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BEET SUGAR ITEMS Interesting News from Various Sources

The directors of the Sugar Company, in their meeting on Tuesday, declared a dividend of five per cent to be paid in February.

Manager T. R. Cutler, wife and daughter Edith left here on Wednesday evening over the D. & R. G. for Denver. Mr. Cutler's trip is in the interest of the sugar factory.

Contracts have been signed by farmers in Ventura Co. Cal. for the planting and cultivating of over 10,000 acres of beets for the coming season. Most of these contracts have been made for the new factory now being built at Hueneme by the Oxnards. There is a good prospect of a second sugar factory being put up in Ventura county.—Orange Judd Farmer.

The Pacific Beet Sugar Co. with its 15,000 acres of beets for 1898, will stand at the head of the Oxnard interests, their factory at Ohino having contracted for 12,000 acres, the one at Norfolk, Neb. for 5000 acres, and the Grand Island, (Neb) factory for 5000 acres of beets. It is said that the land, buildings, machinery, etc. of the Pacific Beet Sugar Co. will represent an investment considerably exceeding \$1,500,000.

The 1897 campaign of the Watsonville sugar factory closed with the last Saturday in December after the most successful run ever made by an American factory. The record for the season is as follows: Hours run, 2483; beets sliced, 101,780 tons; sugar produced, 14,888 tons; acres harvested, 10,305; average yield per acre, 10½ tons; the yield per acre was low owing to an unfavorable spring. The price paid for beets was \$4 per ton. It was the best campaign made by any of the American mills, handling the heaviest tonnage and producing the largest amount of sugar.

There is no cessation of labor on the big sugar factory being built by Claus Spreckles at Salinas, Cal. but work is being pushed ahead on it as fast as men and money can do it. Hundreds of workmen are now employed on the factory and refinery which are already assuming definite shape and will be ready for actual work by the time beet harvest commences. There are besides 30 dwelling houses under construction for heads of departments, together with a large hotel, 40 tenement houses, barns and outbuildings. These are located around the factory. In addition to these there will be a residence on each 70 acres for the accommodation of the field hands.

Ogden Press: The apparent fear of some that from the indications of new sugar factories going up in different parts of the country that sugar factory stock is liable to depreciate is not well founded. It will take upward of 700 sugar factories of the capacity of the Lehi and proposed Ogden factory to supply the demand for sugar in our country alone. A hundred factories in Utah would be good paying investments of the country in which the sugar beet can be successfully grown. There is no soil or climate better adapted to the raising of sugar beets than ours. The holders of stock in the Lehi and Ogden plants need not lose any sleep from any fear that their stock will not rise to its par value.

Articles of incorporation have been filed in the office of County clerk Dunbar by the Mt. Nebo Beet Sugar and Land company. The objects of the company are to appropriate, divert, impound, use, buy, sell and lease water and water rights; to conduct water upon lands for the reclamation and irrigation thereof; to deal in land; to construct and maintain reservoirs, dams and canals; to build and operate water, electrical and pneumatic power plants and distribution lines, to erect and operate plants for the manufacture of sugar from sugar beets, and the sale of by-products resulting therefrom; and generally to do all therefore pertaining. The capital stock is placed at \$1,000,000 and the officers are; W. H. Llewellyn of New York, president; Dr. T. B. Batty, vice president; W. S. McCormick, treasurer; Gill S. Payton secretary; and these, with T. A. Simons of Columbus, O., Governor H. M. Wells and Judge John A. Street, constitute the board of directors.

Death of Ray Fowler.

On Saturday morning Ray the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fowler died at the residence of Hyrum Smith where he has been living with his mother. He has been attending school here and took down with pneumonia but a few days ago. Though he was a strong, healthy boy the disease made rapid headway. Everything that was possible was done to relieve his suffering and banish the destroyer but all of no avail as he gave up the fight and passed to the Great Beyond on Saturday morning.

The funeral was held in the meeting house on Sunday and was attended by a large audience of sympathizing friends and relatives. Consoling remarks were made by Elders A. M. Davis, Wm. Southwick, James Kirkham, Edward Southwick and A. R. Anderson.

Fire in a Salt Lake School.

Another serious school house fire was narrowly escaped yesterday at about 10 o'clock, when the Oquirrh school building's fue burned out, setting fire to the roof. Fortunately, janitor Stephens knew that the accumulation of soot was burning, and as a precautionary measure, took a reconnoitering trip onto the roof. He made a timely discovery. The shingles were burning. However, the blaze had only started, and a few buckets of water quenched the flames. The cool-headed janitor performed his duty so well that not one of the pupils or teacher knew what had occurred until after the fire was extinguished. There were about 800 souls in the building, but, fortunately, no fire alarm dismissal was necessary.

The Farmers' Union of Provo have adopted the following resolution: "Resolved, by the farmers of Provo, that we invite all the farmers of Utah county to join with us in the killing off all crop destroying birds, especially sparrows and blackbirds."

The great and only Eliason will appear in Lehi on next Tuesday and Wednesday nights and will give his attractive entertainment of specialties. He needs no introduction to the people of Lehi as he has been here before.

A number of our prominent musicians held a meeting last night at the home of Mrs. John Y. Smith to take steps towards organizing a company to put on an operetta soon.

