly to the young people, assuring them of the nobility and success of obedience to parents and counsels of the servants of the Lord; showed the apostasy from the primitive church to be the result of gradual deviations from the Gospel, and warned the young of the danger of adopting the follies of the world. He bore testimony that God does now reward all who will for His glory make sacrifices in behalf of His cause.

The remarks of Bishop Wright were fraught with much wisdom and practical value, his theme being the responsibility of instructors, the necessity of God's Spirit to so inspire the speakers that the spiritual needs of the people may be supplied. He spoke forcibly upon the duties incumbent upon teachers in their labors among the people, and gave the young people earnest admonition regarding the lives they should lead, the society they should keep, the aims in life they should have, and the evils they should shun—which, if car-

ried out, cannot fail to very greatly benefit the hearers.

Elder Hart acknowledged God's providence in preserving his life and enabling him thus far to recover from the effects of the painful accident that had recently befallen him. He endorsed the excellent counsels given, spoke in behalf of the Stake academy building and related what had been done by several of the words in its behalf, and hoped the good work would continue until the people of the stake would soon rejoice in its completion and benefits. He expressed regret at the absence of President Budge through sickness.

The brethren will continue on to Randolph, where tomorrow, the 26th, they will hold a couple of meetings; and on Sunday will attend, part at each, the Randolph and Woodruff ward conferences.

The weather is very mild and fine. The roads getting quite mesurable for traffic. Some considerable colds are prevalent among the children—nothing serious however.

County Assessor Samuel Weston is giving us a call, feeling our financial pulse, and ascertaining our belongings.

Elder Joseph Hodges of the stake Sunday School superintendency went over and met with the people of Meadowville ward last Sunday and organized their Sunday school, with Eugene Kimball as superintendent and Joseph Gibbons and Joshua Eldridge as counselors, and other officers. There hasn't been a Sunday school or other organization there for some time. The people appeared to appreciate the reorganization, as the house was well filled and all agreed to support the Sunday school by their efforts and attendance.

Stake Superintendent Galloway and aids labored in the interests of the Stake Superintendent of Religious Bear River Valley Sunday schools last Sunday, returning to St. Charles on Monday.

Classes Elder Heber C. Keetch of St. Charles is in town tonight.

The boys are hauling lots of ice from the lake. That means several ice cream festivals for the coming summer season.

JOSEPH IRWIN.

IN THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Feb. 17, 1898.]

Arrivals—The following named Elders from Zion arrived in Liverpool on February 11, 1898, per American line steamer Belgenland: For the British mission—James W. Lesueur, St. Johns, Arizona; Joseph Udall, Springville, Arizona; Heber B. Smith, Logan, Utah; Joseph Davis, Preston, Idaho. For the Scandinavian mission—Nels Iverson, Bear River City; Arent Johnson, Logan; H. F. Fernstrom, Salt Lake City. The three last named Elders continued their journey in the afternoon of the day of arrival.

Releases and Appointments—James A. W. Frame, traveling Elder in the Scottish conference has been honorably released to return home February 24, 1898. Elder Frame arrived here December 1, 1897, and has been released on account of lameness which has been aggravated since his arrival so that he is unable to get about. The doctor whom he consulted attributes his increased weakness to the dampness of the climate.

James W. Lesueur has been appointed as a traveling Elder in the Leeds conference.

Joseph Udall has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.

Heber B. Smith has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

Joseph Davis has been appointed to labor as a traveling Elder in the Welsh conference.