

COMPRISON BETWEEN SALT LAKE AND DENVER.

Some of us in Salt Lake have recently been patting ourselves on the back and congratulating ourselves that Denver is behind Salt Lake in public spirit because there is just now a little hitch in the arrangements for the great Elsteddof to be held there in September.

It is, of course, pleasant to know that in many directions Salt Lake has accomplished wonders, but with that knowledge must come a realization of the truth that what has been done in Salt Lake during the past few years in the way of advancing the public interests and of promoting great works has been accomplished by the efforts of only a few men and in spite of apathy or active opposition of a great number of people who would naturally be expected to stand shoulder to shoulder in advancing the interests of the city.

Without the sympathy of the people generally a few men in Salt Lake worked up a great musical festival for 1895. They took desperate chances in pushing preliminary work. The Tabernacle was here, the weather was favorable, great crowds were in attendance at conference, the Elsteddof was a great success and the people generally said "What a great lot of shrewd business people we are, to be sure!" Nothing succeeds like success! The men who carried the burden know that sleepless nights were spent and that from the very men who reaped the greatest benefits came only sneers instead of support until the day of success came.

Now, we have nothing to brag about and no cause to crow over Colorado or Denver's apparent lack of public spirit. That wonderful state and the people of the great city have other fish to fry now. They have railroads to build and the great gold boom to maintain. If they don't see fit to put \$50,000 into a building to accommodate a singing bee for a few days it is no proof that they are lacking in business sense.

In 1894, with a determination and vigor never surpassed in this country, they started in to snatch victory from defeat, and right well have they carried on the fight. The attention of the world is now directed to the marvelous gold deposits and the general resources of the state. Millions of dollars of home money have been put into mining development and many thousands into the work of advertising in other states. They have not waited for outside capital to do the work for them, but with an energy not equalled in recent years—even by the efforts of southern California and of certain sections of the new South, they have set a pace for Utah and Idaho which can not be followed unless some cyclone comes along to wake us up to the boundless opportunities we are ignoring and the unequalled resources that are allowed to rest undisturbed.

It is enterprising on our part to take advantage of Colorado's work and send a good talker to New York to capture their mining exchange audience and do great work for Utah. It will be good business for us this summer to go after people they get to come from other states and bring them over here.

But it would be infinitely greater

and better for us if we could wake up to our supreme opportunity and help ourselves a few minutes. If we would stop cursing our own bankers and would encourage the men who have put their money in recent years into great enterprises, it would be money in our pockets. It would be better sense to get down to business for a week, for the heavy property owner to meet at least once a month to talk over the situation, if nothing more.

Denver men are talking about and working to secure a new railroad to Salt Lake by the middle route. They are building another line to Cripple Creek. They are extending a railroad from California towards southern Utah. Denver men are reorganizing and extending their manufacturing institutions. Denver men did, a few years ago, put a lot of money into Utah lands and some of the profits from Colorado mines will soon again be used to build up Utah land and other investments.

Denver and Salt Lake are going to be the great cities west of the Mississippi river. Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho have the raw materials necessary to quickly make them the great commonwealths to which the eyes of the people of the central states will be directed and if the business men of this town had the necessary get up about them we could in ten days start such a movement as would bind the four great states into such a strong reciprocal trade and development league as would send them ahead quickly on a forward march of progress so great that it would surprise the most sanguine.

In the face of the greatest opportunities ever presented to the people of our city, we sleep and sleep while others take advantage of our stupidity and gladly whisper to each other: "Let the dead and the beautiful rest."

C. E. W.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 29, 1896.

A SAD BEREAVEMENT.

LOA, Utah, Feb. 21, 1896.

Like some other towns in the State, Loa, Wayne county, has been visited with much sickness and some deaths during the past winter. The malady diphtheria has now abated, but not until its ravages have made many a heart and home sorrowful. Among those who have been bereaved, none have been called upon to mourn so great a loss as the family of our beloved president, Willis E. Robison. In the short period of twenty-one days, three members of the family just named have been called to the better land. The first was Wells, the son of Willis E. Robison and Sarah A. Ellett, who was born March 18, 1887 and died Jan. 29, 1896. He was a good, obedient child, and although young in years, had much faith in the ordinance for the healing of the sick. At the time of his death his father was absent from home attending to his duty, but arrived in time to follow his dear boy to the grave.

The next to leave the family circle was Choral Grace, the only daughter at home, who departed this life Feb. 10th, 1896, aged 2 years and 3 months.

The last to leave the family circle was Rulon, born Nov. 26th, 1894, and

died Feb. 19th, 1896. No public services have been held, Brother Robison being very desirous that the ravages of the disease be stayed, having used every precaution and means in his power to prevent the disease scattering among the people.

The family have borne up bravely under their afflictions, and a grateful people feel to bless Elder Robison for the noble example he has set before them in a time of peril and danger, and for the plain manifestation given that he has the interest of the people at heart. A large circle of friends deeply sympathize with the stricken parents and family in their sad bereavement, and pray the heavenly father to grant them his spirit to comfort, console and bless them in the days of their affliction and sorrow.

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YOUNG APACHE PATRIOTS.

TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 22d, 1896.—Today, Washington's birthday, was celebrated in fine style under the auspices of the trustees and teachers of the public schools. At 9 a. m. about 3,000 men, women and children assembled at the front of the public school building, where a lofty liberty pole had just been erected and donated to the school trustees by public spirited citizens, together with a fine United States flag to adorn it. Hundreds of American and Mexican school children were seated around the platform with their teachers and parents, when the scene was enlivened by the arrival of the Philharmonic band, two companies of the Arizona National Guard, the Society of Arizona Pioneers and several hundred Apache boys and girls, students attending the Tucson Indian school, each of whom bore a United States flag.

At 10 a. m. the flag was unfurled, saluted by applause of the multitude and the "Star Spangled Banner" by the band. The exercises were under the direction of Mayor Buchanan, assisted by General Wilson, Mrs. Governor Hughes and the principal of the public schools, and were very pleasing. Excepting a prayer by Rev. Billman and an address by Mr. J. A. Zabriskie, orator of the day, all the exercises were executed by the school children, and were very appropriate and well done; and favorable national airs by the band from time to time gave added pleasure to all.

General Wilson made a short address on behalf of the donors of the pole and flag, who desired that "Old Glory" should wave during every hour of school, and that the young might be educated to venerate, and if needful—die for it. The trustees thankfully accepted the gift upon the conditions desired. Gov. Hughes was unavoidably absent from town, but his estimable wife, who is a tower of strength in Arizona in the cause of female suffrage and temperance, was a host in herself.

In the afternoon many repaired to the race grounds and witnessed foot, horse and bicycle races, where many contestants strove for the numerous and valuable prizes offered. But to me the most interesting and suggestive feature was the presence of so many of the Apache youth of both sexes, clean and well dressed, whose fathers and elder brothers no doubt were actors in