

MR. BENNETT'S SUGGESTIONS.

There was a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce January 17, at which the following communication from Mr. Bennett, general passenger agent of the R. G. W., was read:

J. M. Ricketts, H. L. A. Culmer, L. E. Hall, Committee of Directors Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce:

Gentlemen:—In response to your notice of January 13th, as I may not be able to attend your meeting this evening, and in accordance with your request, I venture to suggest the following as being a work worthy the attention of your Board during the coming year:

That the secretary be authorized to employ a competent person, with the approval of the Board, to collect all possible information in regard to manufacturing industries which could be established in this Territory with probability of proving profitable investments. The information to be collected and tabulated should cover every item that enters into the manufacture. Where the raw materials could be obtained, the cost of same at point of production, freight and total cost laid down in this city. The consumption of such manufactured articles not only in this Territory, but in the adjacent States and Territories where manufacturers of such articles would find a market, showing the cost of freight on the various articles to such markets as could be reached, together with the average rate of wages that would be paid in such industries, and when possible the estimated cost of the necessary plants for the same, together with the general wholesale prices of the manufactured articles.

I would recommend that at least half a dozen copies be made by typewriter or printed, and the secretary instructed to ascertain the names and addresses of parties engaged in the various manufacturing in other cities and supply them with a copy of the information collected, with the request that if they cannot entertain any proposition to start a branch industry in this city that they be kind enough to turn the statistics over to some party who might possibly be inclined to do so. One copy should be kept on file in the Chamber for the information of any parties who might make inquiries in regard thereto.

If at the end of the year the present Board can report only one such industry established in this city through its efforts, it will certainly be entitled to the thanks of the entire community, but it is the opinion of the writer that if this work is industriously pursued, your honorable board will be able to point with pride to quite a number of industries started under its administration, and you can rest assured of the earnest co-operation of this railway, so far as the adjustment of rates, both on raw material and manufactured products, may be necessary to the success of manufactories in this city or Territory.

I would also call your attention to the fact that the citizens of Atlanta, Georgia, and the surrounding district, have evidently become much interested in the future of this Territory, and a movement is on foot to get up an excursion from that vicinity to Salt Lake City early the coming spring. I am informed by Mr. Ownby, who has been engaged in moving colored laborers from Southern states to California, and who is extensively acquainted throughout the Southern states, that he has been

in receipt of numerous letters from people in the South asking for information in regard to this city and Territory, and what the prospects would be for getting a favorable excursion rate to enable the people to look over the situation here. It is hardly necessary for me to say that I am making every endeavor with the lines in interest to procure as low an excursion rate as is consistent. In my opinion, this question is worthy the attention of the Chamber, as we cannot hope to get capital interested in this Territory until we can get capitalists to look over the situation.

Very truly

J. H. BENNETT.

PROSPECTUS.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 18, 1889.

To all persons truly interested in the resources and in the prosperity of Utah:

The Utah Sugar Company are now prepared to offer to the public an opportunity for investing in the great industry of sugar production and manufacture.

The experiments and developments made in the Territory in the last few years, testing the capability of the soil and climate of Utah to produce sugar, have encouraged and brought about a thorough investigation into the feasibility and practicability of establishing this industry on a large scale, and that this might be satisfactorily accomplished the Utah Sugar Company was incorporated, and a committee was appointed by them and sent to visit the sorghum-sugar factories in the east, and the beet-sugar factories in the west, so that they might witness for themselves the mode of manufacture at these widely separated points, and that they might obtain information in relation to the cost of plants now in operation, raw material, and manufacture, and the amount of the actual sugar output. Said committee consisted of Messrs. Elias Morris, Ames Howe, Francis Armstrong, Geo. W. Thatcher and Arthur Stayner, and their report giving detailed information on the several items entrusted to them, accompanied by favorable recommendation, was considered entirely satisfactory, inasmuch that the Company concluded to proceed with the enterprise, believing it to be feasible and practicable, and if properly supported that it would be reasonably profitable besides.

The fact that sugar can be made from sorghum raised here was demonstrated some time ago, and that favorable conditions also existed for the production of sugar-producing beets was fairly and thoroughly tested during the past year by the importation of seed, its distribution to farmers throughout the Territory and the analysis of the beets raised therefrom at the late Fair. This course gave a thorough trial and the most valuable and satisfactory results. Some of the samples carried as high as 19 per cent of sugar as shown by analyses made by an expert in California. Fourteen samples analyzed at the late Territorial Fair ranged from 13 to 18 per cent, averaging 15 per cent.

The objects of the company are to produce and manufacture the refined sugar and syrups we need in the Territory, for which we now pay one million dollars annually. Also to make use of the by-products for the production of meat, a great quantity of which we now import at a great outlay of money.

To do this it is designed to establish, at the most suitable location that can be determined on, a plant costing about \$250,000, and for this purpose it is intended to increase the capital stock to \$300,000; and it is further designed to employ the most competent expert labor that can be reached, both in the erection of the factory and in the making of the sugar.

We call upon all persons who have a desire to see Utah prosper practically, to assist therein by investment in this valuable industry.

The following named gentlemen have been appointed a committee to solicit and receive subscriptions, namely: Messrs. Elias Morris, Henry Dinwoodey and Francis Armstrong. Books will also be open at the office of the company, which for the present will be at Stayner & Simmons' east of Deseret National bank.

THE UTAH SUGAR COMPANY.

By ELIAS MORRIS, President.

ARTHUR STAYNER, Secretary.

THE OLD FOLKS' GATHERING.

The annual winter treat tendered by the citizens of American Fork to the aged, blind, halt and lame, took place on Wednesday last at Grant's Hall in that city. The occasion was one which exhibited the generous disposition of the citizens to the fullest extent. Those who had teams and sleighs were busy during the morning bringing in the provisions and conveying those unable to walk. Nine different nations had representatives in the merry throng, the number of persons present being 125, their united ages exceeding 8000 years. The eldest gentleman was a Scotchman and the eldest lady a Scandinavian.

About two o'clock dinner was announced, but there was no "bill of fare." The guests had neither time nor inclination, indeed, to read one, but went straight to business after the blessing had been asked by Dr. Isaacson.

Elders Goddard, Eddington, Dunbar, and Savage, and ladies of Salt Lake City, arrived by the belated Denver train, just in time to witness the commencement of the proceedings. Their arrival was greeted with cheers of welcome. Bishop Halliday was indefatigable in his efforts to make the occasion one of joy and gladness. The committee of arrangements—consisting of Brothers Barrett, Jackson, Tracy, Dunkly, and Lee—worked as only men work when inspired by the lofty sentiment of making others happy. They were well assisted by a corps of ladies. Ten of the younger ones wore white caps and acted as waitresses.

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