

brought out to curse Israel, but all his effort was nugatory. The spirit of blessing fell upon him; Israel triumphed; and so the great Ruler has ever made the wrath of man to praise Him, and every tongue has been silenced which was called to condemn. Today, as the Saints are being multiplied, facilities for living will be increased, as water has already been increased. When from further increase, resources for storage are needed, these will be assuredly built, just as coal came when wood was scarce, and coal oil and gas when our tallow was insufficient. So will Israel live and fill these mountains, for they are heirs to the promise that "their bread shall be given them and their water shall be sure."

Yes, as the Hon. Schuyler Colfax said, "It is water that makes this country." But he knew nothing of the infinitude of labor, of effort made abortive by uncontrollable element, of wasted experiment, of weary limbs, of broken constitutions and premature deaths that were needed for the reclamation of the arid desert and that created this "Garden of the Gods," this glorious Utah Territory, now looked upon as so beautiful and desirable by envious eyes—by many who execrate the self-sacrificing Pioneers and have even essayed to rob their posterity of their little all, by lying tongues, imprisonment and confiscation!

NEW FROM COLONIA JUAREZ.

COLONIA JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 3, 1893.—Since my last writing our colony has been very prosperous. The rain fall during the months of July, August and September were of a very profitable nature in this locality. Our dairy men have smiling faces on them after their year's labor. Their products are rich and tasty. It is estimated that here in this locality \$6000 worth of cheese has been produced for export.

Farmers have put up large stacks of hay for their work horses and milch cows. Barns are full and stacks are plentiful on the outside. The singularity of our haying is that it comes after our wheat crop has been gathered in. Various articles are now being produced here in the colonies for export, and in order to be successful a board of trade has been organized with the view of procuring better prices and open up new localities for our Mormon products. The first step for this organization was taken August 28th, 1893, and officers nominated for three months. Brother J. C. Bentley was chosen business manager and George W. Levey president of the board, with Heleman Pratt as vice president. Each colony had its representative in the board. The organization has been made permanent and much good is expected through its efforts.

In your issue of November 22nd inst. I notice a statement concerning some revolutionists who have been around our locality for a few days, passing from the border of the United States and coming into the interior. They were twenty-eight in number and created some little excitement in Las Palumas, taking that place by surprise on November 5th. They were there at daybreak and took possession of the custom house, placing all males under guard. They secured booty and

robbed the government of \$200 in cash. They carried off everything in the shape of arms and ammunition. No one was hurt though threats were made against some, principally against Jose Manuel, chief of the guards, for refusing to give up his gun. Leaving Palumas they started for the interior. It is claimed that they numbered fifty men at the raid made in Las Palumas. Coming south they visited Diaz and stole two horses from David Johnson on November 15th. Word was received here of their raid in Las Palumas and immediately steps were taken for our safety. Particulars of the event which followed and of a battle in which seven of our men were engaged and were unhurt have been given in the NEWS.

The two horses that were stolen at Colonia Diaz were recovered. When word came here that the revolutionists were in the vicinity a company of Mexican Infantry was camping in the colony, but on receiving the news of the revolutionists' presence the soldiers left immediately for a more peaceable locality.

Peace and quiet are perfectly restored and the Saints attend to their various avocations as if nothing had happened, and trusting in their Heavenly Father for protection.

The Mexican settlement (Gallana) some forty miles southeast of here, has sent a written request to our Bishop to send them ten Mormon families to teach them our ways. Steps have been taken by some of our brethren to fulfil this request and also to aid this colony by securing a place to raise wheat and corn. The municipality of Gallana has sold our brethren 8000 acres of tillable land on three years' payment, the consideration being one-fourth cash and three-fourths buildings for school purposes, such as can be easily paid for in labor. The land is of a good quality for farming and fruit raising, and is only a short distance from here, so we expect it to be of a material benefit to this place as well as a means of learning the natives how to live and take advantage of the elements within reach. Many springs of water are above the land. It is estimated by some of our brethren that enough water is in sight to irrigate 2000 acres. The land is equal to land in Sugar House and Farmers wards in Salt Lake county.

Those of our brethren in the North who wish to come to this republic can secure a home here on reasonable terms. On the low land wheat, corn, cane, sweet potatoes, peanuts and two reaps of early-rose potatoes can be grown, but the Irish potatoes require a higher altitude. In fruit, grapes of various kinds, peaches, apricots, apples, pears, plums, strawberries, blackberries, dewberries, etc., can be produced, but all must be planted before fruit can be gathered.

We have a beautiful climate. It is never warmer than in Salt Lake Valley and a long season. Green leaves can now be seen on our trees at this writing, with a temperature like May in Utah. Our brethren who have stepped to the front in the land enterprise and used their means for their accomplishment of this move are Bishop George W. Sevy, D. E. Harris, B. L. Croft, J. C. Peterson and Joseph Cordon. They have also se-

cured a concession of exemption from all state and municipal taxes for fifteen years, free importation of household goods and farming implements, also horses and other stock, provisions when necessary, and raw materials for manufacturing purposes. So we hope to see our colonies grow and increase and be united in their efforts in the accomplishment of God's purposes in this land.

The colonies here are making good progress and the elements are tempered in their behalf. This is a repetition of pioneering in Utah. We need men of faith and integrity, and who are willing to labor. Then the Almighty will help those who are willing to help themselves. Information concerning this place will be cheerfully given to inquirers by either George W. Sevy, B. L. Croft, J. C. Peterson or Joseph Cordon.

SIERRA MADRES.

KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

The quarterly conference of the Kanab Stake of Zion was held in the Orderville ward, on the 2nd and 3rd of December, 1893. There were present on this occasion, the Kanab Stake presidency, a majority of the members of the High Council and the Bishops of the various wards.

The speakers during conference were President E. D. Woolley, Counselors Thomas Chamberlain and Daniel Seegmiller, Elders John Rider, Henry E. Bowman, H. F. Stout, of Rockville, James L. Bunting, Fredrick G. Carroll, Warren Harris, M. D. Harris, J. Jorgensen, Bishops R. J. Cutler, H. W. Esplin, Haskel S. Jolley, G. D. Macdonald, and Counsellor Alfred D. Young, of Kanab.

The subjects mostly treated upon were titling, liquor drinking, faith in the principles of the Gospel and obedience unto the same. President Woolley made mention of a resolution passed by the High Council that they would not sustain or hold in fellowship any member of the High Council, Bishop, Counselor or Teacher of any ward in this Stake of Zion, one who will dispose of or become intoxicated with liquors.

The reports of the Bishops showed that of existing evils, liquor-drinking had been of late on the increase. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon the speakers to that extent that many expressed themselves that it was the best conference we had ever had.

We had a very enjoyable time on Saturday evening in the social party and entertainment gotten up in behalf of Elder Jorgensen, who is called on a mission to Scandinavia.

F. L. PORTER,
Stake Clerk.

The project to build leaching works near Lehi, which was fully described in the NEWS some weeks ago, is still being agitated. The Lehi Banner says two meetings of the citizens have been held and a committee named, consisting of Mayor A. J. Evans, and Hons. Ira D. Wines and Israel Evans Sr. There, with Judge T. J. Anderson, have been examining the proposed site on the Jordan river, below Lehi. Mr. Wm. Sutherland, who is the prime mover in the affair, is to draw up plans of a mill.