

SETTLEMENT OF THE PUBLIC LANDS.

Showing the Number of Entries and the Amount Taken.

The disposition and settlement of the public lands in Utah Territory

and the statement of the total business of the Land Office at Salt Lake City from the time of its opening in March, 1869, to the end of the fiscal year, ending June 30, 1888, is shown in the following table:

Kind of Entry.	Number.	Acreage.	Amount.
Cash entry.....	3,297	323,829.25	\$ 490,654.50
Mineral entry.....	1,460	12,268.29	61,605
Mineral application.....	1,718	1,443	15,580
Desert application.....	2,573	508,333.61	129,546.49
Desert final.....	478	80,914.07	80,914.07
Homestead final.....	3,891	532,024.85	21,654.95
Homestead entry.....	8,157	10,002,998.44	128,968.01
Timber culture.....	1,051	127,866.96	12,715
Timber final.....	8	660	24
Adverse claims.....	787	612.05	6,505
Pre-emption filings.....	11,056	1,326,520	33,168
Coal filings.....	856	102,720	2,568
Central and Union Pacific sections.....		348,282.23	4,273.40
Land warrants.....		23,957	615
Soldiers' and sailors' scrip.....		13	27
Agricultural scrip.....		84,912.04	2,232
Valentine scrip.....		440	11
Chippewa scrip.....		80	2
Supreme Court.....		4,360.02	
Timber sold.....			127.08
Timber depredations.....			12,632.59
Testimony fees.....			5,689.56
Coal cash entries.....		7,510,678.33	139,482.02
Stampage.....			2,788.72
Total.....		20,992,968.14	\$1,151,783.39

ENTRIES OF PUBLIC LANDS.

The Kind of Entry, Number, Acreage Taken and Money Paid.

Report of the business of the U. S.

Land office at Salt Lake City, Utah, during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1889:

Kind of Entry.	No.	Acreage.	Amount.
Cash Entries.....	163	12,578.73	\$ 13,507.89
Mineral entries.....	98	900.6703	4,550
Mineral applications.....	75	948.8985	750
Desert applications.....	216	50,489.94	14,262.46
Desert final entries.....	73	12,322.96	12,322.96
Homestead.....	288	4,185.45	4,677
" final.....	196	28,131.41	1,230
Timber culture entries.....	200	24,745.27	2,449
" final entries.....	1	120	4
Adverse mining claims.....	11		110
Pre-emption filings.....	345	45,422.70	1,035
Coal filings.....	125	20,000	375
Coal cash entries.....	4	560.87	9,617.40
Testimony.....			1,461.67
Soldiers' and Sailors' scrip.....			3
Union and Central Pacific.....			
Rys selection.....			134.64
Total.....	1795	200,406.9388	\$ 76,490.02

Total number of entries.... 1,795.
Acreage..... 200,407.
Amount..... \$ 76,490.02

The total number of acres surveyed in Utah to June 30, 1889, 12,339,931 19-100 acres.

The total number of acres surveyed and approved during the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1889, is 259,489 38-100.

LIVE STOCK RETURNS.

Number of Horses Cattle and Sheep Assessed in the Various Counties.

Statement showing the number of Horses, Cattle and Sheep assessed in Utah Territory for the year 1889.

Counties.	Horses	Cattle	Sheep
Beaver.....	1,866	4,917	32,950
Box Elder.....	4,220	10,849	74,521
Cache.....	5,057	9,243	4,234
Davis.....	2,346	4,456	897
Emery.....	2,544	12,342	99,293
Garfield.....	2,059	8,418	16,026
Iron.....	1,738	6,887	26,312
Juab.....	2,350	3,645	148,900
Kane.....	2,512	8,202	77,879
Millard.....	3,607	4,875	121,555
Morgan.....	1,066	3,107	937
Piute.....	2,105	7,323	43,229
Rich.....	2,542	11,756	5,651
Salt Lake.....	5,032	6,226	10,862
San Juan.....	780	22,054	6,300
San Pete.....	5,186	9,364	45,800
Sevier.....	3,415	8,622	53,708
Summit.....	2,689	9,480	602
Tooele.....	3,854	4,790	237,620
Uintah.....	6,071	2,851	16,875
Utah.....	6,740	13,192	69,525
Wasatch.....	1,958	10,614	17,147
Washington.....	1,686	9,041	15,100
Weber.....	3,900	7,333	2,190
Totals.....	75,723	199,567	1,123,113

The above statement represents about 50 per cent of the total number of horses, cattle and sheep in the Territory. In some counties it probably does not give more than 40 per cent. of the total number. During the past few years the people have given more attention to the improvement of their live stock. They have imported a large number of thoroughbred animals. The exhibit made of these animals at the Agricultural Fair held in Salt Lake City this fall was equal in point of general excellence to any exhibit made at a similar exhibition in the West.

The wool clip for 1887 is estimated to be 11,000,000 pounds; estimated number of sheep shipped and driven from the Territory, 225,000.

THE UNOCCUPIED PUBLIC LANDS.

What Should the Government do With the Vast Tracts it Now Owns.

The question as to what the Government should do with the vast tracts of land which can only be used for grazing purposes is assuming vital importance throughout the West, and is directly associated with the problem of a cheap food supply.

Under the present conditions these unoccupied lands are used by persons engaged in raising horses, cattle and sheep. There is no harmony of interest among them, and there being no protection afforded by the law in the use of the lands, there is frequent conflict between the clashing interests.

If the government would provide some way by which the persons engaged in stock growing could acquire title to the grazing lands which never can be used for agricultural purposes, it would remove one of the most serious drawbacks to the growth of the stock industry, and promote the settlement of the country. The grazing and mountain lands constitute nearly seven-eighths of the entire land area of Utah.

If the Government will classify these lands so that the title can be vested in persons engaged in raising stock, they could adopt measures to protect the natural forage plants which are now rapidly disappearing, and which are their sole dependence for feed for their stock. The proceeds from the sales of these lands should be devoted to increasing the water supply in the respective Territories.

THE LABOR SUPPLY.

Number of Men Belonging to the Trades Unions, Wages Paid and Hours.

The number of men belonging to the Trade Unions in Salt Lake City, is as follows:

Members of Trade Unions, Federated..... 810
Members of Trade Unions not Federated..... 515
Number of Trades Labor Men not of Trades Unions..... 900

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Members of Trades Union, Federated..... 350
Members of Trades Union not Federated..... 135

The number of persons engaged in skilled and unskilled labor throughout the Territory, I am unable to learn, and can give no estimate, hav-