

over the ward, with John Frantzen and Lauritz Larsen as counselors.

Five miles northeast of Spring City we come to the city of Mount Pleasant, which, like Spring City, dates back to 1852, but as a permanent settlement only to 1859. The city covers an immense area, but is thinly populated. The death record of Mount Pleasant commenced with the killing of Isaac Allred by a Mr. Ivie and the drowning of a little child in Pleasant Creek in May, 1859, but since then it has become a "live" place.

Just imagine, three saloons in what was once a quiet and peaceful "Mormon town," and this too before the "Liberals" has got full control. The facts in the case are that this is the heart-quarters for apostates and the whole disaffected element of Sanpete County, and so far as I could learn, the only city in Sanpete which was honored by a visit of so distinguished champions of fraud and disfranchisement as the would be "Hon." C. C. Goodwin, Ex-Judge O. W. Powers and others. Another distinguished gentleman, who some time ago figured prominently as chief executive of our Territory, took sick in Moroni the cause of which was that the gentleman instead of following the main road from the railway depot, passing by the only liquor establishment in the town, as he should have done, passed right through that establishment and when he came out on the other side he could not find the road, and hence failed to reach Mount Pleasant. But in relating this we do not desire to stigmatize the city of Mount Pleasant as a place for everything that is evil, for although some of the more radical "Liberals" have asked members of the People's party to cease their efforts to control the municipality in order that they (the Liberals) might make a regular "hip-hob" of the place, I do not believe for one moment that such will be the case. Mount Pleasant is, I trust, destined to continue a respectable and well governed commonwealth, for the majority of the inhabitants there are just as good, industrious, respectable and moral as people elsewhere in the country. Until quite recently Mount Pleasant, like Ephraim and Manti, was divided into two Bishop's Wards, but Elder U. N. Lund, a man of advance thoughts and influence, now presides as Bishop of the whole settlement.

Fairview, another flourishing city, commanding as the name suggests a most beautiful view of the Sanpete valley southward, lies six miles north of Mount Pleasant. It was originally known as North Bend, from the fact that the Sanpitch River here takes a turn from a southwesterly to a more southerly direction. Fairview was, during the Indian war of 1865-7, the frontier town of Sanpete County on the northeast, and consequently suffered considerable loss of life and stock. The present Bishop of the ward is Elder James C. Peterson, late of South Cottonwood, Salt Lake County.

I have just been informed that

the track of the Sevier branch of the Rio Grande Western Railway is now laid to within a short distance of Fairview, and that in the course of a few more days the town will be placed in permanent railway communication with the outside world.

Changing our course of travel to the southwest we reach Moroni, situated on the sunny side of the hills which divide the north end of the valley into an eastern and a western part. The Sanpitch River skirts the base of the hills upon which the town stands, and separates the settlement from most of its farming land, which lies on the opposite or southeast side of the river. Moroni is a railway town, being situated on the Sanpete Valley Railroad, and has the oldest co-operative store in the county, the longest irrigation canal, one of the best mills and some of the thriftiest people in the Sanpete Stake of Zion. A fine rock structure—the ward meeting house—occupies the most elevated and conspicuous prominence on the rolling townsite, and lends beauty and enhancement to the surrounding country. The principal founder of the settlement, Bishop Geo. W. Bradley, is still alive, and occupies the old family homestead on the hillside.

South of Moroni, on the opposite side of the Sanpete River and almost in the very centre of Sanpete valley proper, is Chester Ward, an outgrowth of Spring City and Moroni. It consists of farmers who all live on their respective quarter sections or subdivisions, and possess some of the richest and most productive lands in the Territory, and here is also some poor lands. Chester is the present terminus of the Sanpete Valley Railway, the depot being about four miles south of Moroni. Elder C. Christensen, a good-natured and faithful man, presides over the ward.

West of Chester Center about five miles distant, near the foot of what locally is known as the West Mountains, lies the village of Wales. I came to gather historical information concerning the place, but had to go away without accomplishing my object, for the presiding authorities had gone on a journey. But Wales, nevertheless is a fine little settlement, and the Welsh population here have a good reputation for honesty, peace and sobriety. The place was once the terminus of the Sanpete Valley Railway, but a few years ago the track was torn up and relaid to Chester via Moroni. It was in the mountains a short distance southwest of that place that coal was first discovered in the Sanpete Valley, and in the year 1855 an old Indian told the new settlers at Ephraim about the discovery. The mines have been worked since 1857, but since the discovery of better coal east of Fairview and south of Manti the companies near Wales have not been so profitable as heretofore.

Eight miles northwest of Moroni is the incorporated town of Fountain Green, originally known as Uintah. It is situated on the creek issuing from the famous Uintah Springs

which are found at the base of the mountains about two miles northwest of the settlement. Within a radius of a hundred feet or less a fine stream, at once large enough to run a mill, emerges from the ground and winds its way to the valley below. On this stream the settlement gets nearly all the water it uses for irrigation purposes. Fountain Green is supposed to be the coldest place in Sanpete Valley, its altitude being somewhat more than Fairview and of course higher than all the other settlements lying further down the valley, but notwithstanding this the crops of small grain mature well, and some fruit of the more hardy kinds is also raised. James Yorgenson, Andrew H. Bertensen and Win. F. Cook constitute the Bishopric of this place, which is the most northwestern settlement of Sanpete County. The distance from here—over the divide and through Salt Creek Canyon—to Nephi, Juab County, is about fourteen miles.

South of Manti there are three organized wards. The first one reached by the traveler after going in a southwesterly direction is Sterling, formerly known as Pettyville. It consists of the village of Sterling, situated on Six Mile Creek, (six miles from Manti) and the settlers residing on the neighboring farms, some of them on Nine Mile Creek. John L. Peacock, a young man, is Bishop.

Six miles further south is Mayfield, situated on both sides of Twelve Mile Creek, and occupying the ground where the old Indian chief Arrapeone once cultivated his famous Indian farm and from where he made frequent visits to the settlements and sometimes preached to the people. Old Arrapeul is yet favorably remembered by many of the older settlers of Sanpete Valley, as he always proved a true friend to the Saints, while nearly all his brothers and the Ute Indians generally would make breaks and kill and plunder the settlers occasionally. The old chief died in Grass Valley Dec. 4, 1860. The inhabitants of Mayfield consist chiefly of young and middle aged people, who actually "swarmed" out of Ephraim about sixteen years ago, because there was not room enough for them in that old settlement, and they have done well. Mayfield is a thrifty little place and after the brethren shall have carried out their present far reaching plans of building reservoirs, there will be room for quite a number more settlers. Parley Christiansen is the present Bishop, having recently succeeded our respected friend O. C. Olsen, who had acted as Bishop since the first settlement of the place.

About six miles west of Mayfield or nearly fifteen miles southwest of Manti lies the town Gunnison. Its situation is indeed beautiful, occupying as it does the gentle slope of a sunny hillside on the extreme south end of that spur of the Wasatch mountains which separates Sanpete from Juab Valley and the Green River. It commands a fine view of the Sevier Valley southward. The