

THE EVENING NEWS.

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THE YEAR 1869.

The Summary of the events of the year 1869, which we publish in to-day's issue, will be found interesting, and will be valuable for future reference. It is worthy of preservation. We have taken pains to make it as complete and correct as possible; but errors and discrepancies may have crept in, and if our readers discover any, we shall be pleased to have them pointed out to us immediately that we may correct them before we publish the Summary in the Semi-Weekly and Weekly editions of the News. It is the first time that the events of the year—home, general and foreign—have been collated, as we publish them to-day, in our paper or in any other published in this Territory.

In compiling the Summary there is one feature that has struck us—the number of fires and earthquakes that have occurred during the year, and the immense loss of property that has been consequent upon fires, especially. A comparison between the crimes and disasters of 1869 and any year prior to the settlement of the valleys, if such could be made, would be interesting on many accounts. After making allowance for the increase of population during the interval between the year selected and the one which has just passed, the fact would be established that with the advancement which mankind have made in inventions and discoveries, the commission of crime has become much more frequent, and disasters and calamities of much more common occurrence.

So far as Utah is concerned the year 1869 has been one of peace and prosperity. Our crops in the greater portion of the Territory have been tolerably good, notwithstanding the ravages of the grasshoppers. The Indians have driven off stock from some places in the South, yet there has been no war upon the settlers; and, with the exception of the three men belonging to Major Powell's party who left him on the Colorado river, no lives have been taken by them. The past year, with the exception of the months of August and September, has also been healthy and the death rate has been as low as usual. Cache valley, and, in fact, the people of the entire Territory were deprived of the society and bodily comfort of the faithful friend and

of Elder Ezra Taft Benson. The manner in which the Utah Central Railroad has been pushed forward towards completion is a cause of gratulation, and gives cheering evidence of the progress which Utah is making. This enterprise cannot fail to facilitate the development of that portion of the Territory through which it passes, and every part of it will experience, to some extent, the advantages which it confers. The large organ in the New Tabernacle has called forth the admiration of the hosts of visitors which we have had this past season. It is a specimen of home manufacture of which every citizen may feel proud, and, when finished, it will be an ornament to our city as the largest organ that has been completely built in America. The gallery which is being built in the new Tabernacle will greatly enlarge the capacity of the building for meeting purposes, and will doubtless help to correct the difficulty which has existed about hearing in some parts of the structure. The gallery will seat about 3,000 persons, and it is expected that it will be in a condition to be occupied by April Conference. Such progress in being made on the Deseret Irrigation and Navigation Canal, as to warrant the hope that between now and Spring it will be in a condition to be used for boating rock for the Temple. The Jordan Irrigation Company's Canal is also progressing in a satisfactory manner. The completion of the Deseret Telegraphic Company's Line to Franklin places the flourishing and important settlements north of Logan in close communication with the rest of the Territory. The building of the road up Logan Canyon, as a means of communication between Cache and Bear Lake valleys is a labor of no small magnitude, and when completed, and telegraphic communication is opened, Bear Lake Valley will not appear so distant as it has done in the past. The prospect is, we understand, that that road will be finished as early as possible this year. The progress which has been made in the southern portion of our Territory fully vindicates the wisdom of the policy which dictated the formation of settlements there. These settlements have become self-sustaining, and it is more than probable that, at no distant date, they will vie with the more favored portions of the Territory in the abundance and value of their productions and the extent of their wealth.

The opening of co-operative stores in this Territory, and the success which has attended the inauguration of this system of doing business has given heartfelt pleasure to every one who takes interest in the welfare and elevation of the people. They have succeeded, in the face of the obstacles with which they have had to contend, as well as the friends of the system could have expected; and there is good reason to anticipate that, as the people become familiarized with this plan, and the benefits which attend it, the principle of co-operation will receive hearty support in other branches of business than selling merchandise.

In reviewing the past year, therefore, the residents of Utah have every cause to be thankful for the blessings which they have enjoyed. The new year has dawned upon them, finding them a happy, contented, prosperous and peaceful people. Quarreling, litigation, division and want are almost unknown among them. Their enemies may plot and scheme against them; they may deride and hold them up to obloquy and set forth how oppressive and ignorant they are; but these attacks do not disturb them. They have peace; they are blessed, and the clamor of the base cannot persuade them that the contrary is the case.

That the people of the Territory may continue to progress during this year as they have in the past, and be blessed in maintaining the peace, good government and order which they have enjoyed up to the present is our heartfelt wish.

SUMMARY OF EVENTS For the Year 1869.

JANUARY.

AMERICA.

Utah.

1 New Year's day celebrated appropriately. "The Child of the Regiment," played at Theatre.

2 Judge Wm. L. Appleby buried two of his children, who died of scarlet fever.

3 President Young and company returned from their visit to Ogden.

4 Wm. S. Fair, Jack Schisler, George Wilson and William Anderson were sent to prison for committing larceny at or near Brigham City.

5 "Gibaldi, or the Miller's Wife" was played at the Theatre.

6 Money circulating freely in the Territory.

7 President George A. Smith delivered a lecture in the Tenth Ward, on the "Ancient History of America."

8 "Pauvrete, or Under the Snow" was played at the Theatre; Mr. Waldron and Madame Scheller appeared in the principal characters. The play was a great success.

9 A stranger, named Kimball, sentenced to six months hard labor for forgery, with \$50 fine.

10 Snow in the city and throughout the Territory from three to five inches deep, except in the extreme South.

11 Madame Scheller received a benefit, playing "Castor." Snow presented a petition for the admission of Utah into the Union as a State. Referred to the appropriate committee.

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