IDAHO'S PRODUCTIVENESS.

Wonders of the Present and the Prehistoric Past.

Land Offices and Railways—Potatoes and Bees—Horse-Pasture and Property.

Special Correspondence of the News.

BLACKFOOT, Idaho, Feb. 9.—With about one-sixth of the wealth and one-third of the population of Utah, Idaho has nearly the same area, three times as much congressional representation and five times as many land offices; these latter are situated respectively at Blackfoot, Hailey, Lewiston, Boise and Coeur d'Alene. The necessity for these is made to appear when the reader knows that but two lines of railway traverse any considerable portion of the state—the Union Pacific entering the southern corner at Caldron, west along toward the eastern edge and the northwest a few miles from Logan City, continuing in a straight line so yonder to Montana; and the Oregon Short Line, which enters to near the southwestern corner and hugs the southern border nearly till it emerges into Oregon at Huntington. From the latter a branch takes off at Shoshone, running to Gooding via Hailey and several other smaller towns and from Nampa to Ada county, another branch a few miles long, connects Boise City by rail with the rest of the world. Both the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific cross the "Panhandle," a long, narrow strip of territory extending to the British possessions and reaching so far up that it has been thought advisable to have two land offices at Coeur d'Alene, two hundred miles northwest of the Idaho capital, and which are known to be numerous enough to fill the offices for many years to come. Perhaps for not do the pioneering nowadays, inducing the people to follow in their wake, they prefer to penetrate districts already populated if not prosperous, and even with the limited railroad facilities the population of several land offices (which may be taken as a fair estimate of a state in the direction of density) shows Idaho's map will even remotely resemble a goldfish so far as railways are concerned, with but one place where the government deals directly with its patrons in the matter of parcelling out homes, of course the time will be even so much longer.

I will here take occasion to tolerate what has been said before regarding the productiveness of Idaho's soil, especially the eastern part of the state. In any part of Bannock, Bingham or Fremont counties east of the mountain ranges, the growth of some of the staples of life are so wonderful that a recital of some instances does not suffer the reader to doubt if the honest fan has had no other avocation. I hate to place myself in such a position as that. With a political campaign recently over and one shortly to begin, and yet such things ought to be told, not only because they are true but because they are of general interest. Major Weir, of Blackfoot, is a land office attorney, but takes most of his own vegetables for family use; among other things last season he put one-sixth of an acre in potatoes, the only preparation the ground received being an ordinary plowing. The planting was by dropping the pieces of potato here and there as it is ordinarily done, and they were left where they fell, neither being so further attention until dug for—they were not hoed or irrigated once. He got over 100 bushels of potatoes from the place, the yield being at the rate of some 600 bushels to the acre! And the average weight of the individual "mammoths" was about four pounds, a few of them coming to nearly ten pounds in weight! Does not the sound have a Mormonesque ring? If it didn't it wouldn't be worth repeating, for if the figures were very much lower our own Utah sons would duplicate the incident many times over and thus deprive it of that special interest which its bigness gives it; it is true, however, and is rather the rule than otherwise in this part of the country. I told you once before how a Fremont county farmer had harvested 120 bushels of wheat from one acre of ground, and have repeated it really a few times only to be looked at, as though I had had something to do with the late election for Constitutional Convention delegates; this is very subject to me, of course, like the other, is merely the recital of what actually occurred. It is truly magnificent and and besides having great streams coursing through it is supplied in places by a vast network of subterranean conduits of varying distances from the surface, in some places breaking through and forming sloughs, in others too remote to be of practical benefit without artificial means being employed.

