

be made second to none in delightful surroundings. Near by are the fair grounds, a plat of ten acres, finely situated for the purpose intended.

As has been mentioned, the city was practically without waterworks. This matter was taken in hand by the city council last season. The Bothwell canal men came up and measured every stream of water that was being utilized, with the intention of appropriating all of the remainder for the Bear River Canal. The city officers saw the predicament the town would be left in. With a river flowing into the corporation limits, they would be left in a worse situation than was Salt Lake during the dry season of 1889. So they purchased a tract of land above the college building, in a situation to give a head of water over the whole city, being even sufficient to throw a stream over the Temple and Agricultural College. Then they entered into negotiations with the directors of the upper canal, which runs to Hyde Park and Smithfield, for water right. This was purchased at a cost of about \$4,000—an insignificant sum compared with its value to the city. This step gave the means to secure control of the whole of Logan river that had not been appropriated, for the city, and provides an ample water supply for irrigation, and for culinary purposes for eight or ten times the present population, when it is carried through pipes.

There is also, near the mouth of the canyon, a place where a magnificent water power could be obtained and utilized. This advantage was seen and taken for electric light works. The \$1000 spent here is now worth \$10,000 and sufficient power can be obtained to operate an extensive electric light plant and a system of electric street railways.

The supply of gravel is not as plentiful in the vicinity of Logan as in many other places, so last season the municipality gained control of what is known as the gravel lots, for use in improving and repairing the city streets. Besides these there have been road improvements that have added greatly to the comfort of the people, in providing better routes for travel.

But during the period of making these acquisitions the city held a great deal of real estate, which latterly it has been disposing of. The reason for holding it was that the city fathers saw that an increase in values would come, and they took advantage of the conditions.

There was another little item regarding a tract of 80 acres of railroad land within the city boundaries. A number of families had settled upon this tract. Negotiations had been made first, but no arrangements were perfected. Last summer a real estate agent made an effort to grab this land, offering Mr. D. P. Tarpey, who had obtained possession from the railroad, \$20,000 for the 80 acres. The people applied to the city authorities, who presented the matter to Mr. Tarpey. There were poor families on the land, and they could ill afford to be

placed at the mercy of land sharks. Finally Mr. Tarpey offered to either pay the people \$4000 for their improvements, or to sell the land to them, through the city, for \$10,000, in ten annual payments. This latter proposition was accepted, the contract entered into, and the first payment made. Logan became the mediator, the people to pay a stipulated price for their lots. None of this was to come out of the city treasury, but, on the full payment being made, the city was to give a deed to the bona fide purchaser, receiving a deed for the whole tract. Upon this agreement those who occupy the land made the first payment, and felt satisfied that the title to their homes was at last settled on an equitable basis.

Last month a municipal election was held, all the old officers retiring. Then came measures that have caused a great deal of unpleasant feeling, and have had an injurious effect on the city's welfare. It was claimed that the city council repudiated its own obligations, or at least that was alleged to be the effect of the *pronunciamento* sent out. There had been a change in the *personnel* of the city council, and it seemed, too, that there was to be a radical change in the procedure which had benefited and been approved of by the people. The measure referred to provides for repudiation of any excess of indebtedness that may exist, and then orders an investigation to ascertain whether there is any such excess.

Then an inquiry was made, and the conclusion arrived at was that, outside of the Tarpey contract, there was an excess of authorized indebtedness to the amount of nearly \$8000. The retiring members of the council insisted that under a fair construction of the law there was no excess whatever, and even if there was it was offset by the fact that an equal amount of promissory notes was held by the city for land sold in the city park addition, as well as other sums due from other quarters.

The former incumbents, however, stated that they would take from the city all the property that had been purchased by the alleged excess, but this has not been agreed to.

In regard to the purchase from Mr. Tarpey, that gentleman is expected in Logan by May 1st and may rescind the contract and deal directly with the occupants of the land.

There was some talk of suing the former members of the council on their bonds, for incurring this alleged excess in the good work they had done for the city. But the latter have stated the whole case to the best legal talent of Ogden and Salt Lake, and the unanimous opinion is that the old members are in the right and cannot be proceeded against. They express themselves as willing to take any steps for the good of the people, but they are holding aloof from any controversy.

One of the best investments Cache County and Logan have made, in a financial way, at least, is securing the Agricultural College, which

was given ninety-five acres of land and a good water right thereto. On Friday evening the board of trustees held a meeting at the Logan House, and were in session till after midnight. On Saturday they met again, and on Saturday evening there was another midnight session. The subjects under discussion were the plans for farm houses, dwellings for employes, improvement and cultivation of the grounds, and the purchase of machinery and scientific instruments for the use of the college. Each item was thoroughly considered and discussed, and plans were adopted. About \$40,000 will be expended this season, for the purposes named. The ground has already been plowed, and the other work will be commenced immediately. The board of trustees will hold its next meeting in Salt Lake, on Saturday, the 28th instant. Prof. Sanborn, who is in charge of the college, is an efficient and experienced instructor, and is earnest in his endeavors to make the institution a success. Backed by a competent board of trustees, and a large appropriation by the Territory, there appears no reason to look for any but the most satisfactory result.

The heavy winter caused some apprehension lest the high waters of spring would cause considerable damage. The hay land in the valley is under water in some districts, but this will work no injury. The banks of the Logan River have been strengthened, and the river dredged in places, so that there is no longer any cause for alarm. All things point to a season of prosperity in Cache Valley.

A great deal has been said of the poor service of the Union Pacific. For my own part, my experience with the railway was satisfactory. The train was only ten minutes behind on a three hours' run during a rain storm. It looks as though the railway men are doing their best under the circumstances of running a small section of narrow gauge track in the midst of a broad gauge system, and over a route that is open to many objections because of the engineering difficulties constantly met with. When the standard gauge is completed there is every reason to believe that the service will be just as good as in other parts of the country, because the facilities will be equal. AGE.

LOGAN, Utah, April 21, 1890.

A BERLIN antiquary claims to have discovered in a curious, thick, hollow cane, which he bought from a peasant, the dagger with which Ravillac assassinated King Henry IV of France. Beside the poignard was a snuff box containing a paper, in which the writer declared that he stole the dagger from the palais de justice in 1815.

NEW YORK, April 25.—Dr. McGlynn announced at a meeting tonight that next week he would start for the Pacific Coast. His purpose is to go to San Francisco to visit relatives, but he will deliver several lectures in California at the same time.