PAROWAN STAKE.

Descriptive Notes of Its Five Wards.

Editor Deseret News:

From the 20th of April to May 4th last I was busily engaged collecting data and materials for the history of the Parowan Stake of Zion, and for the purpose visited every settlement of the stake in that State, which embraces all of Iron county, Utah, and has a total membership of 2506 souls, distributed among 541 families. There are one Patriarch, 121 Seventies, 30 High Priests, 175 Elders, 18 Priests, 20 Teachers, 14 Deacons, 1,036 lay members and 443 children under eight years of age. Uriah T. Jones of Cedar City is the President of the Stake, and Morgan Richards, Jr., of Parowan, acts as his first, and Francis Webster of Cedar City as his second Counselor. The Stake consists of five organized wards, of which Cedar City is the largest and Summit the smallest. The other three wards are Parowan, Paragonah and Kanarra.

Although the President of the Stake and the Counselors reside in Cedar City, Parowan is still considered the headquarters of the stake, as it is the parent settlement of Iron county, dating back as it does to January, 1851, when the late President Geo. A. Smith, together with a noble band of pioneers, first hoisted an ensign on Center Creek, on the spot now occupied by the City of Parowan. The situation of the town is not beautiful; it overlooks the entire Little Salt Lake Valley, which extends from northeast to southwest for nearly twenty-five miles, with an average width of about seven miles. The famous chain of water known as the Little Salt Lake, is reached about five miles north of Parowan, and is about nine miles long, following the general course of the valley, and nearly three-quarters of a mile wide. The present "Mormon" population of the Parowan ward is 1,102 souls or 227 families, and Charles Adams is Bishop. Parowan is 45 miles by the nearest road or 60 miles by way of Beaver, southeast of Milford, the nearest railway station and 265 miles southwest from Salt Lake City, by way of Milford.

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Kanarra is a prosperous farming and stock-raising town, situated on Kanarra creek, at the base of the mountains and right on the rim of the basin, at an elevation of 5410 feet above the level of the sea. It is thirteen miles southwest of Cedar City, on the main road of travel to St. George. The place is somewhat windy, owing to its situation in a long open valley, and the sagebrush somewhat deep in winter, but the grazing in the surrounding country is excellent, and the adjacent farming lands rich and productive. The Ward, consisting of 88 families or 395 souls, is presided over by Bishop William Ford. Kanarra was first settled in 1861.

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World's Fair Notes.

A Boston man wants to exhibit a skyrocket at the World's Fair. A sky cycle comes under the head of flying machines.

The Board of Trade and citizens of Fargo, N. D., have undertaken to raise $100,000 to supplement the State's World's Fair appropriation of $25,000.

The Wisconsin World's Fair building will have a $5,000 grand staircase, the direction of the Morgan Iron company, one of the best known firms of the State.

Butterflies, in the summer of 1893, will be shown in the Pennsylvania exhibit at the World's Fair. The collection is said to be the most complete and finest in the world.

San Bernardino county, Cal., is contemplating the exhibition, at the World's Fair, of a "palace" of native salt, using blocks of crystallized salt that measure 12x12 inches and are transparent.

It is estimated that the thirty-five railroads which enter Chicago will expend $10,000,000 in increasing and improving their equipment and facilities for transporting World's Fair visitors and freight.

Costa Rica's pavilion at the World's Fair will be surrounded by curious ornaments by a profusion of tropical plants, and in the galleries of the pavilion will be placed more than 4,000 botanical birds, many of which have very gorgeous plumage.

Mrs. Paul and Mrs. Wise, Lady Managers for Virginia, together with their auxiliary board, have undertaken to raise $10,000 for the Virginia building at the World's Fair, which is to be a duplicate replica of Washington's home at Mount Vernon.

The Missouri World's Fair commission has not done a great deal of talking, but information has been received to the effect that it has been most diligently at work all the time, and that the Missouri exhibit at the Fair will be one of the best there.

For the Washington State hall that will be erected at the World's Fair, the lumbermen of the state have already donated 113,000 feet of lumber and 114 logs; logs, measuring from 24 to 42 feet long and from 21 to 42 inches in diameter at the small end. The logs alone are valued at $10,000.

Conspicuous in the show and leather exhibit at the World's Fair will be the display made by Lynn, Mass. Lynn is the largest shoe producing center in the United States, and daily seventy-five and perhaps one hundred of the shoe manufacturers of that city will furnish exhibits.

A Sioux squaw, living near San Diego, California, will exhibit at the Woman's building at the World's Fair a dress of deer skins, richly embroidered with sixteen pounds of beads. She worked for two years in making the garment. From the San Diego Mission will be exhibited a valuable collection of fine needle work by Indian girls.

The Duke of Edinburgh has announced his intention of sending for exhibition at the World's Fair some of the almost priceless relics of his great musical instruments, which he possesses. A part of the collection is now on exhibition at the International Music and Art Exhibition at Vienna, where it attracts much attention.

Francis intends to show its skill in pomologic gardening at the World's Fair. A catalogue has been received from the French commissioner asking that it be allowed to do, and bear the expense of the whole decoration in the space surrounding the Horticultural and Woman's buildings. The commission asked also for 80,000 square feet for the French horticulture exhibit.

"Look, gentlemen," said Mr. Horne, "if you think this work must be given you will pinch those horses of little sense." At last they got Mr. Horne dropped his watchmaker.

"Wow!" came a shout from Dodge, D. Dodge the wrestler, who had stood by, it had gone to a flying dream wall and clinking side. Dodge's team were too a shower. Mr. Dodge's and the little Dodge's team were behindhand. Horses nodded; that is, Jesse Nye's team was a little behind, which gave Mr. Dodge's team a chance to win the race.

"It seems hard to believe, but it is a matter of record that in the face of the four exhibitors against Dodge the prize went to the winning team. Another stiffer and guys came from two other points