The country referred to was once the home of more kinds of wild animals than are set down in most of our text-books. In a house of entertainment at Blackfoot are a number of stuffed specimens and fossil remains representing to some instances forms now long since extinct and found around which curiosity seekers and accommodating hostess, were as well unknown to most of us in this western country, they are more or less advanced in the process of extinction. In the former class are large horses and a bulky three-horned animal, undoubtedly the early forerunner of modern day the possessor of a mammoth or mastodon. This particular animal must have been eighteen or twenty feet high, correspondingly larger and have weighed several tons when in good health and not harnessed too much by our prehistoric ancestors. (It does seem that humanity is or was a relative of the animal as well as the vegetable kingdom in this part of our other state.) I believe you were previously informed of a trout being taken out of the estuary of the Snake river weighing twenty-eight pounds—the fish, not the estuary. But perhaps this is enough of this sort of thing for the present. In the place spoken of is the skull of a mountain sheep one horn of which is partially imbedded in the trunk of a pine tree; those who have excellent memories know that three horns make two circles; curves after leaving the skull, being shaped like an irregular letter S, the point fastening outward and being sharp as a needle, thus making it a weapon of offense or defense as the occasion may be. It seems that about two hundred and fifty years ago this particular animal, spelling for a fight or perhaps wanting to keep his hands—f. bottle—by, thought he had too many and inserted his weapon so far in the wood that when he wished to let go he couldn't so he stayed where he was and lightly perished. In the course of events the other portions of the body fell away, leaving the part in question still connected with the horns and the horns themselves standing in bold relief against their wooden setting, a striking reminder to the curious and sure that the most colossal frauds is some to be long and take root in it. Just a few years more were needed if man's sudden wisdom and his contemporaries in the leveling force of decay and gravitation. A great layer, as previously suggested, occurred here, at this end of which some ranches by the adjacent mountains found the remains and brought them into Blackfoot, where the enterprising curio collector sought and placed them among his other exhibits. A few inches are constructed something like a trench or more accurately speaking like a trench, alternating with the more solid substance, the "mortar" or filling between the bones thus is nearly all gone, and but little remains but the rings themselves, which will of course drop off in more or less a time when the destructive tendencies of age have fully completed their work. This really interesting relic and several others from the same place were on exhibition at the World's Fair, but this is the first section of them I have yet seen.

While the people hereabouts are not concerned regarding the senatorial struggle going on at Boise, they are fairly speculating about it than many at times at a distance are doing. The way they figure it out is that whoever is chosen will undoubtedly do the best he can for the state at large, and speculation is therefore unnecessary. This relates to Republicans as well as Democrats, the latter having but two members of the legislature and therefore being out of it entirely. It is noticeable, however, that those who vote for Senator Shoup right along, and he seems to be as much a favorite in Democratic circles as any Republican can be in the party lines strictly drawn.

It is colder here than in Salt Lake, and there is more snow on the ground; also coal is higher. It is doubtless a regular oasis of a place in summer; there is no abundance of trees with but a little shrubbery, most of the residences are commodious and well appearing—even elegant in some instances—and the streets are laid out with some profusion of regularity. The legislature has appropriated $50,000 for the insane asylum here, already one of the finest institutions of the kind in the West and containing something over 100 patients. Senator Dubois has an elegant cottage in the outskirts, and a good many people are present here and there who he doesn't care a cent for, he being with some worthy women; perhaps he can't time—politics is a very exacting and distracting occupation, as more than he have found out to their satisfaction. ISAAC CLARK.

Land Office.

The following filings were made in the local land office under date of February 11:

Daniel Dunsley, of Herriman, Salt Lake county, final proof of homestead entry of the west half of the southwest quarter, the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 20, township 3 south, range 2 west.

William F. Trentman, of Monroe, Sevier county, desert entry of lot 1, section 7, township 25 south, range 3 west, 40.18 acres.

John J. Baum, of Charleston, Wasatch county, final proof of homestead entry of the south half of the northeast quarter and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 25, township 4 south, range 4 west.

George L. Beauregard, of Kanosh, Millard county, homestead entry of Lots 1 and 2 and the south half of the northeast quarter of section 3, township 27 south, range 1 west.

