

and all that is necessary to make this a country of thrift and enterprise is to develop the natural advantages that are open to plain view.

The mines of the Ohio mining district, situated on the east foot hills of Mount Baldy, are now taking shape for development, and the near future will show one of the most enterprising mining districts in Utah. In Platte County the ores are of a good quality and in immense bodies. There has been late discoveries in the district that warrant the opening up of this county in a mining point of view. Some of the heaviest mines in the district prove to bear free milling and free leaching ores, containing no base ores. There are abundance of water and timber in the district, and the late discoveries of free ore in abundance will not cost five dollars per ton to work.

The main portion of the mineral belt is situated about seven miles west of the Sevier River, at Marysville, in the heavy foot hills of Mt. Baldy, the ores of many claims contain gold, as well as silver, in regular fissure veins in granite and scrap rock formations. The general sampling of veins, so far as I can hear, will mill, from average sampling, \$50 to \$200 per ton. Some choice rock has assayed over a thousand dollars. The Giles mine is a gravel vein or fissure, containing six foot of good ore in ten feet of the surface. The Springtown has about 100 tons on the dump ready to be worked. The Jackson has in all about 60 tons, and other mines in proportion. The general class of ore is of a character to leach well. The Moriah is a heavy vein of free ore that leaches readily, the vein being eleven feet in the centre of the mine at the surface.

All that is needed here is machinery and business men to run it. This part of the country will attract attention among mining men and capitalists ere long. I have not the least doubt the combined advantages of the country, in timberland and water, and the rich mines will enlist attention from the Pacific coast.

I remain, respectfully,
JOHN S. FERRIS.

LUCERNE, Switzerland,
August 16th, 1878.

Editors Deseret News:

I think I ought to know something about mountains, having lived among them the better half of my life. Not until I was sixteen years of age was I out of sight of some of the boldest scenery of the Appalachian range. I came to Switzerland determined to look critically at the Alps, and to see if they had been as much overdone by gushing tourists as some other European scenery; the Rhine, for instance, but I confess, with humiliation, that the Alps far surpasses any mountains of our eastern range, and that they are the greatest accumulations of earth and rock I ever saw. The management of the weather did not see fit to lift the curtain of cloud during my stay at Geneva, so I missed a view of Mount Blanc, but I saw the Jungfrau, at Interlaken, which is more than twice the height of Mount Washington, and many other mountains that would make the peaks of Otter in Virginia, look tame. But with all its wild, sublime grandeur, and sequestered beauty, Switzerland does not leave a pleasant impression like the smiling plains of Normandy. There is too much emphasis, the senses are strained and fatigued; variety is spice, but one even prefers platitudes to eternal hyperbole.

"Nature is here too pretentious. Her mien is too haughty. One likes to be coaxed, not compelled. To the homage such beauty renders it withheld. She seems to be saying too plainly, Admire me!"

And I answer, Yes, madam, I do, but you tire me." Then, again, we are accustomed to look at Nature in her relations to human life, and it is not the high, snowy peaks, castellated rocks and foaming mountain torrents that suggest plenty and content. The Swiss are the homeliest people that I have seen in Europe. They are industrious, and perhaps happy, but their faces and limbs reflect the frown of the mountains, and are tragic with generations of desperate battles for subsistence. They are a very frugal people. In economy they are inferior only to the French, who are stingy, miserly,

denying themselves comforts and living in miserable little chambers; all that they may make a dazzling appearance on the boulevards and in the cafes.

Away up on the mountain side, on the ledges of precipices or under them, at an elevation of 5,000 or 6,000 feet, may be seen the Swiss chalets, or even villages, the roofs weighted down with large stones to prevent the hurricane from sweeping them away. Here they have their little farms and gardens, every inch of which have been made productive. On these extreme heights goats, sheep, and a few cows, but no horses, are to be found. The principal industry of Switzerland is no longer, it would appear, in watch making, wood carving, or the manufacture of musical boxes, but in hotel keeping. No part of Europe is so tourist-haunted, and hotels are to be found everywhere, and of every class, from the little exteriorly unprepossessing, but interiorly clean and comfortable inn to the grand hotel with marble floor and spike coat-tailed waiter. I prefer the little inns. At them you will get as good a room, as clean a bed, and a better table, at about half the price charged by the fashionable houses. Though the price charged by the fashionable houses is not large, not often more than two dollars and a half per day. I do not know but that those waiters in white cravats and black swallow-tail coats may be very agreeable to some people, but upon me they have a funeral and depressing effect. Then, too, at the grand hotels they have too much system; they have got down too fine, know too accurate just how much is required to keep soul and body together, and graze the frontier of starvation most too close. All of them feed on the theory that every man wants just as much as and no more than, another. The table d'hôte in Europe is very different from ours. There is a great flourish of courses and plates, too much plate and too few victuals; I have often left the table hungry to finish off at a restaurant. I do not remember ever to have left quite satisfied, though their stereotyped menu of soup, fish, veal, chicken, green beans, fruit, dessert, and coffee, each in separate course, with long interval between, and administered Homoeopathically, gives, for the moment, a deceitful sense of fullness. Apropos of this subject I must tell you that while in Paris I ordered horse steak one morning for breakfast, (breakfast at hotels in Europe is not table d'hôte and one can order one kind of meat, and eggs) and it tasted so much like the peculiar, soggy beef steak we had been eating all the time, that it set me reflecting. The guests at the hotel, most of whom are Americans, did not have stomach for my practical test, but were curious to know how it tasted, and since I have told them it tasted precisely like beef steak, that staple has been at a discount, they order mutton chops in order that they may have the evidence of the bone.

C. A. S.

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