

## A Day In Salt Lake City.

The weather was very glorious in the valley of the Great Salt Lake, on Sunday, the 15th of last September. There was not a cloud to be seen in the sky, and although the thermometer in the middle of the day stood at 93 deg. in the shade, such is the peculiar character of the climate that the heat was nothing like so oppressive as it is in many parts of England at a temperature of 80 deg. The moon rose just as the sun went down, and was so brilliant that I thought the night lighter than some days that I have seen in London, Manchester and Glasgow.

I had arrived at the city a day or two before, and spent my time in going about to see what was to be seen. The capital of Mormondom and all the region round about are indeed well worthy of the traveler's notice. Traveling by the Union Pacific Railway, you descend from Sherman, the highest point upon the line, more than 8,000 feet above the sea, and enter a narrow gorge among the mountains, the rocks in many places rising, right and left, to the height of many hundreds of feet, and at last emerge upon the plain, or rather valley, of the Great Salt Lake; and, by a branch line of railway, some forty miles in length, you proceed from Ogden Junction to Salt Lake City. The scenery is most superb. On the one hand the great Lake, with its lofty and precipitous islands; on the other the Wasatch Mountains, extending to a great distance, their peaks glittering with large patches of snow. The bottom of the valley is some 2,000 feet higher above the sea than the top of Ben Nevis, and the mountains rise from 5,000 to 7,000 feet above the valley. I thought that the nearest of them might be about five miles off; the clearness of the atmosphere deceived me; what I took to be a distance of five miles I ascertained to be more than twenty. When the Mormons went to settle there, some twenty-five years ago, the place was a desert; irrigation and culture have made it a scene of astonishing fertility. The city stands on the gentle slope between the mountains and the lake. Like most other American cities, it is laid out in parallelograms, after a very stiff and formal manner; the streets running from north to south and from east to west. The population is not more than 20,000, but the Mormons have, very sensibly, secured for themselves plenty of space, for their city is a square, the side of which is three miles long; the 20,000 people there being spread over an area equal to that into which Liverpool crowds a population twenty-five times as large. Water from the gorges of the mountains is led in channels to irrigate the whole district. On each side of every street in the city there is a streamlet, some three feet broad, in which abundance of water flowed when I was there, although it had been an exceptionally hot and dry season. Most of the houses stand in the midst of gardens, and the water can be led into each enclosure, as the owner of the place sees fit. Seen from the camp which the United States Government has established on the slope of the hill, some two miles off, the city has the appearance of one vast and beautiful garden, dotted all over with neat and unpretending houses, the tops of which appear above the trees, while the wild sunflower, which grows in great abundance, surrounds the whole as with a golden girdle.

Saturday night passed very quietly in Salt Lake City. The streets were crowded with people making their purchases at the stores, over most of which is printed, in large letters, the Mormon motto, "Holiness to the Lord." The public-houses are very few; and, although I walked for hours in the streets until near midnight, I saw no one who appeared to be in the least intoxicated, and no disturbance of any kind was to be seen or heard. Large numbers came out of the theatre at eleven o'clock, and went quietly to their homes. The whole aspect of the place contrasted very favorably with the scenes presented on Saturday night in most English towns.

Sunday morning came and at half past ten I went to the "Tabernacle." It is a huge building, an ellipse 250 feet by 150. Forty-six red sandstone pillars are arranged in an oval form, and upon these pillars is placed the dome-like roof, which rises some 70 or 80 feet, and has the appearance of a huge dish-

cover, which, if it were a little higher, would go over Mr. Spurgeon's Tabernacle and completely hide it from view. The spaces between the pillars are filled in with wood-work and windows, and the roof is covered with shingles. A wide court, planted with trees, surrounds the building. To the eastward of it are the foundations of the Temple, which is to be built of granite, but is making very slow progress. The entire group is surrounded with a wall 10 feet high. The Tabernacle is capable of accommodating 10,000 persons. The western end is occupied by a very large platform and orchestra; and a gallery, six benches deep, runs nearly all around the ellipse. The organ is one of the largest in America; it is, or until very recently was, the largest ever built in the United States; and it is the only thing in the Tabernacle that makes the slightest pretension to ornament; everything else is as plain as possible; timber unpainted, unstained, and unvarnished. Evening meetings are not held in the place, and it is not furnished with gas. The platform in front of the orchestra will accommodate perhaps 400 persons; and there are upon it three pulpits, one beneath another; under the lowest pulpit is a long pew, used in the celebration of the Sacrament, which the Mormons observe as the Lord's Supper.

The land is fertile, the mines are rich, the people are industrious, the climate is delightful, the surrounding scenery is glorious. Once Mormonism has either died out, or been rooted out, Utah will be one of the noblest and most flourishing parts of the Great Republic. —Rev. Hugh Stowell Brown, in the Day of Rest.

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EDWARD PARTRIDGE,  
Probate Judge of Millard County,  
Frisco City, March 4, 1873. w5 1m