UTAH TO THE FORE.

The Chicago Exposition Is Giving Us Much Fine Advertising.

Sales Not Favorable Noticed—The Judges' Awards Anxiously Awaited.—Preparations for the Chair and Utah Day.

Correspondence DESERET NEWS

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—The attendance at the Fair is steadily increasing, although it is not nearly as large as the Expedition people have expected, in fact the attendances since the opening has fallen far short of what was expected. The financial stringency has more to do with the attendance than anything else. There can be no complaint in regard to the show. People get their money's worth and no one has been heard to complain that the show was not worth 50 cents, the only trouble is in getting the 50 cents. People residing in the farming communities of the East feel that, owing to the depressed condition of the produce market, money is very hard to get, with wheat at 55 cents a bushel, and other farming products correspondingly in price. People who all along intended to visit the Fair, hesitate about coming because it takes the product of several acres of ground to supply money enough for a brief visit at the Fair, and they feel that it is making too great a sacrifice to dispose of their farm products now, at the ruling prices, in order to visit the Fair. Borrowing is simply out of the question here, as well as in the West, and consequently people feel obliged to forego the pleasure of a visit to the Fair simply because of the financial stringency. Everyone is looking forward to better times when prices will advance and money will be easier.

The number of Utah people attending the Exposition is falling off materially since the end of June. There has been quite a large increase in the attendance from Utah during the past week, and the prospects indicate that from now on the attendance of western people generally will be much larger. Representatives of the great Tabernacle choir are here arranging for the appearance of that famous musical organization, in the great national concert on the 8th of September and for Utah day on the 9th. Two or three concerts will probably be given by the choir in the city during the visit, but books or after Utah Day. The Exposition authorities have extended every courtesy possible to Messrs. Clawson and Whitney, and they are greatly encouraged at the prospect. The director-general has been especially kind and has positively his assistance in every way possible and will extend every courtesy to the Utah people not usually extended to organizations of this kind.

The judges of the several departments are busily engaged in examining the exhibits. They have examined very critically quite a number of exhibits from Utah, and the indications are that our Territory will capture several medals. There seems to be a disposition, however, among some of the judges, to treat the older and more wealthy states and countries. It is safe to say that it fair to ignore or remove in every instance, Utah will certainly be winner in many contests.

Utah coal have attracted a great deal of attention. This has made the exhibits from Pennsylvania very anxious. They cannot understand how it is that any coals should be considered equal to the product of their state. An analysis of the Utah coal has been called for to determine two or three points, and while it is hardly to be expected that Utah will capture the medal, it goes without saying that our coals are going to stand very closely to the head of the procession. The foreign commissioners, I learn, have devoted a great deal of time to examining the exhibit from Utah, and all of them are sending voluminous reports to their home governments and every one speaks in the highest terms of the Utah exhibit. They are devoting a great deal of attention to special things connected with the Exposition. The Russians are especially interested in irrigation, and the Germans in mining. Each of them have given the Utah exhibits in these two departments very critical consideration, and their reports indicate that they think Utah excels all other states and territories in these departments.

The representatives of the different states are now inclined to credit Utah with being of considerable importance. They recognize the fact that in the variety of natural resources few if any of the states or territories can exceed her. The value of our mineral products is not questioned by any of them. Our coal and all kinds of minerals, our clays, salts, soda and all the products of the lake water, together with our grain and fruits, seem to astonish most of the people when they become familiar with the general products of the Territory. At first many people are inclined to doubt the fact that some of the things shown are produced in the Territory. They soon find out, however, that everything is produced as represented, and then they become interested inquirers and examine more closely into the nature of Utah products. It is now conceded that Utah has made as good a showing as any of the western states and territories, and that in an advertising way, the exhibit is doing as much or more good for the Territory than any of the other state exhibits.

TIMOTHY.

Emery Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake of Zion was held in the Huntington meeting house, on August 5th and 7th. There were present on the stand the presidency of the Stake, members of the High Council and Bishops of the various wards.

After the usual opening exercises Elder C. G. Larsen, president of the Stake, addressed the conference, stating that he was not aware that any of the brethren from headquarters would visit this conference. To the surprise of all, however, before Elder Larsen was through speaking Elders George Reynolds and Rudger S. Wells, of the presidency of the Seventies, came in. They afterwards addressed the conference three of the meetings, giving good counsel and making very encouraging remarks.

On the evening of the 5th, Seventies belonging to the Ninety-first and One hundred and first quorums met and some reasons were given to the council and quorums.

We had an interesting time during the whole of our conference. Much credit is due the good people of Huntington for their zeal and efforts in preparing the meeting house so that all were made comfortable.

The Bishops reported full crops in most of the wards of our stake.

All speakers referred to the hard times and complained of the scarcity of money.

The Huntington choir furnished beautiful music which added to all the benefit of the people with Jos. Hyrum Joseph H. Johnson, the service seemed to be the main in which the singing was conducted.

Elder Larsen made closing remarks stirring up the Bishops to a realization of their duties.

The conference adjourned for three months to meet at Castle Dale.

A. JENSON,
Stake Clerk Pro T.

Millard County Races.

Correspondence Deseret News

OASIS, Millard Co., Aug. 10.—The much-talked-of horse race between the Fillmore Peterson mare and the Oasis Noyes animal came off on the 5th. Many people were here to see it. The Peterson animal made an easy winning. Another race between Alexander's Fillmore horse and a noted mount mare was run. The horse won, but much dissatisfaction exists here about the bad start the mare got through a misunderstanding on the other side of the Fillmore drove home a large round of the race currency.

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