

years and yet the theme is still fruitful. It is one of the great world movements, its influence reaching out to the uttermost ends of the earth. Humanity should feel forever grateful to the brave men and women who journeyed toward the sunset and worked and tolled and hungered here until the forbidding elements were conquered and man could live here in safety and in luxury. To all who participated in the pioneer work anywhere in this great west, man owes a debt of gratitude, but there is one little band of humble men who will forever stand as the real pluneers of the west. 'These modest men have never asked for honors nor recognition of any kind, and yet they held within their rugged hands the magic key that unlocked this mighty mountain empire Theirs was the initial advent of civilized man into the west to adopt it as their home. This country is properly speaking the child of the "Mormon" pioneers. It is true that other men have passed over these mountains and through the valleys, but they were either adventurers, explorers or scouts and never thought for a moment of making this their home. With the "Mormon' ploneer it was all different. He cast his eyes towards the sinking sun and said, "The sun sets beyond the land that is to hereafter succor me. Away out youder somewhere I will make my home and my bones will mingle with the soil of that unknown land."

NOT GOLD, NOT FAME.

vancing rapidly into the future. Why, That was the difference. The adventhey were prophets who came to the turer sought gold or fame, while the pioneer sought neither gold nor fame; | mountains in the early days. They



JEDEDIAH M. GRANT IN 1884, (From a Picture by Frederick Piercy).

they did they injected their own strong whether they felt their mission or not, bold self-reliant characters. They had they cast their lot in these uninviting a tremendous faith in their God and for mountain fastnesses, and with a subtheir love of Him wrought with their lime hope and a noble courage proceedown hands the miracles that all eyes can now behold,

THE NEW AND THE OLD.

lieved more in the future than they, or In the countries of the old world 50 more grandly exhibited the hope that years bring no change that is largely was in them. They are numbered among the greatest optimists of all noticeable. Over them hovers the spirages and taught their descendants the its of the illustrious dead of the ancient past. Europe lives in memorles, hugmost useful lessons of life. When other ging to her bosom the parchments of men despaired, they smiled and hoped. For a fate that other men would curse, forgotten mummles and striking to the they reverently bowed their heads and earth the sacriligious hand that is raised to call attention from her idols.

America lives in the reseate glow of tope. So fondly has she turned her eyes to the future we sometimes shudder when we wonder if she has entirely forgotten the past. Advancing with great leaps and bounds. America has outstripped the countries of the old world in all material things. Europe loves the old, America the new; Europe loves to philosophize. America to experiment. Europe is proud of her estheticism, America of her robust commercialism. The world has come to speak of the "spirit of America," and there is no part of this vast and energetic country that is more thoroughly imbued with the "spirit" of America than this western country, which started from the pioneers and received its first throb and breath of life from them. Why should this land not be the very core of a nation that is ad-

ed to carve into reality their own prophetic utterances. No men ever beacknowledged the hand of God. In the the pioneer. He had as sublime a cour- than all her mines. And so he faced

THE IMPRESS OF STRENGTH. Was it not a fortunate thing therefore, for the west to be reclaimed to the use of man, by these men, who stamped upon its granite walls the impress of their own strength of character? It was fitting also that they should be led here by a master hand. So thoroughly did Brigham Young's genius dominate every detail of the opening up of this country that it would be impossible to separate his personality from the achievements of the pioneers. In fact he stands as the greatest type of

him. On entering this new and inhospitable land he was confronted by the gravest of problems every day of his life. His people were here with very little to eat, almost too late in the season to plant, and with almost nothing to plant. And yet they were to depend on the soil that in all probability had never yielded a grain of corn since the dawn of time, to give them food to live upon. Brigham Young turned his fron will upon this problem and a little later had it solved and gave to the western world the irrigation system that has proved more valuable

Lake City was born. The ploneet: were on Mexican territory, but their love for the flag and the republic asserted itself, and they ascended to the summit of Ensign peak where the Stars and Stripes were holsted and national anthems were sung.

When one stops to think that it was just fifty-six years ago that this scene was enacted, he is naturally struck little experience in building up a new country, and certainly were never before face to face with such serious problems as confronted them here. One of the most striking things about Brig-

versed, after a hasty preparation that covered an incredibly brief space of time. The future must be hidden from men, it is a wise providence that has so ordered it. If these men could have peered across the plains and seen the suffernig and exhaustion that were to

come to them; if they could have looked down over the barren land that was destined to be their home, and have with amazement. These men had had felt the hunger and sorrow that subsequently pinched their stomachs and gnawed at their hearts, they would perhaps have said: "I am unequal to it, Almighty God, this bitter cup must pass, I am only a man." Eut they ham Young was his constant word to turned their faces towards the unknown his people, that they were here to stay; | land and proceeded on from day to they must remain, no matter what hap- day, cheering each other and fixing pens. "You are wedded to this soil, their minds steadfastly upon the promand for your sake God will unloase the | ises of their God. They did not regard hidden springs and these arid valleys themselves as exiles, being driven forth will flow with milk and honey." He to die, but as pilgrims of the Lord,





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THE FREDERICK PIERCY MAP OF UTAH IN 185

The present generation will be interested in studying the map of Utah as shown in the "Route From Liverpool to the Great Sait Lake Valley," published by Franklin D. Richards in 1855. The fact that will stand out most conspicuously before the eyes of the reader will be the vast area of our territory at that time. It will be observed that the western boundary extended to the California line, and that there was no Nevada in those days; that there was no Idaho, no Wyoming, no Colorado and no Arizona, and that Utah reached out over mountain and plain to the vast prairies of Kansas on the cast. Another point of interest is the fact that there were but fourteen counties when this map was made. They were Weber, Davis, Desert, Green River, Great Salt Lake, Utah, Tooele, Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Iron, Washington, Carson and Summit. They may be easily located by means of the encircled figures indicating the number of the county, and the dotted lines which form their boundaries.