John Lewis, of Adamsville, Beaver county, desert entry of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section 30, township 28 south, range 8 west.

Runaway Accident—Sickness.

YOUT, Utah, Feb. 11, 1895.—A sad accident occurred at this place on Saturday night. John Oman was driving a team of J. P. Tracy's to that gentleman's mother, when one of the reins slipped from his hand. The team started to run away and he, leaping over to catch the rein, was thrown out the wagon, and in pulling on the other rein the wagon cramped and ran over his arm, breaking it. Mr. Coleman set the broken limb as well as he could (and his judgment is good in a case of this kind), but the arm swelled so badly that the patient's friends thought it wise to send him to Ogden, where he could get proper treatment. On Sunday Messrs. Blackburn and Geo. Tracy took him to Kelton, whence he took train for Ogden. We hope to hear of Mr. Oman being well and that his recovery may be speedy.

Since my last writing a great deal of sickness has visited our little town. It has visited almost every family, being no respecter of persons. Let us hope all will soon be well.

WM. H.

Here is Their Answer.

In the case of William T. Wyman et al vs. Tom Ferguson, William Campbell, C. H. Fries, L. M. Higley, E. O. Brown and the Sheep Rock Mining & Milling company, the defendants have filed their answer in the Third District court. They deny that they entered fictitious claims for work, but allege that the genuine liabilities of the company amount to $1,100 or $1,200. Deny that they entered into a conspiracy for the purpose of injuring plaintiffs or to gain control of the company, and aver that the company was justly indebted to Ferguson & Fries in the sum of $500 for legal services, and to William Campbell in the sum of $800 for services rendered as the company's attorney, that the claims were allowed at a proper and regular meeting of the stockholders. It is likewise denied that the intention is to sell the stock to less than the highest price offered in open competition, or to sell it to any but bona fide purchasers.

AN IMPORTANT DISCOVERY.

Flowing Streams of Orotavite Near Price Station.

The Mineral Kingdom Looked to Effect His Greatest Triumphs—Here It is in Abundance.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah,
February 12, 1895.

Editor Deseret News:

You may be pleased to insert the following in your paper, being of interest to the people in general and to scientists in particular:

One of the greatest discoveries of the present age outside in the flowing streams of a easily pure orotavite which has been found a short distance from Price station, on the line of the Rio Grande Western.

The deposit of this city mineral, from present indications, must be practically inexhaustible; it is coming its way to the surface through differently colored sandstone, slowly but surely. About twenty-five cans were taken last fall, some of which can since been sent to Rome in Chicago, New York and other large centers of scientific research and experiment, and we may well look for some favorable reports from those places, as the mineral is very valuable for insulating purposes, being entirely waterproof, and for the manufacture of insects' candles and many other articles in constant demand.

Not the least item in connection with this mine are the efforts to deposits of asphalt within easy access of the railroad and from which the operating company has taken its name "The Salt Lake Asphalt Company." It is claimed that they can offer asphalt to Salt Lake City at a far more reasonable figure than it has cost to ship it from California for the paving of our streets. The company would like some capitalists to look into this subject and not allow every good thing to be taken by eastern syndicates. MILTON B. PRATT.

An Assigned Note.

Mrs. Rebecca A. Sawyer has brought suit in the Third district court against Isaac Hunter to recover the sum of $400, with interest, on a promissory note, the same having been assigned to the plaintiff by H. H. Walrous.

Southern Utah Items.

Some of the St. George folks have commenced plowing for spring planting.

A new meeting house is to be erected in St. George. Another school building is suggested as an improvement for the near future.

Kane county is rejoicing in heavy falls of snow, which have put an end to the drouth.

Flowing wells near Parowan are multiplying.

Coal mines are being opened up steadily in the neighborhood of Cedar City.

Iron County *Record*, Feb. 8: A six-horse team with wagon and trailer, loaded with 2,700 pounds of cotton baling from the Hot Virgin mills, at Washington, passed through town Tuesday for Milford. The cotton baling is consigned to Spencer Clawson & Co., Salt Lake City, and is of a very high grade.