The Returned Missionaries' Society expect to hold their annual reunion early next month.

Christmas in England.

Editor BANNER:—As a number of your readers emigrated from this part of England a few lines from here might interest them. You are all aware that my field of labor is in Oldham but being desirous of spending the Christmas holidays with my relatives in Bedfordshire. I left Oldham on Dec. 22, traveling by way of Birmingham. I visited some of my relatives in Dudley and spent a very enjoyable time there at Mr. Edward Treadwell's visiting the old ruined castle, which is very ancient. After taking in some of the principal sights of Birmingham, calling on the Elders there and spending a little time with them finding them all well and zealous in their labors, I took leave of them and took train for Dunstable arriving there Dec. 23, at 7:30 p. m. I was received with a hearty welcome from my aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Moore and family. I found them all well and making preparations for Christmas, as the people here in England keep in remembrance the birthday of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by feasting and social pleasure. Dunstable has grown a great deal in the past thirty years and is a town that is a credit to England for the good character of the people. On Christmas day I enjoyed myself very much. At 1 p. m. eight of us sat down to a very good Christmas dinner. After we had fully satisfied the inner man we repaired to the parlor where we enjoyed ourselves listening to instrumental music and singing. As it is the good custom of the people of England to partake of four meals a day we partook of two more during the afternoon and evening and about 11 p. m. we retired having spent a very enjoyable time in feasting on the best the earth affords and in social pleasure. Monday being Bank holiday we had another day of the same kind with a few additions to our company. Tuesday I spent the day at Luton visiting some of my cousins and had a very good time. On Wednesday I came to Studham to the little village of my birth to see my relatives that live here (fifty in number) and to spend New Years day with them. I found them all well and received a hearty welcome from them and others. I can say to the credit of the people who joined the church in Studham that in is a pleasure to meet with those that are here and were acquainted with the most of you that left here to hear the good name they give you. They are bound to acknowledge that people of that kind would make a good community which the people of Utah areas a whole which I am bold to declare. Of course there is room for improvement among the people of Utah, some of them at least, but we are none of us perfect. We may take the advice of the Apostle Paul, we may go on to perfection which I tell them. Well, we made arrangements to have a New Years party at my Uncle Thomas Austin's, and about 7 p. m. 30 of us sat down to the table spread with the bounties of the earth. After we had done justice to the good things set before us we enjoyed ourselves in a similar way to the way the people of Utah enjoy themselves on such occasions, by singing and speaking. We had a song from my uncle and a great number of others. Before closing I gave them a brief sketch of Utah, its customs and belief, after which with many hand shakings we parted for the night all expressing themselves as well pleased with the evening's entertainment. All were quite sober which was a great credit to the village of Studham. All wished to be remembered to their friends in Utah. As this letter is getting long I must say I am enjoying my labors as

a spreader of truth.

I remain your brother and friend,
MARK AUSTIN.
Studham, Jan. 3, 1898.

Safety in Buying Seeds.

There is no other way to measure the value of seed than by the value of the crop. A good crop simply cannot come from poor seed. Second-rate seed will waste good land, good fertilizer, and good labor, and the crop won't pay expenses. Now, as the practical farmer cannot afford to waste time testing seeds to find out whether they are true to name, sound and clean, it stands to reason that the only safe way to buy seeds is to seek the protection of a name that has stood for reliability in the past. The great seed house of D. M. Ferry & Co., of Detroit, Mich., has sold seeds all over the United States and Canada for the last forty-two years, and the steady growth of the business is a sure indication that Ferry seeds have given satisfaction. Ferry's seed annual for 1898, a standard guide for farmers and gardeners, containing much valuable information, is sent free to persons writing for it.

Advice to Beet Growers

The Pecos valley sugar company will this year advise the farmers to divide their planting of beets, planting a portion of them early and the remainder between the 15th of June and the 20th of July. It will also strongly advise against the irrigation of fields during the heat of day believing that such a practice is most detrimental to the crop, causing rot and other blight. It will be well for farmers to follow the instructions of the company as closely as possible, for it has made a careful study of the crop the last season, and gives its opinion that the best results may be obtained both for the grower and the factory.—Eddy Argus.

Le Grande's Sugar Factory.

On Saturday afternoon the business of securing contracts for 3500 acres in sugar beets was closed up. This was the final condition to be complied with before the signing of a contract on the part of David Eccles for the construction of a beet sugar factory and refinery of 350 tons daily capacity at or near La Grande to be in operation by the first day of December, 1898. A telegram was immediately sent to Mr. Eccles at Ogden, and in the Sunday evening mail the contract, signed by Mr. Eccles, was received.

The contract provides that the subsidy of \$80,000 in land and notes shall be indorsed by the La Grande Commercial club, as trustee, to Mr. Eccles and placed in escrow with the First National bank of Portland. The subsidy is payable within thirty days after the completion of the factory.—Baker City Democrat, 19th.

Coming.

The lovers of music in this city will be pleased to learn that the B. Y. A. concert company will appear in a grand concert on Monday Jan. 31st. Prof. Lund has been giving them some excellent training and they will be prepared to give the people of Lehi one of the best concerts ever heard here. The company will contain some eminent soloists.