

feet under the surface of the water. The spill runs over a solid apron, close to this great rock, down into the original channel of Parley's Canyon creek.

What makes this lonely, high rock I have named all the more historically noted is that while tunneling through it and clearing away for the reservoir a human skeleton was found imbedded in the solid brown rock. The skull and bones were carefully taken out as perfect as possible. Those who are curiously-minded and somewhat inquisitive will have many ideas as to how came this human person locked up in this prison, and how many hundreds or thousands of years they have been there. Doubtless the body was buried in clay or some sort of earth which during the various changes of nature became formed into stone, preserving its sacred charge as an evidence of some of God's children having lived on this continent long before the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492.

It has become no unusual affair to find traces of this prehistoric race in various parts of America. While in Ohio I learned often of a tall race being exhumed, the bodies being from 7½ to 8 feet 4 inches high. In the DESERET NEWS of June 12, 1894, is an account of twenty-two male skeletons averaging 8 feet in height. A rude altar and many bronze utensils were exposed. This find was in Minneapolis, Minn., June 11, 1894. This valuable prehistoric discovery was in a mound in a tomb carefully prepared. In Sandusky, Ohio, twenty-three similar skeletons were discovered. The one I speak of is above average size and is probably not of this tall race who came from the tower of Babel but of a later race who came from Jerusalem 600 years B. C. Some 1400 years later on, when the race of human beings are known to be of a smaller stature.

Returning again to the feed pipe: it empties into a side chamber 10 feet deep and 5 feet wide. Screens are placed around the chamber through which the water passes into a settling tank 22 feet deep and 12 feet in diameter. The conduit is 36 inches in diameter and is attached to the settling tank 12 inches from the bottom, and inclines crossing the creek in an enclosed flume and extending onward five and one half miles to the relief tank on the Fort Douglas reservation, east of First South street. The conduit pipe is thirty-six inches all the way from the settling tank, five and a half miles long. Everything around the works is kept clean and looks inviting.

We arrived at Mountain Dell in time to visit the Sunday school and gave a short illustrated lecture. Elder Bines Dixon takes pride as the superintendent, and good order proved his influence. The school manifested great interest in the paintings, and brought out a good turnout at 1 p. m., when Elder Stevenson gave another lecture which was listened to with much interest.

Mountain Dell is a quiet, prosperous village. Bishop Wm. B. Hardy is always pleased to welcome visitors who entertain his little flock.

The heavy rain of Saturday left muddy roads until we passed the penitentiary when we found plenty of dust up the dugway, with roads badly cut

up with the heavy loads of quartzite rock containing 30 per cent iron for the State road grade. The loads contain from 4000 to 9000 pounds. Trail wagons are often used and four horses. Above the crusher which crushes up the stone and is one mile above the waterworks, the roads are much better, not being so terribly cut up with those very heavy loads of rock.

Monday, Aug. 9th, we are away to Wanship and Silver Creek, Summit county, Utah.

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WEATHER AND CROPS.

The weather for last week was very favorable for all crops. Number of places reports showers, and some, heavy rain. Grain has rapidly ripened, and harvesting continues, with prospect of bountiful harvest.

Box Elder—Box Elder, Lake, Snowville, Yost—Weather generally favorable. Haying nearly completed. Grain maturing very fast. Cutting commenced. Potatoes and lucern growing well. Hail on the 5th did some damage.

Morgan—Croydon, Peterson—Most of grain is turning color. Some barley ready to cut. Timothy and first crop lucern in stack. Both good, full crop. Second crop of lucern will be light. Most of hay crop put up in good condition.

Summit—Coalville, Peoa—Weather all that could be desired. Rain has hindered haying some little. First crop of lucern about all cut. Crops looking well, with prospect of bountiful harvest.

Wasatch—Heber—Another good growing week. Hay, heavy crop. One piece of fall wheat cut last week.

Weber—Harrisville, Huntsville, Uintah—High winds blew down large quantities of fruit. Grasshoppers doing some damage to corn and lucern. Second crop of lucern cut. Crops doing well.

