

Correspondence.

MT. PLEASANT CITY,
March 12, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—The progressive is a feature of this new-fledged city in the agricultural, mechanical and spiritual. An important area of land is about to be taken up west and south of the city, which will give to our marriageable young men land so as to lay the foundation of a home for them and the help-meets they may choose. The yellow fever of the Sweetwater or of Mary Vale is not strikingly manifest here, because the land movement has forestalled it. Bona fide homes are better than the miner's camp.

Mechanically, we are progressing. Your enterprising agent has now a splendid shingle and saw mill. Lath and picket are to be added, and soon our town will have a decent array of fencing; nor is he satisfied, but has resolved on a woolen mill, to which we say hurrah, for our town! Other solid improvements are going on, and we must not omit to mention a famous brass band of fifteen instruments which is a feature of this young town.

Spiritually we are alive. As an evidence, we have raised \$4000 for the emigration, and we are not yet broke, although we have been heavily taxed in various ways in common with the rest of Sanpete. Last Sunday our Bishop sent out some of our young elders, two and two, to preach in the several wards of this city, and success has marked the project; they are brought to a proper bearing; the people are benefitted; and thus a spiritual good is accomplished.

A great scope of country will be put under cultivation for ourselves and the poor for whom we have subscribed, and for as many more if they will only come. As we believe, more folks, more trades, more independence, and more grain preserved, in our town.

An eight-foot vein of coal of excellent quality, has been developed at Fairview four miles from town,—regular Sanpete coal. This will open the Spanish Fork cañon road to a certainty. The discoverers are practical colliers, and intend to sell cheap. Utah country can rejoice, for the abundance is great, and the price will be small. Ah, sir! if we only had a railroad down the cañon to Goshen depot, then we would hustle the coal to your city at such figures for the blacksmith and others as would make them all rejoice. As a city we are interested in our near neighbor's welfare, as we are bound to prosper in their prosperity.

A Sunday School grows in importance, and so do our five day schools. The demand for a high school is beginning to loom up, and also for the appliances needed,—maps, charts, globes and a thorough teacher. Nor must I forget to mention that the NEWS has taken a new start since you took the chair; (I don't call it the "easy chair;") and when the opening spring opens the granary doors, and the tens of millions of promised grasshoppers shall have been the undeveloped, and the sun shines that will thaw out the frozen feeling or dread of famine, then the liberal-hearted will respond to your call for help; broad acres will be sown, and strong belief in the promise of the rainbow will be evidenced. God will give us seed time and harvest, for we have helped marvellously as a people to gather the poor, and we sow not for ourselves alone, but for Him and His people and His insect tribes. To Him we look for the promised blessing of the former and latter rains.

In these days of XXX's I must not omit to mention the superiority of the Mount Pleasant flouring mill, now thoroughly renovated, with improved machinery, and the finest bolting cloth. The enterprising owners mean your typos shall test the quality. Nor can we pass our four fine blacksmith shops, among whom G. Farnworth as a shoer stands A No 1.

D. CANDLAND.

FARMINGTON, March 14, 1868.

Editor Deseret News:—Dear Sir,—Knowing the interest you feel in the education of our youth, I have thought it might afford you, as well as all other friends of education, some pleasure to know the condition of the Sunday School here. We commenced our labors in this department about two years ago, under rather discouraging circumstances. Many believed that the enterprise would fail, as others had done before, but through the blessing of Heaven on the labors of a few faithful brethren and sisters, it has been kept alive

ever since. Of late a more decided interest has been manifested by many of our leading citizens, and steps have been taken to encourage parents to send their children where their minds may be stored with those principles that will insure them a life of happiness and usefulness, and an eternal exaltation in the life to come.

Many of our young men are now as anxious to engage in the study of the scriptures as in the common amusements and recreations of the day. We have two large classes of young men engaged in the careful reading of the bible, under the able tuition of Bros. J. T. Smith and H. D. Haight, using as auxiliaries in their studies the Church catechism and Bro. Franklin D. Richards' Compendium. Our efficient co-laborer, Judge Haight, has an interesting class of young ladies engaged in a like course of studies. We have also classes in the New Testament, Book of Mormon, Doctrine and Covenants, &c. A very general interest is manifested in every department of moral, intellectual and religious culture. Our school now has three Superintendents, nine male and five female teachers, and one hundred and fifty scholars, which will soon be swelled to two hundred.

Praying that your labors, and all others that tend to build up the kingdom of God, may be crowned with success, I remain your friend and co-worker in the cause of truth.

JAMES BROOKS.

PORTAGE, BOX ELDER COUNTY,
UTAH, WHERE IS IT?

Editor Deseret Evening News:—The above question is being asked by a great many persons, and as several have been misinformed as to where it is, I thought I would inform them through the columns of your valuable paper.

Portage is a new settlement laying at the foot of the mountain, one mile and a quarter south of Oregon Springs, Idaho, and one mile south of the Idaho line; it is sixteen miles north of Bear River Bridge, and lays right on the mail route to Virginia City, Montana.

There are eighteen families living in the settlement: sixteen from Wells-ville, Cache Valley, and two from Lehi. Two are close by, whom we found here. Brother Thomas Green is our presiding officer at present, with whom we are well pleased. Through the energy of our young brother, Wm. H. Anderson, we have a post office, of which he has been appointed Postmaster, and we consider he is the right man in the right place.

There are 70 inhabitants in this place, including men, women and children, and three months ago there was not a house on the ground. We expect to have an increase of from forty to fifty families in the Spring. I know not what can be done for the gathering of the poor, as we have had no one here to try us yet.

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession, one 12 year old brown MARE, S S on left shoulder, and brand on left thigh. Supposed to be owned by a Jew in Provo. If not claimed by the 20th of April, 1868, it will be sold according to law. LEWIS WRIGHT, Poundkeeper. Brigham City, March 17, 1868. s13:2&w7:1