Valentine Party.

The Valentine eve party of the twelfth ward social party club will be held tomorrow evening, commencing at 8 o'clock.

AMUSEMENTS.

CASTE, as rendered by the stock company at the Grand last night was a veritable surprise. It had been so many years since the comedy was rendered here, and it had been so generally regarded as the type of a class of plays which had gone out of vogue, that no one looked for anything more than a pleasantly pleasant performance, such as was given the week before with An Unequal Match. Caste, however, scored a genuine hit, and was played excellently from first to last, the usual hitches that use first night performances being both few and far between. The last remembered rendition of Caste in Salt Lake is probably the amateur production for the benefit of St. Mark's hospital, some fifteen years ago, when Mrs. Josh Lawrence played Esther, Mrs. Martin Hatzfeld Polly, James Ferguson (who is of the original James) did Eccles, O. F. Whitney played D'Alroy, Fred Wallin Sam and James Mason Lord Hawtree. Then have been other renditions by professional companies, but few if any of them exceeded in interest the production of last night. Miss Kenrick and Miss Baker did the two sisters capitally, and Mr. Hasemore's Sam was one of the best renditions so far, if not the very best. Mr. Clarke's Eccles was the opposite good, and we do not think it as his best part as some have done. Mr. Kyle was better up than usual in his parts, and Mr. King was hardly at his the swell should have been. Miss Clark was admirable as ever. Caste goes again tonight.

Manager Rogers announces that the reading only of the new York company will be Young Salmon, which a decided surprise, as Leslie James announced while here that he was negotiating with her to play leads with him. She may, however, only be taking up the Salt Lake engagement for the spring and summer and go to James for her opening in the fall.

MISS ADA WOMACK is now announced as the star booked for next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings at the Theater. Mr. Odell is here from Denver and in company with Mr. Frawley has closed all the arrangements with Mr. Barton. It is understood that the entire cost of the piece will be borne by the management Gillon & Nesbit company, Fort Sargent, the well known pianist actor, and R. G. Young, of the Home Dramatic club.

A DEAR BEGINNER.—Manager Roberts announces that his new season will not open to Utah the month of next week and for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next opportunity is to Men and Women to Leave—the Young Ladies' Aid society will introduce for charity the recent popular operetta, A Dress Rehearsal, under the direction of Prof. Kroeze.

UTAH SHEEP IN CHICAGO.

Bullens From Salt Lake County Bring $4.75 a Head.

Mr. Beckstead, of the firm of Beckstead & Blake, of Riverton, Salt Lake county, has just returned from Chicago, whither he went a short time since with a mixed load of bullens from this county. The bullens netted $4.75 per head, or $4,750 for the lot.

Owing to their success on this venture, Mr. Blake will start in a few days with 1,500 head of good mutton, which he anticipates will be shipped of so readily and at as good prices as the first shipment.

OGDEN.

OGDEN, UTAH, FEB. 11, 1895.

Junction City News.

Deputy Statistician Dix reports the population of Ogden City at 16,795.

Officer Murray yesterday arrested Robert Jones, a colored gentleman wanted in Salt Lake for stealing a set of scissors from the Temperance hotel.

James D. Stone, of Promontory, was united in marriage to Miss H. E. Allison, of Ogden, Rev. Geo. H. Jeffery officiating.

Another wedding was that of J. H. Shields and Miss Jennie Berry, both of Ogden.

About $200 damage was done to the residence of Mr. R. T. Whittaker by freezing of a water back in a range. Fortunately none of the family were injured.

On February 8th died Amasa Thomas, infant son of Nathan A. and Ellen Tanner.

Died, on Sunday, at 2 p. m., of old age, Hannah Maria Ford, aged 79 years.

COMMERCIAL.

SALT LAKE CLEARING HOUSE.

