

Correspondence.

We have been kindly favored, by Hon. Erastus Snow, with the perusal of two letters received by him; one from bro. Jacob Gates and the other from bro. Joseph W. Young, and as they contain several interesting items of news we take the liberty of publishing portions of them.

Brother Gates writes:

CITY OF ST. GEORGE,
February 1, 1889.

Pursuant to appointment, the brethren visited the different settlements, and, on their return, made good and favorable reports of all the settlements. Brothers Herriman, Birch, Atwood, and myself, left St. George on Friday, the 22nd of January, for Tooele, where we arrived the same night. Saturday, 23rd, we organized, according to your instructions, a School of the Prophets, and was favored with a good turnout; a good spirit prevailed, and the brethren seemed very much pleased; we remained until Sunday; held one meeting, then left for Bellevue, where we held a meeting in the evening; had a much larger congregation than we expected. Monday we rode to Kanarrab, where we held forth in the evening, a good spirit being enjoyed, thence to Cedar City, and had a very good time with bro. H. Lunt's ward. Wednesday we left for Harmony; but, the storm raged so hard, we turned in to bro. Birch's place, and went no farther that day. As the missionaries were to meet in St. George on Saturday, we concluded to leave Harmony until another time; so on Thursday we returned as far as Harrisburg, where we held forth in the evening, and reached this city on Friday, the 29th. Saturday, 30th, the School met. It was well attended; a good spirit continued with the School and with the Saints in general. The Elders continue to visit the different Wards on Sunday evenings, and peace and good will prevail.

The 4th Ward School House is going on very well; the Court House is now moving on fast, some five or six masons are at work upon it. I think I will have the front corner above the ground. I am in hopes to have the road running east from St. George Hall done so that you can ride into town that way on your return.

The weather is fine; the spirit of Co-operation is wide awake, all that is wanting is money to carry it out. We have been talking of late about co-operative sheep herds, the idea takes well among the people.

Co-operation eventually must, and will be the rule of action in all our business affairs. The more we reflect upon the subject the more necessary it appears in order to ensure prosperity; in fact, there is scarcely anything in nature which is or can be produced without a combined or co-operative system.

Brother Young writes:
ST. THOMAS, Feb. 8th, 1889.
Dear Brother, I got your letter just as I was leaving St. Joseph to-day, in company with some seven brethren en route for the Colorado, where we go to make a beginning on our claims at Junction City. I am to be joined at this place by some five others. We take down a boat and seine, and tools for making water ditches and building cabins. We shall also sow a little wheat on the bottom as an experiment.

We have been very busy the last two weeks on our new ditch at the narrows and have the water nearly out on to the plowing land in the cove.

This has been a heavy job, as we have had to grade down these cliffs to a level of 12 feet, and on a slope of 1 to 12 thus almost making railroad grade; but the hardest part is done.

Many houses have gone up on the city plat since you were here, and we really look as though we were to have a city by and by.

We are getting up a petition to be forwarded to Captain Hooper for a mail route, from St. Joseph to Eagle Valley, via West Point, Long Valley, Clover Valley, Washington and Panguitch. This route will be much needed, and we hope to get it. I have also instructed Bro. Leavitt to get up a petition for a post office at West Point.

our list of books as fast as our limited resources will permit. We have about one hundred volumes of well selected works, and do not intend to be behind any settlement in educational advantages or anything else that will advance the cause of Zion.

On the 13th instant the officers of the first company of cavalry and the 1st battalion of infantry gave a ball in the Schoolhouse. Among the invited guests present were Bishop Rowberry and Bishop P. Maughan, who expressed themselves well pleased with the whole arrangements.

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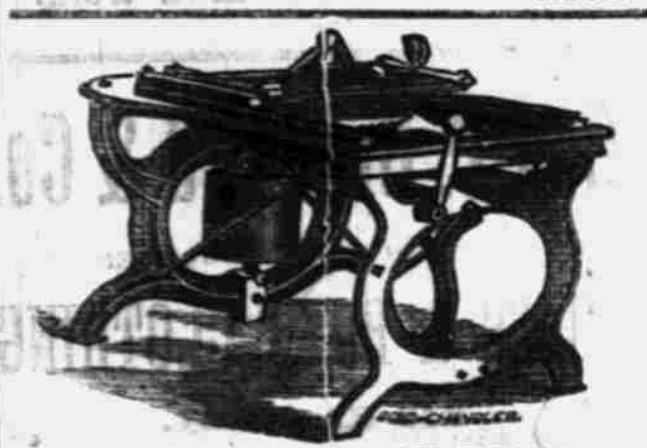
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