

A TRIP THROUGH THE STAR VALLEY.

Andrew Jensen Sees Signs of Prosperity in All the Settlements of the Saints.

PEOPLE BECOMING WELL-TO-DO.

Similar Conditions in the Salt River Valley, Its Near Neighbor on The North.

Special Correspondence.

Afton, Wyo., Aug. 27.—I left Salt Lake City on the 14th inst. on a visit to Star Valley in the interest of Church history, and, after the usual delay in Provo, I arrived in Montpelier in the afternoon. The next day I traveled 20 miles by stage to Afton, over a good, well built, mountain road. Among my fellow-passengers was Elder William Blake, of Riverton, Utah, and some sheepherders. Of the latter I noticed one "Mormon" boy, born of goodly parents, who had permitted himself to become a mischievous "mimic" under the influence of a companion from the east. If the companion took a smoke, this young man would, if a drink, likewise, if profanity was introduced, the young man copied that also. Poor boy! If he could only have seen himself as others saw him, how ashamed he would have felt. I write this as a warning to others. How degrading it is for a young man who ought to know better and who has been taught by precept as well as example to fear God and keep His commandments, thus to bow to the ways of the wicked! On our arrival in Afton I received a hearty welcome from President George Osmond and his counselors, William W. Burton and Anson V. Call, and the Saints generally, and after taking part in the proceedings of the quarterly conference which closed on Sunday, Aug. 16, I commenced my usual perusal of records and the giving of necessary instructions to clerks and others. In order to do this effectively, I visited every ward in the stake and held meetings every evening as I traveled through, and notwithstanding the busy season the public meetings were well attended, and those who were called upon to produce records and spend their time in assisting me to call from the books responded cheerfully, and seemed pleased to have the opportunity.

TWO BEAUTIFUL VALLEYS.

I am delighted with the appearance of Star Valley and its sister valley to the north—Salt River valley. When

A Nervous Woman

Will often feel compelled to stop the clock whose ticking seems unbearable to her. In such a nervous condition the woman needs a building up of the entire system. It is useless to attempt the cure of the nerves while the cause of the nervousness remains unremoved. A very common cause of nervousness in women is a diseased condition of the delicate womanly organs.



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and the few outsiders dwelling there, as well as the sheepmen who camp in the surrounding mountains, are gradually bowing to the good example and influence of the majority, and as a rule they carry themselves respectfully and act gentlemanly when they associate with the Saints. The numerical strength of the Star Valley Stake at present is about 2,000, of whom nearly 1,500 live in the upper valley (Star Valley) and 500 in the lower valley (Salt River valley). The stake comprises nine wards or settlements, of which six are in the upper and three in the lower valley. About half the population live in the towns and the other half in a scattered condition on their ranches and farms. With the exception of a part of Freedom, in the lower valley, which belongs to Idaho, these nine settlements constitute a part of Clinton county, Wyo., the county seat of which is Evanston, about 110 miles south of Afton, on the Union Pacific railroad.

HEADQUARTERS AT AFTON.

Afton is the principal town in Star Valley and the headquarters of the stake; all the members of the stake

and overlooks the entire valley west, south and north. Afton is also the name of a beautiful and romantic river in Scotland, immortalized in the lines:

"Flow gently, sweet Afton along thy green braes;
Flow gently, till sing thee a song in thy praise."

Quite a number of the early settlers of Star Valley were of Scottish origin, hence nothing could be more natural or consistent than to choose the name they did for their chief town. A fine meetinghouse, built in the shape of a cross and surmounted by a nicely shaped tower, a modern two-story schoolhouse, about a dozen stores and business houses of different kinds and a number of beautiful private residences give Afton quite a cosmopolitan and yet a home-like appearance; and to the visitor it looks like a very desirable place to make home. The present population of Afton is about 550. The place was first settled in 1885, the first Bishop was Charles D. Gaylor, who is now the Patriarch of the stake, the second Bishop was George Wait, who presided over the ward from 1894 to 1899, and Osborne Low, the present Bishop, has acted in that capacity since 1899.

