

INDUSTRIES, COMMERCE AND MINES.

RICHFIELD, Sevier Co., U. T., Jan. 14, 1894.—At a convention recently held in this place, consisting of delegates from all parts of the county, the necessity and propriety of endeavoring to get a sugar plant established here was considered and all present were enthusiastically in favor of the move. From the knowledge we have of the climatic conditions favorable to the successful growth of the sugar beet, this county seems to be peculiarly adapted to its culture. We are informed, that in some places north, the soil is so moist that the beets grow so large as to materially decrease the percentage of sugar. We would not have that difficulty to contend with here, as the soil is naturally very dry.

While we are supplied with a liberal amount of that fertilizing element, water, yet there is a vast amount of land which only has secondary water right. On this land such crops as dry-land wheat, barley, corn and lucern are grown. Should this land prove to be too dry for the beet, then there is a great deal of land which has primary water right, where such quantities of the liquid could be applied as would insure proper growth.

In addition to these excellent climatic conditions we have a population consisting principally of Scandinavians who are noted for patience and industry. All these good qualities combined would undoubtedly result in the successful growth of the beets, both in quality and quantity.

Inasmuch as the eyes of capitalists have been directed to far off Utah, through the successful exhibit of Utah sugar at the World's Fair, we hope that this favored spot of our Fair Territory will not be overlooked.

J. W. BUTTER.

A meeting was held in Tuttle's hall on Tuesday night to consider the situation in relation to the railroads, says the *Manti Sentinel*. Quite a number of Ephraim people were in attendance and some from Moroni. Mr. Brubeck called the meeting to order and explained that the U. P. and R. G. W. railroads had combined and intended to freeze out the little road. He asked the people to back the road with their patronage, declaring that he would ship freight and passengers to Nephi free, if he had to, and even if necessary "furnish each passenger with a chromo." He stated that the road would be carrying the mail within ten days, and that he had just completed the purchase of another locomotive, passenger coach and ten freight cars, which showed that the management were not afraid of the outcome. W. K. Reid, Alex. Tennant, F. Alder, Albert Tuttle and others expressed their feelings in the matter, and a resolution that the road should receive the backing of the community in the fight, was carried unanimously. A meeting will be held at Ephraim tonight for a similar purpose.

The *Ephraim Enterprise* states that at the mass meeting in that city the resolution passed at Manti was adopted unanimously.

The Union Pacific coal mine at Scofield closed down last July owing

to a contest over some land, and up to the present the Union Pacific railway has been buying a considerable quantity of fuel from the Rio Grande mine. The land dispute arose over the filing of a claim by John Eckles to a tract which the Union Pacific wanted for switch purposes, the outcome being that the mine was shut down till the affair was settled. A compromise has been effected by which the railway will come into possession of the land, and the mine therefore be reopened.

Work will be resumed on or about February 1st, it is said, and about 100 coal miners will be given employment. While the U. P. mine is not developed to as great an extent as are others in that locality, its body of coal is perhaps larger than any other, the vein being twenty-one feet in height. The people about Scofield and Pleasant Valley are jubilant at the prospect of recommencing work in the mine, as it will afford employment for many who have been out of work since the shutdown. It is expected that the old employees will be taken on again, so that there will be little or no demand for miners from outside the district.

A Park City correspondent writing under date of Jan. 12:

The weather during the week has been comparatively mild as to that of last week. But very little extra snow has fallen and sleighing is now just at the finest.

After a shut down of nearly two weeks the Marsac mill will again start up tonight, prepared to make another long run. The entire plant has been overhauled, and a large amount of new timber and iron work has been placed in position.

Work at the various mills and mines is keeping up with a rush, and the Ontario mill is making a record for the great amount of bullion turned out every week.

The Crescent is still piling up the ore at their mill, only awaiting the settlement of ore rates before shipping.

Silver King shipped two lots of 350 tons each to the Mingo company during the week.

Anchor Concentrator is still running double shift, and a large amount of concentrates is being put down to the sampling mill.

Manti Sentinel: The S. P. V. R. R. are at work near the Edmonds mine, developing a claim. It is said that the Edmonds are likely to lose the property through some technicality of law. It appears that they purchased ten acres of land from the Funk estate, and have been working on that piece of ground. As the land is unsurveyed all that is necessary is to hold the land and work it in good faith. Their works are all within forty acres, and as their claim covers a quarter section, and it seems to be a question whether the work done would hold the property, Mr. Brubeck has filed a location notice, but the company claim that their action is not intended to injure the Edmonds but to keep out all further claimants. The result will be watched with interest. It appears from the general instruction of the

land commissioner that the Edmonds are safe in their claim.

The ice season has opened up with an unusually brisk business this year, and large quantities are being stored for use when warmer weather comes on. Extensive shipments of what is called Park City ice are being made. This ice is really from Kimball's, several miles below Park City, and is shipped by the company whose office is at the last named place. The Utah Central railway is now hauling to this city ten to twenty carloads daily, fifty-one cars having been brought in up to this morning. The ice is of the very best quality. From present indications there is no likelihood of a scarcity in the cooling substance next season.

Logan Nation: About 125 head of horses were yesterday offered at sheriff's sale, Fred Turner doing the selling. Those which were sold went for from \$1.50 to \$7.50 each. They were sold as the property of F. A. Mitchell, but it is rumored that they are owned by a Mr. Blackhurst, of Salt Lake, and the sale may be stopped, as the chances are that litigation will follow.

The board of directors of the Sanpete Valley railway company have elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Theodore G. Brubeck, president; R. L. Scannell, secretary; J. E. Clinton, vice-president; Judge J. B. Blair, George Collins, and Superintendent H. S. Kerr. The board also authorized the issuance of seventy-five \$1000 bonds to be placed by the president.

Nephi McLean, of Pleasant Valley, who was hurt on the 19th of December, in the coal mine, and was brought to the hospital in this city for attention, is steadily improving, and now moves around with comparative ease on crutches. He hopes to be able to return home on Monday or Tuesday next.

Brigham City Bugler: The onyx and marble quarry, discovered last year on Promontory hill, bids fair to eventually develop into one of our county's chief sources of wealth. The supply of beautiful varieties of onyx and marble, capable of a high polish, is said to be practically inexhaustible.

K. E. Stoker, of Logan, says the *Nation*, has invented a washing machine which will likely prove one of the greatest friends woman has ever known. He claims it will do the work quicker, better and easier than any machine in the market.

In the Black mountains, thirty-two miles east of Las Cruces, N. M., a thriving mining district has been organized by miners from Colorado, Utah and Idaho. Large quantities of decomposed gold quartz have recently been discovered there.

Denver parties are preparing to work the Arctic lode on Bobtail hill, Gilpin county. They have secured the plant of machinery formerly located at the Prospectors' tunnel in Quartz valley.

Articles of incorporation of the Laramie Meat company have been filed. The company has a capital of \$5000, with fifty shares of \$100 each.