

The Orderville Woolen mills are in operation and it is hoped they can continue; their activity is the direct result of hard times, and if sufficient wool can be obtained in exchange for products they will continue to run.

Considerable lumber is being turned out from the mill and many improvements are manifest. Yet there is no money in the deals; it is all trade. But this state of affairs is causing the erection of new fences, new barns and some new houses. The loss in stock is causing more attention to agriculture and efforts are being made to increase and husband the water supply and bring their small farms up to a higher state of culture.

The stock interests of this region produce the cowboy and it has been the height of ambition for some of the youth in this district to be possessed of a full cowboy outfit—a riding pony, saddle, lariat, pack horse and trappings, while he bedecked himself with a big hat usually tied under his chin or back of his head; belt-full of cartridges, pistol and knife—these pretty well loading down his hip and giving him that swaggering look that is so much admired; this is not complete without a chaps out of a pair of boots with very high heels. With such an outfit and with the practicing of a few swear words, you have a tame picture of the southern Utah cow puncher. Yet there is a perceptible improvement in many and they are getting to see something in other pursuits and lines of business than in a maverick or mustang; many are turning their attention to getting a piece of land with water right and improving it.

Kanab is looking better this year than ever before and prospects are brighter for the future, as they think they have solved the question of getting the water out of a box canyon successfully. Their present dam appears to be a fixture and the water way from it is through solid rock, so there is no danger of its washing. This gives their water supply a permanency it has never had before and inspires the people with fresh energy and enterprise, and this is shown by the thrifty, verdant gardens and pleasant fields. Yet the effects of the drought are seen in the orchards; the trees show the effects of the water scarcity of years past. Their efforts of reservoiring the water have proven a decided success. The reservoir at the southeast side of the town holds all the water that comes in of a night and on Sundays, so that all use the water in the day and thus are enabled to utilize it to greater advantage. This small reservoir has enabled the people to bring greater acreage under cultivation, and when the larger one under construction is completed it will enable them to double the acreage of their fields and bring in some of the best land that is now laying idle. So that the future of Kanab is quite flattering, and the people more hopeful than ever before. A number of new and excellent brick residences have gone up and more are under contemplation.

The Maories who recently arrived here were given a pleasant reception this evening in the Social hall. Many curios from New Zealand were on exhibition; the brass band was out, and after music by the band the assembly was called to order by Brother H. E.

Bowman. After singing and prayer speeches of welcome were made by President E. D. Wooley, Counselor Pugh of Kanab ward, Elders H. E. Bowman and R. G. Lambert, all of which was interpreted by J. C. Stewart, who also spoke in the Maori language. This was responded to by the Maori chief (his name is lost to me) in the ancient New Zealand style. He bore a strong testimony to the truth of the Gospel. The assembled guests then partook of the picnic that had been provided, and the evening was spent by the young people in a social dance.

The DESERET NEWS is well patronized and appreciated in Kanab.

We go from here to Washington county. TRAVELER.

KANAB, Kane Co., Aug. 7th, 1894.

TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

To all Stake and Ward Sunday School Superintendents:

The Deseret Sunday School Union had arranged for 100,000 small envelopes, accompanied by the circular printed below, to be distributed among the various Sunday schools of the Church, according to the last census returns, with the object thereon stated and amount contributed by each donor, to wit:

Contribution of to Deseret Sunday School Union Board and Stake Sunday school organizations, for September 1, 1894, "Nickel Sunday," cents. Please hand to your teacher next Sunday, without fail.

We designed to have them reach each school one week preceding "Nickel day"—the first Sunday in September.

These envelopes are in transit to Utah, but we fear will not reach here in time for use this year. This renders it necessary to thus call your special attention to this matter, that on the first Sunday in September every Sunday school officer, teacher and pupil will be prepared to respond readily and promptly to this worthy fund. Superintendents should thoroughly explain this matter to the children in their schools that all may properly understand its object. The amounts received by the various schools should at once be forwarded to the Stake superintendents, who will in turn forward the totals, less 20 per cent retained for Stake S. S. purposes from their respective Stakes, to the general treasurer.

We trust this matter will receive your hearty co-operation, and that all the children and workers in the cause of truth respond promptly and liberally. Following is the circular referred to:

SALT LAKE CITY, July 30, 1894.
Superintendency of—Sunday School.

Dear Brethren:—Herewith we forward you—envelopes, which is a few in excess of the total enrollment of your school as per your report for the year 1893. These envelopes are for your convenience in collecting the annual Deseret Sunday School Union Nickel Fund Donation on the first Sunday in September of this year.

On the Sunday previous to the time appointed for the collection, furnish one envelope to each enrolled officer, teacher and scholar of your school; explain to them the object, purpose and benefit of

the donation, viz: a fifth for the use of your Stake Sunday school officers in promoting the Sunday school interests of your Stake, and the remainder for the Deseret Sunday School Union for their use in advancing the general Sunday school interests of the Church in all the world, by preparing for publication charts, books, musical works, pamphlets, tracts, circulars, etc.; also for necessary traveling and office expenses. To all members who may be absent at this time, arrange to have sent them, where practicable, one of the envelopes.

On the Sunday appointed for collecting the envelopes, let the teachers of each department or class check off each scholar's name as he hands in the envelope containing his donation. This done, the teachers will give the envelopes to the secretary of the school, with a written report, simply showing the number of scholars enrolled in their classes and the number contributing. Officers and teachers will in like manner hand the secretary their envelopes, and he will check off their names as the teachers have checked the scholars'.

If possible, have the collection completed on the Sunday appointed; if not completed then, as may be learned from the secretary, give additional time, and until it is completed to the satisfaction of the superintendent. This accomplished, forward the entire amount to your Stake Sunday school treasurer or superintendent, who will in turn send direct to Elder George Reynolds, the general treasurer, Salt Lake City, Utah. Stake Sunday school officers and missionaries will please pay in their contributions to the secretary of the Sunday school of the ward in which they reside.

It should be the pride of every superintendent to have this business thoroughly attended to, for upon its universality depends much that will be helpful in our important work; and a spirit of liberality should be manifested by officers and teachers as an incentive to the scholars; and thus may we go forward, laboring unitedly for the salvation of God's children.

Desiring prosperity to attend all the Sunday schools, we are,

Your brethren,

GEORGE Q. CANNON,
GEORGE GODDARD,
JOHN MORGAN,

General Superintendency Sunday schools.

JOHN M. WHITAKER,
General Secretary.

On Saturday Misses Alice Seavey, Cora Johnson and Grace Lowell planned a picnic for the entertainment of Miss Cardwell of Lathrop, who was visiting Miss Lowell at Auburn, Cal. They went to the American-river dam, three miles below Auburn. Arriving at the dam they took off their shoes and stockings and went in the water. Grace and Alice were together and Cora and Miss Cardwell. As near as can be learned, Grace slipped and struck her head on a rock, carrying Alice down with her. Cora went to their assistance. Miss Cardwell endeavored to reach them with a fishing pole, but although the water was not over their heads the current was very swift, and the three girls were swept away and drowned. Miss Cardwell, being a stranger, lost her way, and it was late before word was received of the accident. A party went to the scene and recovered the bodies. All the young ladies were the eldest of their respective families—Alice, 19 years, Cora 18 and Grace 17.