

hope the day is not far distant when Utah may receive all these principles of liberty which are guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States and as they are enjoyed in Massachusetts. (Applause.)

Another organ solo, "William Tell" overture, was given by Prof. Dayner.

A Norwegian ballad by Mrs. Agnes Olsen Thomas was greatly appreciated feature of the exercises.

The "Vales of Deseret" was sung by the Tabernacle Choir, and the benediction pronounced by Apostle F. D. Richards.

MEETING, ARRIVAL AND RECEPTION.

President Eliot, who is accompanied by his estimable wife, was met at P. V. Junction at 9 a. m. yesterday by Captain Willard Young, Dr. Talmage and others. The party arrived in Provo two hours later and remained there for a short time visiting the Brigham Young Academy, the district schools and the Proctor College.

This city was reached at 3:30, and President Eliot and wife went direct to their rooms at the Templeton.

At 5:30 a banquet was tendered the distinguished guests at the residence of Mrs. Priscilla P. Jenning's on East South Temple street. President Eliot and wife are guests of the Church Board of Education during their stay in Utah.

LETTER FROM DIXIE.

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Two weeks in Dixie, ranging from St. George to Kanab, now in Utah and now in Arizona, the latter part of February and the first of March, causes one to forget the hyperborean climate of the north for the blossoms and verdure of this genial south-land. Apricots were in bloom as early as the 1st of March, peaches came a few days later, and the lucern fields in February were green as a June meadow. The climate has now the hazy mildness of a semi tropical region. The sunshine during the middle of the day has a genial warmth, sometimes too warm for comfort, and one is driven to shelter if not occupied out doors. Winter here furnishes but few reminders of the frigid temperature of Juab, some two hundred miles north. There seems to be a cold belt about Juab. On the 24th of January last the thermometer registered 30 degrees below zero at that place, fully 30 degrees lower than at Salt Lake the same morning, and probably 60 degrees lower than it was at the same time here in Dixie. When this country shall be favored with ample railroad facilities, its genial climate will attract thousands of visitors from the colder north. Even now the natural sites for winter resorts ought to possess a certain value in relation to the future.

It is very evident that the southern counties of Utah have a climate and geological formation quite distinct from the region falling within the rim of the great basin. Going southward we find that Kanarra is at the summit of the divide. From that point the surface breaks away into lower altitudes. Looking southward from Kanarra, Washington County, in Utah, and the northwest portion of Arizona are seen as a low mountainous basin, falling several

thousands of feet under the Kanarra altitude. St. George is said to lie some two thousand feet nearer sea level than Salt Lake. The mountain rim of the Great Basin on the north makes a high wall to bar out the cold waves, and the valleys sloping southward to the gulf furnish access to a semi-tropical climate.

If Salt Lake were connected with Dixie by rail she might have peas and beans, lettuce and onions, and all other garden produce two months earlier, and the trade would greatly benefit these regions by furnishing the best of home markets for perishable productions. Of course there are abundant mineral resources in this country, but the precious metals lie in low-grade ores, too low for any use until the railroad problem is settled in a way that will furnish cheap and abundant transportation.

Here at Kanab, the county seat of Kane county, there has been a great deal of zeal displayed the past two days in connection with the "horse industry," to use a phrase that seems to be duly incorporated in the horse vocabulary. It seems remarkable that a thousand people should become so thoroughly enlisted upon a single secular interest. Some time ago E. D. Woolley, President of the Kane County Stake, and several other gentlemen, seeing that horse culture, races and speed contests must prevail to a greater or less extent, formed an association for the purpose of introducing and breeding fine grades of horses. The officers of the association are H. E. Bowman, president; M. Butts, vice-president; directors, James Swapp, H. S. Jolly, George Hicks, Harmon S. Cutler, Hiram Roundy. Fuller Broadbent is secretary and treasurer. In order to promote general interest they have prepared a race track one and a half miles south from Kanab. The track is new and freshly worked; but it answers the purpose admirably. It is one mile in circuit; the ends are each a half circle; the sides are straight, each measuring a quarter. The soil is of sandy texture, and in some places breaks too deeply under foot. The intention is to work the surface with clay and loam. The track undulates somewhat. The judge's stand is at the southwest curve, and the homestretch quarter is on a slight incline, the footing here being the best upon the track. With a thousand people present, and a dozen or two of running horses of all grades and sizes, there could but be, in the newness of the enterprise, an almost phenomenal interest. The first race of importance was a mile run by German Boy and James B. The former is owned by Daniel Seegmiller of Kane county. The horse is five years old; weighs about 1000 lb when trained for running; sired by "Germantown," dam by Melbourne, Jr. "James B." weighs somewhat less; is seven years old; sired by "Pat Farrell," the dam being thorough bred, tracing to imported "Zingaree," owned by Warren Harris of Glendale, Kane county. "James B." won the inside track, and by agreement was weighed some ten pounds to compensate for difference in weight of riders. The start was made without odds, and both horses set out at high speed, which was increased on the third quarter and pushed to the utmost on the home

stretch. They had run neck and neck from the start; and the last quarter gave no gains to either horse. At the judge's stand the "James B." had gained about a foot and was awarded the race. They had made the mile in 1:51, which, for a heavy track, is well up to the best records. The enthusiasm was unbounded, and it could scarce have been otherwise, as the contest was so evenly balanced and so vigorously executed.

Another exciting race was between a roan pony called "Jack Mormon," owned by M. Butts, and a somewhat heavier pony from Garfield county, owned by the Henry Brothers. The roan is a skittish creature, hard to get started, but when once in motion alongside of a competitor, the roan darts like an arrow. The quarter was made in 23½ seconds, and "Jack Mormon" won the race, making within two seconds of the best time on record. Of course there have been numerous races of a subordinate character, each serving to fill in the time and keep up the interest.

It is worthy of remark that there was entire sobriety during these gatherings. There is no saloon in Kanab, and there were no signs of liquor on the race grounds; and there was very little profanity mingled with the small wagering that was going on to a considerable extent among the young men. The community is entitled to great credit for sobriety and good order. It should be noted in this connection that the majority of the people at the races were of Kane county, but there were also a number of horsemen from Warrington, Iron and Garfield counties. A. W. Ivins of St. George is a leading horse breeder of Dixie. He is just now importing from Washington a fine horse, the Bonnie Glen, sired by imported Glenelg, the dam Bonnie Maggie by imported Bonnie Scotland. The Bonnie Glen is a registered thoroughbred, has a mile record of 1:43 and cost \$2,000. It is rather strange that the southern countries should be so unanimous in their horse enterprise; and so long as present good order obtains, the "horse industry" will be productive of good. The production of first-class horses and stock of all kinds has many lessons and analogies bearing on the re-peopling of society and the perpetuation of the human species.

Kanab is a bustling little city of some 500 inhabitants. They have been deprived of their water supply for two years, and have now just completed a dam up the canyon which promises to be of great benefit to the community. It is about 65 feet high and 200 feet long, built of earth and rock against the slope of a mountain which juts into the canyon. Along the mountain side a cut has been blasted through the rock, and this forms the waterway for the discharge of surplus water and the supply of the ditch for irrigation purposes. The dam has unusual depth because of the depth of the stream beneath the general surface, which is a feature peculiar to the streams of Arizona and Southern Utah. This improvement costs some twenty-thousand dollars, the raising of which has been a great strain upon the community. They are entitled to much credit for their perseverance and luck; and they will derive incalculable bene-