

waters of the Great Salt Lake occupies a central prominent place in the Utah department. Among the exhibitors are the Inland Salt company, the Jeremy Salt company, the Crystal Salt company, etc. The specimens include table, dairy, stock, hide salt, etc.

Samples of analysed waters from Great Salt Lake, furnished by Dr. James E. Talmage, is a valuable addition to the collection of exhibits; that gentleman has also kindly furnished a photograph in greatly magnified form of the so-called brine shrimp, or the ordinary gnat so plentiful and annoying to visitors, on the shores of the great Lake. The main redeeming feature of this insect consists perhaps in the fact that it is good to eat. What a pity this was not known in earlier days when the Utah pioneers were forced to subsist on thistle roots and negro roots. Perhaps these natural specimens of Utah's desert productions would have been more palatable if they had been taken in connection with the brine shrimp, as a sort of desert.

Utah's flour is well represented in exhibits furnished by Prof. Richmond of Utah Agricultural college.

There are also a number of photographic views illustrating the general plan of the villages in Utah, as they are surveyed into square blocks, with streets crossing each other at right angles.

The Utah Agricultural College has prepared some interesting and valuable statistics on the resources and developments of Utah, which are being studied with care by a certain class of World's Fair visitors.

An oil painting by Prof. Eisle showing the Utah natural gas wells illuminated is something of special interest.

A case of stuffed native Utah birds, furnished by Browning Brothers of Ogden; butter from the Ogden creamery and H. J. Faust & Son, and a great many other things too numerous to mention form a part of the exhibits.

Considering the comparative small amount of money expended, the Utah exhibits in the Agricultural building may be considered very fine. Mr. Pyper is of the opinion that the benefits which will accrue to Utah indirectly in the future from the exhibits, will more than justify the outlay of means alluded to.

I will not attempt to give a complete list of those of the citizens of Utah who are exhibiting products in this department, honorable mention, however, may be made of the following who have acted very liberally toward making the exhibit a success: Utah Agricultural College, Charles Crane of Kanab, David Gazier of Nephi, John Thcomb and John Carlisle of Mill Creek, Ogden creamery, H. J. Faust & Son, John Mackay of Grainger, C. F. Middleton of Ogden, George Barnett of Logan, John R. Barnes of Kayville, Brigham Pond of Cache county, etc. ANDREW JENSON.

ST. GEORGE STAKE CONFERENCE

The September conference for St. George Stake began on Saturday, the 9th inst., by the High Priests of the Stake having their quarterly conference. This was followed by a Stake

Priesthood meeting, concurrent with which the Relief societies had their conference.

On Sunday morning, 10th inst., the people at large began their regular conference meetings, which were concluded at half-past four on Monday, the 11th.

We were blessed with the presence of our esteemed brother, Elder F. M. Lyman, of the Council of the Apostles, also of President Crosby, of Panguitch Stake, and of Counselor Daniel Thompson of the presidency of Millard Stake.

Our usual conference business was transacted, including the unanimous voting for the general authorities of the Church and for the Stake authorities of St. George Stake.

An interesting feature of our conference was the good reports and fervent testimonies of Elders Richard Parker and George A. Holt, of our Stake, recently returned from successful missions to the Southern States.

Our meetings were well attended; the Spirit of the Lord freely rested upon speakers and hearers, and as a consequence the Saints are encouraged and confirmed in the ways of well-doing.

In addition to the meetings already named, the Sunday schools, M. L. associations and the Primary associations had their gatherings, rendered their respective reports, and, by undivided vote, sustained their officers.

JAMES G. BLEAK,
Stake Clerk.

St. GEORGE, 12th Sept., 1893.

THAT OPEN LETTER.

To the Mayor and City Council, Salt Lake City.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
Sept. 19th, 1893.

Gentlemen—I find in a recent report of your health officer a recommendation for the Salt Lake & Jordan Canal to be dispensed with, as he claims it is a menace to the health of the public. Inquiry of those who live along its banks and a list of those districts of the city most infected by the disease fail to confirm the doctor's statement.

I am credibly informed that enough money has been appropriated by your honorable body to keep that very useful water-way in a healthy condition. May be the doctor does not know how faithfully the water-master and his assistants have tried to earn their salaries, and how successful they have been in unloading a large amount of the public treasury in this direction.

The facts are that the canal has been kept fairly clean; a large volume of water, during the irrigation season, has been furnished by this means; and if the people were deprived of this supply of water their shade trees and lawns would soon die out, more especially in the south and west portions of the city.

Furthermore, the city of Salt Lake has vested rights for that quantity of water from the Jordan river and Utah lake—rights which have been acquired by much labor and the expenditure of over a quarter of a million of dollars. I respectfully submit that we cannot afford to forfeit any water rights already in our possession, for as the city

grows larger—and grow it will—we shall need more water instead of less.

If Dr. Beattie wishes a change looking to the more cleanly condition of the canal, let him recommend the piping of the canal water, say from as far south as the south line of the Sugar-house ward.

Very respectfully yours in behalf of the People's rights,

SEYMOUR B. YOUNG,

THE DELEGATE AT WORK.

Our delegate to Congress, Hon. J. L. Rawlins, is not permitting his light to shine under a bushel by any means. Notwithstanding the feudal and un-American handicap by means of which he is deprived of an equal footing with those who represent other constituencies, he has been heard once and heard from several times. Recently he introduced a bill for the admission of this Territory into the Union, and immediately thereafter a joint resolution providing for the return to the Mormon Church of certain property escheated by the government, said property to be used for charitable purposes. The statehood proposition is one more drop of rain on the roof and will, we have no doubt, amount to but little more; but the other, considered alone, has features which entitle it to consideration.

The supreme court of this Territory recently decreed the return of a large quantity of the property spoken of, and so much of the decree as withheld parts thereof was appealed by the Church attorneys to the United States Supreme Court, the other part being taken there by the government's attorneys. Some objection may be made to the attempt to get congressional action on the subject while it is pending in the courts; but all right feeling persons will recognize that justice demands that the people who created the property in dispute should have the disposition of it beneficially to those dependent upon them. The resolution referred to is accordingly in the line of right and propriety.

TEMPLE NOTICES.

The Salt Lake Temple will suspend ordinance work from and including Saturday, September 30th, 1893, and reopen on Tuesday, October 10. Monday (October 9th) will be the usual day for taking record for baptisms.

LORENZO SNOW,
President Salt Lake Temple.

The Manti Temple will close for ordinance work on Monday, October 2nd, and reopen on Tuesday, October 10th, 1893. Records for baptisms will be taken on Monday, October 9th, as usual. JOHN D. T. MCALLISTER,
President of Manti Temple.

The Temple at Logan City will close on Saturday, September 30, and will reopen on Tuesday, October 10, 1893.

M. W. MERRILL,
President.

THE VALKYRIE has arrived in safety, and the Vigilant is in dock confident and shining. Now for a gallant race, with good stiff weather, no favor nor mishaps, but Victory with a big V. to the better of the other two V's!