THIRTY SETTLEMENTS.

Grover is a scattered settlement situated north of Afton, dating back to 1885. It is the only one of the first settlements in Star Valley stake that has retained its original Bishop. Brother James Jensen was made Bishop of the ward at its first organization in 1885, and though somewhat advanced in years he is still an active presiding officer. Grover now consists at present of 250 souls.

Auburn, situated on the west side of Salt River, opposite Grover, is the oldest settlement in Star Valley. It dates back to 1878, but was not organized as a ward until 1889, when Wm. Corbridge, who had acted as presiding Elder since 1887, was ordained Bishop and appointed to preside in Auburn. He was succeeded in 1891 by Joseph H. Holbrook, who in turn was succeeded in 1894 by Herman Hyde, the present incumbent. Auburn's present population is 194.

Fairview, the second settlement in Star Valley in point of size and importance, is situated in the west side of the valley, about 4 1/2 miles southwest of Afton, and is the first settlement reached by the traveler who comes from Montpelier. Fairview has a population of 282, and can boast of a meetinghouse that is nearly as pretty and commodious as the one in Afton. The place was first settled in 1885 and organized as a ward in 1889 with John C. Dewey as Bishop. His successor in the Bishopric was Charles W. Porter, who presided from 1891 to 1899, when the present Bishop, Brother Franklin G. Tolman, was installed.

Osmond is a new ward, organized in 1901, with Andrew M. Nelson as Bishop, situated on Dry Creek, about three miles south of Afton. It has a population of 156 and is the smallest ward in the stake. It is named in honor of President Grover Cleveland. Smoot, formerly Cottonwood, embraces the Saints residing in the south end of Star Valley, about seven miles south of Afton. The place was first settled in 1886, and was organized as a ward in 1889, with Wm. Parsons as Bishop. Since Bishop Parsons left the valley a few months ago, Thomas Walton has taken charge of the ward as presiding Elder. Including children the

about four miles. Thayne is a scattered settlement, an nearly the entire population (numbering 213 souls), live on ranches and farms. This place was settled in 1888 and organized as a ward in 1891, with John W. Tinsor as Bishop. Hans J. Hennert was the second Bishop of the place, he presided from 1887 to 1891, and was succeeded in the latter year by Isaiah Butterworth, the present Bishop.

Freedom contains about 300 settlers, who reside in the north half of Salt River valley. The townsite of Freedom is partly in Wyoming and partly in Idaho, the main street running north and south, being the boundary line between the two states. About one half of the population reside on or near the townsite (situated on the west bank of Salt River, and on "The Cup Creek") and the other half at Ulet (a small settlement on "Jack Knife Creek," about five miles north of Freedom) and on ranches. Freedom is the principal town in Salt River valley and most of the sheepmen and the surrounding camps come here for supplies.

PEOPLE BECOMING WEALTHY.

In conclusion I will say that the people in Star Valley and Salt River valley are fast becoming well-to-do farmers and ranchers. Though the winters are rather long and dreary the summer climate is almost perfection itself; and in all my travels I have never seen a healthier or more robust looking population. The children—and their name is legion in proportion to the population—are the very embodiments of physical excellence, and so good natured throughout that I scarcely have heard a child cry since I came to the valley. And how well they behaved in meeting! Without making the least noise, the mothers could make them sleep or keep them awake at pleasure, and when anything of interest to them was said, they would wake up, take it all in, and then take another nap. I recommend the good nature of the children in the Star Valley stake of Zion to the kind consideration of the children and their mothers in other parts of the country.