Davis—Kaysville, Layton—Threshing in full blast. Yield very large and good quality. Potatoes average. Only fair prospect for alfalfa seed.

Tooele—Center, Vernon—Weather very favorable for crops. Some of the farmers have commenced to cut their grain. Second cut of lucern ready.

Utah—Lake Shore, Lehi, Payson, Pleasant Grove—Harvesting has commenced in full. Some oats, barley and fall wheat being cut. Spring wheat ripening fast. Second crop of lucern soon ready to cut. Sugar beets, corn and potatoes doing well.

Juab—Levan—Wheat harvest in full blast. Second crop of lucern ready to cut. First crop probably under average. Nearly all of first crop more or less damaged by rain.

Sanpete—Moroni, Wales—Water for irrigation getting low. Some light showers. Cutting of spring grain on bench land has commenced. Cutting and hauling of wild hay in full blast; and turning out better than expected. Corn and potatoes look well.

Millard—Scipio—Weather cloudy and threatening, with some rain. Grain ripening fast. Harvesting commenced. All vegetation growing fast.

Sevier—Plateau Sigurd—Showery. Fall grain harvested; also, mostly all barley, and some oats. Spring wheat ripening fast. Corn doing well.

Wayne—Teasdale—First crop of lucern all hauled. This showery month has been our salvation to grain, which is simply splendid. Everything agricultural is booming. We anticipate a good and early harvest.

Washington—New Harmony—Toquerville—Crop prospects continues favorable. Tomatoes being marketed. Heavy rain in New Harmony on 31st did considerable damage to wheat and lucern.

Cache—Lewiston—Harvesting has commenced in good earnest. Crops very heavy. Small fruit has been plentiful this season. Second crop of lucern is about ready. Cool nights.

BEAR LAKE STAKE CONFERENCE.

The regular quarterly conference of the Bear Lake Stake was held at Paris, Idaho, on Saturday and Sunday August 4th and 5th. The attendance was better than at any time in the history of the Stake, and a good spirit pervaded every meeting. The result was that much good was done, and the people partook of the Spirit of God, which was poured out in a marked degree.

Saturday's meetings were devoted in the main to the reports of the Bishops. The wards were represented to be in good condition. There was but little sickness reported and in every instance people were rejoicing over the prospects of an unequalled harvest. The disposition among the Saints seemed to be to do right and observe the commandments of God.

Among the speakers on Sunday were Elders Wm. Budge and J. H. Hart, of the Stake Presidency, Elder Hyrum Holmes, returned missionary from Indian Territory, Prof. J. H. Paul, of Logan, and Elder Crandall Dunn, of Box Elder Stake. The Sunday morning meeting was occupied by Elder Budge, speaking on the law of tithing and the duties of the Priesthood, and by Elder M. W. Merrill, of the Council of the Apostles, who dwelt upon the importance of the Latter-day Saints observing the requirements of the Lord and being law-abiding, and the great responsibility resting upon them in relation to the salvation of the dead.

The afternoon meeting was occupied by Elder F. M. Lyman, whose discourse was devoted to the order of the Priesthood, and the settling of differences among the Saints.

Immediately after the adjournment of the Sunday forenoon meeting the Priesthood, in the neighborhood of about 500 brethren, convened and listened to a valuable discourse by Elder Lyman upon the proper manner of filling vacancies in the High Council and the requirements of those called to fill such vacancies.

A pleasing feature of Sunday afternoon's meeting was the sweet rendition of "O, My Father, Thou that dwellest," by Brother R. C. Easton, of Logan.

On Saturday night the Stake Tabernacle contained fully 1,100 people to enjoy the grand musical festival given to liquidate the indebtedness on the large pipe organ purchased last year. It is pleasing to be able to state that of a debt of \$1,500 but a very small amount now remains.

On Monday the Stake Presidency, Elders Lyman and Merrill, the Stake