

green stretch of growing grain, giving ample promise of an abundant return. It is known as the Co-op. farm, with Lehi Pratt, of your city, as its superintendent. The Co-op. farm is owned by the Salt Lake and Deseret Irrigation and Manufacturing Company. This company commenced work last fall on a canal eighteen feet wide on the bottom and upwards of twenty feet deep at its intersection with the upper portion of the Deseret Canal, and ran it several miles in a westerly direction to the surface, where, for many miles west and north, the precious fluid can be spread and thousands of acres of choice land made to yield abundant crops of grain and alfalfa.

Last, but by no means least, are the enterprising efforts of Messrs. Crafts and Jensen at Laketown, or "Ingersoll," about twelve miles below here, on the river. Mr. Crafts, an old-time resident of Laketown, and several others last year located and improved several natural lakes, with a view of storing water for irrigation purposes. These lakes cover an area of from sixteen to twenty-four square miles of surface, which by a reasonable outlay of labor can be made to hold four feet of water available for irrigation. They are now well stocked with carp. Let any one interested figure out the importance of this enterprise. A canal from the lowest lake is nearly completed to a fine body of land lying north and west, where two hundred acres of oats and alfalfa are going in with a rush. This is merely a test; next year will witness a revolution for Laketown.

Those who saw the Sevier River dry below its numerous tributaries in the months of July and August may smile at the idea of such a large acreage being cultivated so far down the river; but it has been demonstrated that by seeding in November, flooding the land, and letting it freeze up during the winter, grain will be in advance of the drouth by the time the spring floods are over. This is usual with us from the 20th to the last of June, or later. There is a body of water at least sixty feet wide and twelve feet deep now flowing by here, with a four-mile current, and during many years' observation it has never been less than six or eight feet deep at this season. This wealth will be used in the immediate future sufficiently for domestic purposes.

We now number nearly 1500 souls. A good shoemaker could find steady employment and would be welcomed, and hundreds of those from the "boom" towns of Northern Utah, while finding rest here from real estate agents, may meet with prosperity if they will but "put their shoulder to the wheel;" but they must not expect to move in the "upper crust" of Deseret society unless they are "rustlers."

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NEPHI AND THE RAILROAD.

There being a great deal of doubt and considerable gossip concerning the reason the division at Juab has not been moved to Nephi according

to promises, says the *Sentinel*, a reporter determined to try and unearth some of the mysteries surrounding the whole proceeding. W. A. C. Bryan, a member of the committee to purchase the necessary land, was selected as one most likely to be on the inside track, owing to the fact that he is one of the owners of the strip of land given the Union Pacific Railway Company by the citizens of Nephi. In answer to the questions of the *Sentinel* as to what the railroad committee was doing about securing the land, he said:

"We cannot get the strip of land because the prices are too high, the sum asked averaging about \$1,400 or \$1,500 per acre."

"Well," we replied, "isn't that an outrageous price for land, which is really worth \$300 to \$400 per acre?"

"My land is worth \$1,500 per acre, and they nor any one else can have it for less," was Mr. Bryan's reply. "I have tried to buy some of the land in question at that figure, but could not get it, and that, I think, is evidence sufficient that the land is not over valued. And another reason why things have not been pushed more rapidly is because I have been to Juab and have seen what they have there, and I for one can say that if they are going to give us no more than Juab has, I do not want them to come here at all."

"Yes," we pursued, "but don't you think they will put everything in new here, and fix up a fine place?"

"No, I do not; simply from the fact that they haven't a decent station or depot on their whole line. They always put up old traps, which will in no way compare with stations on other lines."

"How can you get around the fact," we asked Mr. Bryan, "that we all voted to make the following the sense of that meeting: We do agree to furnish the Union Pacific Company the amount of land asked for depot grounds."

"Oh, well; of course it had to be understood that we made a promise to this effect, 'If we can get it reasonably.' 'Our donation of \$250,' said he, 'was promised with the understanding that the company fulfil all their promises to the citizens of Nephi by way of suitable buildings, etc., on depot grounds.'"

Asked as to what the committee now intend doing, Mr. Bryan said: "We are now negotiating for the purchase of ground on the opposite side of the street, and I think we will have no trouble in securing it."

"Do you think the company will accept that ground in place of the other?" we asked.

"Oh, yes; I think there will be little choice with them, as it is all on the same street."

"Are there any landowners on the east side who refuse to sell their land at any price?" we enquired.

"I cannot say positively," was the answer, "but I have heard it rumored that Mr. W. P. Read has openly refused to sell at any price or on any terms."

Mr. Bryan being very busy we did

not quiz him further, but left him and sought the solitude of our sanctum to ponder over the conversation, and try to glean some satisfaction from the answer to our query as to how the citizens in general, and the committee in particular, are going to get around that point blank promise made the Union Pacific company concerning the purchasing of that little insignificant strip of land worth, in boom figures, to the railway company a few thousand dollars, but to the owners only as many hundreds. Up to time of writing we have gained no shadow of satisfaction, and we feel safe in predicting that unless said land, which was virtually and to all intents and purposes given to the Union Pacific railway company, be delivered to them according to promises, Nephi will never regret the act but once, and that will be during the remainder of her natural life.

CANNONVILLE CONFERENCE.

The Cannonville Ward Quarterly Conference convened at Cannonville on Sunday June 1st, at 10 o'clock a. m., Bishop Wm. J. Henderson presiding. On the stand, in addition to the Bishop and Counselors, were ward teachers and representative men from the various branches composing the Cannonville Ward. The choir sang "Redeemer of Israel," and Elder Jacob Groff offered the opening prayer. The choir then sang the hymn "Come we that love the Lord."

The time of the morning meeting was mostly occupied with the verbal reports of the different presiding officers. Those rendered by the ward teachers were highly satisfactory, and those of the Primary exceedingly encouraging. A notable feature of the many reports was that of the superintendents of the three Sunday-schools, which showed that the children are receiving a proper Gospel education at the hands of the Sabbath-school officers and teachers. At the conclusion of the reports the choir sang, "Hark, the song of Jubilee," and the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Wm. J. Henderson.

At the afternoon meeting, which commenced at 2 o'clock, there was a large congregation. The choir sang a hymn, and prayer was offered by Elder Isaac Losee. The choir having sang "Arise, my soul, arise," the Sacrament was administered.

The minutes of the previous conference were approved.

The speakers on the occasion were Bishop Henderson and Counselors Seth Johnson and Andrew J. Hansen. Their remarks were listened to with much attention. The meetings were spirited and highly instructive. The attendance was unusually large, and great interest was evinced in the proceedings throughout.

After singing by the choir, the congregation were dismissed by Counselor Seth Johnson, and conference was adjourned for three months.

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