Stock raising is the chief industry of the inhabitants in this part of the country; farming is second in importance, and wheat raising has not proven much of a success yet, but splendid crops of oats, potatoes and corn are raised. The best crop ever realized here is being raised this year. There are two creameries here in the upper valley near Afton (owned and operated by William W. Burton and Sons), and the other in the lower valley, in Thayne ward. Still another creamery is nearing completion near Afton.

Tomorrow I leave Star Valley for the Bear Lake stake of Zion.

ANDREW JENSEN.

TRIBUTE TO LUTHER.

Emperor William Says He is the Greatest German.

Berlin, Sept. 3.—In an address delivered at Merzbach, Prussia, Emperor William, speaking of Wittenberg (Martin Luther burned the papal bull in the church there), said in that city the greatest German rendered the greatest act of liberation for the whole world, and the strokes of his awakening hammer sounded over the German land.

IT DIDN'T FLY.

Prof. Langley's Aerodrome Failed To Go Up.

Widewater, Va., Sept. 3.—Efforts today to launch Prof. Samuel P. Langley's sixty-foot man-carrying aerodrome had to be abandoned this evening owing to the failure of the gasoline motor to work properly. For four hours Prof. Charles M. Manley, the inventor of the machine, labored hard to get the machinery in shape. He was unsuccessful.

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Frank J. Hearn Placed in Full Control.

New York, Sept. 3.—Frank J. Hearn, formerly president of the National Tube company, has been placed in full control of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company. Mr. Hearn, who is said to be the joint choice of the Gould-Rockefeller interests in the company, was elected president of the company and chairman of the board of directors at a meeting held in this city.

No action upon the dividend on the preferred stock of the company was taken.

The preferred stock, of which \$2,600,000 is outstanding, bears interest at the rate of 8 per cent. This dividend is cumulative. It is payable semi-annually, in September and April, and the August directors' meeting is the one at which the declaration is usually made. None of the details of the plan which is being worked out to provide fresh funds to the amount of \$13,000,000 was taken up at the meeting. It is understood that the plan will be worked out in full detail by the executive committee before being submitted to the directors for their approval.

The executive committee elected consists of F. J. Hearn, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., George J. Gould, E. T. Gates and John C. Osgood.

Officers elected were: F. J. Hearn, chairman of the board and president; J. F. Welborn, vice president; D. C. Beaman, secretary.

Mr. Hearn succeeds J. E. Kohler as president. Mr. Welborn succeeds A. C. Case. The offices of second and third vice president are left vacant.

INDICTMENTS DISMISSED.

Against N. J. St. Ry. Directors And Officials.

Newark, N. J., Sept. 3.—Chief Justice (Timmers) in the Essex county court today, announced that he had decided to grant the motion for the dismissal of the indictments for manslaughter against the officials and directors of the North Jersey Street Railway company who were accused of having by alleged neglect of their duties caused the death of Ernestine Miller. Miss Miller, who was a high school pupil, was killed with eight others in the Clinton avenue crossing accident of Feb. 16.

The motion to dismiss the indictment was made at the trial yesterday by Richard V. Lindabury of counsel for the defense.

In instructing the jury to find a verdict of not guilty the chief justice said in order to hold the defendants criminally responsible it must be shown that they had failed to perform some specific act. This, the state had failed to do, he said.

THE AMERICA'S CUP.

San Francisco Wants Next Races Sailed There.

San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 3.—The California promotion committee has sent the following telegram to the president of the New York Yacht club, inviting the club to select San Francisco harbor as the next course for the defense of the America's cup:

"C. Oliver (sail, President New York Yacht club, New York City: Dear Sir:—On behalf of the state of California and the city of San Francisco, the California promotion committee respectfully suggest the New York Yacht club that the next international race for the challenge cup be held in the waters of San Francisco bay. The assurance of brisk winds, average velocity June 12, 1896, 12.4 knots, 12 miles per hour—deep and safe waters, one of the largest and deepest harbors in the world, with 450 square miles of water surface, insures a safe and exciting contest, which should begin from beginning to end by spectators upon the land. The open

ocean course outside the harbor affords similar advantages. The fact that there is no rain during the summer months is an additional feature.