Today's clearing house exchanges amounted to $163,612. Same day last year, $143,[illegible].

TODAY'S QUOTATIONS.

New York.—Silver, [illegible]; lead, $3.[illegible]. London.—Silver, [illegible].

STOCK AND BULLION.

Wells, Fargo & Co. received today: Penn. bullion, $4,[illegible].

McCornick & Co. received today: Hanover bullion, $2,[illegible] fine ounces, $3,[illegible]; Parat, $[illegible]. Total, $[illegible].

T. R. Jones & Co. received today: Bullion, $8,[illegible] ores, $12,[illegible]. Total, $18,[illegible].

Stocks and Markets.

NEW YORK, Feb. 11.—Stock market was spotty throughout. Sugar advanced 2 points, Lead 1 and Cordage preferred 1. Money is easier, with a fair demand to-day, rending at 3 per cent during the day, and closing at 2 per cent. Sterling exchange is firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.87 for demand and $4.84½ for sixty days. Posted rates were $4.86 and $4.87. Commercial bills were $4.83½ and the rest of the market steadier.

STOCKS AND MARKETS.

NEW YORK, FEB. 11.

Sugar	[illegible]	Pacific Mail	[illegible]
Tobacco	[illegible]	Denver & R. G.	[illegible]
Lead	[illegible]	Union Pacific	[illegible]
Cordage	[illegible]	Wabash pfd	[illegible]
Cordage pfd	[illegible]	Wells Fargo	[illegible]
Burlington	[illegible]	Western Union	[illegible]
Canada Pacific	[illegible]	Silver Bullion	[illegible]
Northern Pacific	[illegible]	Preferred	[illegible]
Preferred	[illegible]	Texas Pacific	[illegible]
Northwestern	[illegible]	Union Pacific	[illegible]
Preferred	[illegible]	Pacific Express	[illegible]
North American	[illegible]	Adams Express	[illegible]
New York Central	[illegible]	Sugar	[illegible]
Del. Lackawanna	[illegible]		

BOSTON.

BOSTON.—All stocks steady except Calumet, Feb. 11, from the office of Hayden, Sargent & Co., 70 Devonshire street, members of Boston Stock Exchange: Atchison, [illegible]; Calumet, [illegible]; Calumet & Hecla, [illegible]; Centennial, [illegible]; Dominion, [illegible]; Franklin, [illegible]; Mass. Gas, [illegible]; Mass. Gas pfd, [illegible]; Quincy, [illegible]; Tamarack, [illegible]; Bell Telephone, [illegible]; Boston & Albany, [illegible]; Boston & Maine, [illegible]; Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, [illegible]; Fitchburg pfd, [illegible]; Northern Pacific pfd, [illegible]; Old Colony, [illegible]; Rio Grande Western pfd, [illegible]; Rio Grande Western 2d pfd, [illegible]; Union Pacific, [illegible]; Wisconsin Central pfd, [illegible]; Allouez, [illegible]; Amalgamated, [illegible]; Anaconda, [illegible]; Arnold, [illegible]; Atlantic, [illegible]; Bingham, [illegible]; Boston & Mont., [illegible]; Calumet & Hecla, [illegible]; Centennial, [illegible]; Copper Range, [illegible]; Dominion Coal, [illegible]; Franklin, [illegible]; Grand Junction, [illegible]; Humboldt, [illegible]; Isle Royale, [illegible]; Kearsarge, [illegible]; Mass., [illegible]; Michigan, [illegible]; Mohawk, [illegible]; Old Dominion, [illegible]; Osceola, [illegible]; Pewabic, [illegible]; Quincy, [illegible]; Rhode Island, [illegible]; Tamarack, [illegible]; Trinity, [illegible]; Union, [illegible]; Utah, [illegible]; Wolverine, [illegible]; Wyandotte, [illegible]; Bell Telephone, [illegible]; Mexican Central, [illegible].

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