

inches long. From these I have heard nothing yet.

On the 9th of last September we received a consignment of 2500 Illinois river fishes in black bass, red-eyed perch, croppies, etc. Many of them were half-grown. We planted 500 in the Weber River at Ogden and the remainder we put into Utah Lake at Battle Creek station.

More consignments of chad, white fish, sturgeon, eels, speckled catfish, bass, etc., may be looked for during the coming year, in fulfillment of promises made to me by different parties.

No doubt your readers will be interested in the fish catch of Utah Lake during the year ended December 31st, 1889.

The No. of men engaged in fishing during the year 18.....	33
Total No. days employed in fishing...	3,811
No. boats employed.....	44
Value of do.....	\$1,800
No. seines employed.....	25
Value of do.....	\$2,380

Kind of fish taken, estimated No. of pounds and value per pound, etc.

Trout 25,450 lbs. sold at 20 cts.  
Mullet, suckers and chubs (in about equal quantities) 1,289,000 lbs. sold at 1½ to 2½ cents per lb.

Total value of fish taken at above prices, \$30,870.

Total retail value of fish (mullet, etc., at 5 cents, trout at 30 cents. viz. \$72,085.)

\* One thousand five hundred and fifty pounds of trout were taken with hook and line. A liberal share of the fish caught were shipped to Colorado. Exportation of fish taken in public waters of Utah is now prohibited by statute. The names and homes of the fishermen on Utah Lake who did the above work are:

#### AMERICAN FORK.

Ammon Phillips, O. E. Thornton, J. W. Phillips, Albert Eastman and J. Eastman..... 5

#### BENJAMIN.

Andrew Hansen, I. Shepherd and Niels Hansen..... 8

#### LAKE SHORE.

Erick Neilson, Cris. Fisher, D. Johnson.. 3

#### LEHI.

Lewis Garf..... 1

#### NAPLETON.

O. P. Boel..... 1

#### PAYSON.

Frederick Peterson..... 1

#### PLEASANT GROVE.

Cris Anderson..... 1

#### SANTAQUIN.

Christian Anderson, Andrew Larsen, O. H. Frank..... 3

#### SPANISH FORK.

Thos. Holm, Jacob Christopherson, John Barney..... 3

#### PROVO.

P. Madsen, Sen., M. P. Madsen, Joseph Madsen, Brigham Madsen, George Madsen, John Madsen, Andrew Madsen, P. Madsen, Jr., Joseph M. Madsen, Jr., and Pollard & Snyder..... 11

#### SPRINGVILLE.

John Everett, Rasoul Dallen, Anthony Ether, Geo. Huntington, Wilk Streepfer, Ray Streepfer..... 6

Total..... 38

Respectfully, etc.,

A. M. MUSSER,

Acting Fish Commissioner.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 29, 1890.

### SEEKING GENEALOGICAL INFORMATION.

The hand of God has been plainly visible in directing me in the labors of my mission. I have gathered genealogical records of my fore-

fathers from twelve States, and have had many opportunities to present the principles of the Gospel, for which I am thankful.

Last July I thought I had done all I could in hunting up family records, and desired to enter more directly into the mission field to preach the Gospel. Therefore I wrote to the president of the North-west States Mission asking him to assign me a place of labor. I received the appointment and left Philadelphia to go to my field in Iowa. I stopped a few days in Pittsburg, Pa., and while there came prostrated by the heat. While sick I was strongly impressed not to go west, but to turn back and go to my sister in Pennsylvania. When well enough to travel 150 miles I returned to the old homestead which I left in 1857, was kindly cared for and soon recovered. I was about ready to start on my mission when I received an invitation from a gentleman in Boston, Mass., (whose acquaintance I made in Des Moines, Iowa, in August, 1889), to go there on a matter of business. He undertook to pay all my expenses. I accepted the offer and after being there some time, and knowing it was near this place that my ancestors landed when they came from England, I made some inquiries of the town clerk of Milton. He informed me (just as President Richards had said) that I might find some record of the first settlers in the City Hall, Boston. I called on the city registrar, told him what I wanted, and he gave me free use of all the genealogical records in his office. Therein I found a record of my forefathers as far back as the beginning of the sixteenth century. In the finding of this record I saw the fulfillment of a dream which I had in the winter of 1888, while in Connecticut, in which my father (who has been dead many years) appeared with an open record in his hands. It was given to me in order to see if I was faithful.

The gentleman before mentioned furnished me with means to visit my relatives in different parts of New England, and also the graves of some who had passed behind the veil nearly twenty years ago.

A gentleman in Boston with whom I conversed on "Mormonism" opposed with some earnestness some of the principles. When he finished his speech, I commenced to show him his mistake. In a few minutes he stopped me and said, "I see a bright light before me, and I know what you say is true. I have been mistaken." I gave him books and papers and left him investigating. He may yet have the courage to accept the truth. Who can say this is not God's work?

W. S. TRESCOTT.

### INTERESTING TO SETTLERS IN MEXICO.

It will be to the interest of visitors or colonists, going into our colonies in Chihuahua, Mexico, to come to this place, and seek information from the Mexican Consul, S.

F. Maillefort, Esq., as some persons have got into trouble by failing to follow the designated route; also by listening to conflicting reports of irresponsible persons; and when going in as visitors, with a view to find suitable location for making a home, it will be well to procure the certificate of the consul, which will be a passport when meeting the frontier guards; and when a colonist with his family comes here, and is going direct to any of our colonies, he should procure the necessary consul papers and free list to pass in his effects through the custom house, and take all the tools, furniture, etc., he possibly can, as the law provides he can do this once only, when going in for the first time; but he may afterwards apply to the government agent and have the permit granted to obtain necessary supplies of provisions, food or building materials as the law provides.

In consequence of the demise of our esteemed friend, Elder George Barber, Brothers I. Lyman Wilson and William Daines will arrange to make trips here and continue the service so faithfully performed by Brother Barber, and extend the service when called for as far as Casas Grandes and Colonia Juarez, seventy miles south of Diaz. Brothers Wilson and Daines reside at Colonia Diaz and they can arrange to make regular semi-weekly trips, and accommodate visitors and colonists, or special trips by writing to them; but sufficient time should be given because of the uncertainty of mails and distance from regular lines of travel, and letters addressed to Colonia Diaz, via Las Palomas, will go the most direct. To the settlements further south via El Paso, Texas, will be best. Occasional families are quietly passing here every week, going South. Merchants and dealers here are all interested in the "Mormon" trade, and hopeful of seeing the Sierra Madre Railroad soon started, through the efforts of our friend Hon. John W. Young, he being regarded by all classes here as the man with energy and intelligence equal to the task of prosecuting such a work in quick time and which has hung fire so long. You may hear from me again on my trip South to the Capital.

Yours very truly,

A. F. McDONALD.

DEMING, New Mexico, Dec. 28, 1890.

### ST. JOSEPH STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the St. Joseph Stake was held at Pima on December 14th and 15th. On the stand were President Layton and his Counselor W. D. Johnson, many of the Bishops with their counselors, members of the High Council and others. The speakers during conference dwelt mostly on repentance, diligence in performing their duties as Saints, and union. The Stake Academy was reported to be in a fairly prosperous condition. Patriarch Phileman C. Merrill and Brother N. W. Bird were appointed missionaries to labor among the people of the Stake.

THOS. E. WILLIAMS,

Stake Clerk.