If the competing yachts should be brought through the Suis canal, the long trip would arouse the greatest interest in this international event. With the contest on the Pacific coast, other nations would undoubtedly be led to compete for the America's cup.

"This committee believes that in view of the facts presented, the course in San Francisco harbor is worthy of your earnest consideration, and we will be glad to meet you in any steps to reach the end desired. This invitation is endorsed by the San Francisco Yachtclub. (Signed.) "RUFUS P. JENNINGS, Executive Officer of the California Promotion Committee."

A similar telegram was sent to Sir Thomas Lipton.

When asked regarding his opinion as to the merits of San Francisco harbor as a course for an international yacht race, James D. Phelan, former mayor of San Francisco, who is a close personal friend of Sir Thomas Lipton, stated that in his opinion such a course could not be surpassed.

"There would be no difficulty in providing funds for a special trophy," said Mr. Phelan. "I understand that Sir Thomas Lipton is coming to the coast very shortly."

GOVERNMENT DEPOSITS

In National Banks Are Not to be Increased.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—The published report that government deposits in national banks are to be materially increased is declared by Secy. of the Treasury Shaw, to be unfounded. Secy. Shaw today made the following statement:

"I notice some newspaper accounts to the effect that I am about to increase deposits of public money to the extent of \$40,000,000. It is true I have \$40,000,000 available for deposit if conditions should hereafter render it expedient to make so large an increase. For the present I am accepting only applications for small amounts that have been on file for several months and am confining these to agricultural districts."

Gambler Kills an Officer.

Guthrie, O. T., Sept. 3.—A gambler named C. D. Kim was beating a woman at Kaw City, Kay county, and when Officer Kenner attempted to stop the row the gambler drew a pistol and shot Kenner through the body, producing a fatal wound. The murderer then escaped.

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I visited these places in the latter part of 1891-12 years ago—I found a few pioneer settlers living in their primitive log cabins, struggling for existence, but hopeful that they in due course of time would be able to make homes for themselves. Their most sanguine hopes must have been realized, for now I found the valleys dotted with beautiful villages and ranches, and nearly every acre of land, especially in the upper valley, under cultivation, either as meadow or farm. The picture that presented itself to my gaze, as I entered the valley through the mouth of Crow Creek canyon on the 15th inst., will be retained in my memory for a long time. It was late in the afternoon of a beautiful clear day, and as the valley burst into view and the many white painted houses of Afton and Fairview reflected their outlines in the light of the afternoon sun, I thought I had never before seen a more pleasing picture. Such are the changes that can be brought about by the thrift and industry of a God-fearing people, under the blessings and guidance of Him whose love and care for His children are unbounded and lasting as the grand old mountains that surround them.

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SALT RIVER VALLEY.

Salt River valley is reached by two roads, one following the general course of Salt River from the upper to the lower valley through a canyon about seven miles long, and the other leading over a mountain ridge from Grover to the extreme south end of Salt River valley—to Willow Creek, on which stream Bro. William A. Turner has made a beautiful home, and is surrounded himself by 16 children. His home stands at the mouth of a picturesque canyon, and I had the pleasure at his table, to eat strawberries grown on land where the snow generally lies 6 1/2 feet deep in the winter.

The Turner home belongs to the Bedford ward, which embraces the settlers residing in the southeast corner of Salt River valley. The townsite is about 15 miles to the north of Afton, and about 22 miles south of the junction of Salt River with the south fork of Snake River. Bedford was first settled in 1888 and organized as a ward in 1895 with John R. Thatcher as Bishop. Brother Thatcher is completing one of the finest residences in the valley; 245 souls constitute the population of the Bedford ward. Thayne (formerly called Glenwood), is situated northwest of Bedford, at a distance between the townsite of Bedford and the meetinghouse of Thayne is