

IN DIXIE.

The Land of the Mocking Bird and Honey Bee.

Something About the Winter.—Improvements and Progress.

St. George, Utah, April 5, 1884.

Editors Herald:

You would hardly believe, but as I write the festive bull frog pipes his organ, the fair moon glides peacefully through a deep blue sky, while what is here called a tree frog gives vent to the serenity of his soul in a long, low guttural sound, unlike the squawk of its half-brother, in that it is a continuous song, or sort of per-in-a-whistle death rattle. By the way, the tree frog is a peculiar institution. It dwells in the swampy tracts inhabited and enjoyed by the bull frog, and ensconces itself in the crotch of a tree and there pours forth its plaintive lay to the midnight air.

The day we departed from Beaver everything was fair and lovely, but a mist from the south would persist in letting us have it square in the teeth the whole day long. The next day we got it—snow—and it kept coming every day until we got into Dixie, and in fact, until St. George was reached. On the north of the rim of the basin—that is north of Kanawa for Kanawa is almost on the rim—the long winter was being caused as heartily by some as in Cache and the more northern sections, while further south, that is, in Dixie, it is considered without exception the best year ever known so far as climate influence and weather providences are known. In Cache those who owned stock suffered because of a lack of feed and for the reason that the unusual depth of snow rendered it an impossibility for cattle to feed themselves. In Gentle Valley cattle and horses were reported, a month ago, to be dying off in great numbers on account of the conditions above mentioned; while those in Cache Valley, who were wintering stock there—Eliab Evan Owen of Wellsville for instance, spent the greater part of each day, in feeding cattle and saving the increase which is generally so desirable at that season. The like of the snow and rain and water was unknown in Cache in fifteen years, and was higher about the end of February than for a period unknown to the oldest inhabitant—and that, I may be allowed to remark, is saying a good deal.

In Cedar City, the next town north of Kanawa on the river, so far as cattle is concerned, the season is just as objectionable; and while cattle and horses have been starving in Gentle Valley, in Canaan, a point between 400 and 500 miles south, they have been forced to dig their cattle out of the snow, while hundreds have been found dead. The season, so far as the severity of the weather is concerned, is however, less disastrous than that of the winter four years back—if my memory serves me right—when, combined with the vigor of winter there was an absence of feed because of a drouth all over the Territory the summer preceding. Then cattle and horses were offered for a song, and still purchasers were not to be found, for the reason that feed was unobtainable.

There is, nevertheless, a compensating advantage arising through the overruling influence of the Great Cause for every evil; and if cattle have suffered because of unusual depth of snow and lack of feed, the ranges over the whole Territory, if existing promises are borne out, will afford a quantity and quality of feed unknown in years. If, also, the planting of grain and garden truck has been delayed by a backward spring, the volume of water resulting from the accumulation of snow in the mountains of the north, and from springs arising from snows and rains in the south, no less than from the rivers, will more than make amends for the evils past.

At St. George or in Washington County, generally, I feel positive, if an assured market were opened for the year's product, no more content or contented people could be found anywhere. The only regret is found in the fact that the acres of grain are not as numerous as could be desired. If the prospects for a new mining district—which with your kind permission I shall refer to at some length in a day or two—in Washington County shall hold out, and I am of the firm belief they will, then property, which at the present is at its ebb, because of the drouth of preceding years and because of a falling market, will find an impetus and increased value that will astonish the natives.

This, to a native of northern hills, is a strange country. It is "busted all to thunder" in the language of a native of Paragwah. There is no question as to the manner in which this country was manufactured. It has everywhere an underlying red sandstone stratum, which by earthquakes has been thrown into the most inconceivable forms; then came the outburst of volcanoes, which threw masses of volcanic rock in all directions. Between St. George and Santa Fe is what is called the lava bed, or lava wash. It can be traced for a distance of twelve miles to the source, and there exist three distinct craters. The colors are varied, and as compared with our monotony of mountain chain and wide and fertile valleys, there is often a pleasing and at times a painful contrast.

The county scrip of Washington is going up—from 75 it has been raised to 90. The new officers seem industrious, judicious, and determined to bring scrip to par.

What with Severt, Bliss and the others, the county jail is a trifle too full, and Augustus Poor Hardy, sheriff, is doing his best to accommodate all.

The improvement associations have done better work, so far as practical and tangible results are concerned, than anywhere in the Territory that I know of. They have purchased a fine building, which is well fitted up; have subscribed for every Utah periodical and journal, have secured a great many foreign publications and books, and purpose in the course of a few days opening a reading room and library, to be known as the Lyceum. It is centrally located, and the enterprise and public spirit manifested is commendable in the highest degree. It is such an outgrowth that demonstrates the efficacy and the invaluable usefulness of improvement associations in Utah.

The people of St. George have long complained of a lack of water. This year the prospects are excellent in the highest degree, and yet a drive over the lava field, while it showed many beautiful spots covered with flourishing lucerne and rising cereals, also discovered much valuable land untilled and lying idle and worthless. A movement looking to the building of reservoirs and permanent dams is on foot. It must be carried out sooner or later. When it is done there will be less cause for complaint and regret.

By the way, St. George is in the possession of a magnificent red sandstone quarry, the like of which I believe does not exist elsewhere in Utah. It is of great depth—yet unknown, as it also is wide; but it has been traced fully half a mile and shows an unbroken, solid and unseamed bed of sandstone that can be cut, and which is fair and beautiful. It is a marvel and will yet be of great value. It was developed in the building of the Temple.

My partner on the trip, who is familiarly known in this section as "Man Afraid of His Feet," says he has had a serenade each morning and night since we came here. I attended the serenades this evening. It was the horn, not of "the hunter," but of the herd boy.

I have read the sign on the posters: "Hurrah! hurrah! Jim Brown is dead;" but I had to get as far as Leads to read: "Hurrah! hurrah! Hay Weigh Scales." I could not help a rejoice when I read the glad tidings.

Peach, pear, plum, almond, currant and some other trees are in blossom, with lucerne in parts over a foot high. Here is the land of the mocking bird, and hieroglyphics on volcanic rocks in all directions.

There are more pretty girls in St. George to the square foot than in any place I have visited yet; but they are exceedingly coy.

We have a town clock, which beats out the hours from the spire on the Tabernacle, a building that cost \$400,000, and is of red sandstone, cut into regular size and taken from the quarry above referred to. The Tabernacle is a fine building.

Young men are getting a good honest trial here in politics. There seems to be no clash; the young officials have the respect and assistance of the old; the old have won the confidence and esteem of the young. Happy results may be looked for.

I have higher hopes for Dixie than Dixie has for herself. She has a future, which will be excellent as the work began the old is continued by the young. May the young see that it rests with them.

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