

## COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS' CONVENTION.

Decked with myriads of electric lights, thousands of yards of bunting and decorations, with every business house in gala attire and the whole city alive with the enthusiasm of a notable occasion, Salt Lake will greet the United Commercial Travelers and their guests June 18, 19 and 20 for the Fifth Annual convention of that organization.

And for those three days Zion will be about the liveliest, busiest and happily care-free city between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast. Fifteen thousand visitors is the most conservative estimate that can be put on the crowds that will flock to town for the convention. The throng will probably exceed that number, so great has been the interest manifested in every section of the country.

There isn't a finer lot of boys in the world than the men who compose the U. C. T.—big-hearted, good-natured chaps with the glad hand always out; each the embodiment of good fellowship and energy it is an easy guess as to what sort of a time ten or fifteen thousand of them will have when they meet together in Salt Lake next month.

The city has perfected plans through the Commercial club and the local committees of the U. C. T. for three days of splendid amusements, great parades, sporting events, special features at all the resorts, a great fireworks display on the top of the Newhouse skyscrapers, and a half a hundred other events. There will be five thousand uniformed men in the monster parade that will take place during the three days' convention. Fifteen brass bands will participate and will furnish the music for the festivities throughout the three days. Special races have been arranged at the bicycle tracks at the Salt Palace and Salt-air and baseball games have been arranged for.

The city will be illuminated with twenty thousand incandescent lights. One hundred floats in the big parade will show western development from 1847 to 1908. All and all, it will be the greatest convention in the history of the city. Hotels and restaurants are already preparing to handle the crowds. There will be no robbing of guests. Private houses will be thrown open and every visitor to Zion properly cared for.

## READY FOR HILL CLIMBING.

Great are the preparations local auto owners and dealers are making for the hill climbing contest the latter part of June, from the east end of Brigham street up over the continuation of that street through Federal Heights to the big gateway leading into Fort Douglas reservation on the east bench.

The Federal Heights people are working day and night to put their portion of South Temple street in condition for the contest.

Few Salt Lakers realize what is being done on the Heights these days. Those who have been up looking over the course the past few days have had a chance to see a lot of interesting work. The installation of the waterworks system is now nearing completion. There are five streets out of seven with the piping laid. There will never be a water shortage at the Heights, for the big main that carries the water into town from Parley's and the Big Conduit is to be tapped forty feet above the city pump station, so that the Heights people get the water before it reaches city consumers. The twelve-inch mains are big affairs and they should do the business as to the water supply on the Heights.

The big sub-division is putting on its spring dress. The avenues and streets have long since taken shape. The sewer work is well on its way, the finest drainage system

ever put in in Salt Lake is practically completed, great 15-inch pipes being used. Preparations are being made to put in a tramway from the foothills to bring in dirt for filling the larger excavations on the sub-division. The trees are leafing out beautifully and building operations are well under way.

Dr. Peak's house is being started; Owen T. Gray's home is nearing completion and Howard S. Stowe will soon start work on his new residence. Paving work is also to be started in a very short time. The view from the Heights these days is the finest ever.

## IN THE COLD GRAY DAWN.

I dreamed that I dwelt on an isle of cracked ice,  
In the midst of a lake of champagne,  
Where bloomed the mint juleps in meadows of green.

Amid showers of Ithia rain,  
I reclined on a divan of lager beer foam,  
With a pillow of froth for my head,  
While the spray from a fountain of sparkling gin  
fizz

Descended like dew on my head,  
From far away mountains of crystalline ice,  
A zephyr refreshing and cool  
Came wafting the incense of sweet muscatel  
That sparkled in many a pool.

My senses were soothed by the soft purring song  
of

A brooklet of pousee cafe,  
That rippled along over pebbles of snow  
To a river of absinthe frappe.

Then, lulled by the music of tinkling glass  
From the schooners that danced on the deep,  
I dreamily sipped a highball or two  
And languidly floated to sleep.

And when I awoke on a bed of rocks,  
With a bolster as hard as a brick,  
A wrench in my neck, a rock in my head,  
And stomach detestably sick,

With sand in my eyes and grit in my throat,  
Where the taste of last evening still clung,  
And left a bath towel stuffed in my mouth,  
Which I afterward found was my tongue;

And I groped for the thread of the evening before  
In a mystified maze of my brain,  
Until a great light burst upon me at last—  
I'm off of the wagon again.

—Exchange.

"Let me see some of your black kid gloves,"  
said a lady to a shopman. "These are not the  
latest style, are they?" she asked, when the  
gloves were produced.

"Yes, madam," replied the shopman. "We  
have had them in stock only two days."

"I didn't think they were, because the fashion  
paper says black kids have tan stitches, and vice  
versa. I see the tan stitches, but not the vice  
versa."

The shopman explained that vice versa was  
French for seven buttons, so she bought three  
pairs.—Detroit Free Press.

## A WRAPSODY.

"My soul was in arms!  
Would that you were there, too,  
And mine were the arms!"  
"Let's—imagine it—do!"

The Affinity.

"What's the matter, Kasper?"

"Herr lieutenant is wanted at home immediately;  
it was twins, already, when I left."—Fliegende  
Blatter.

"That new preacher you have is a pretty wide-  
awake young man, isn't he?" "Yep. Keeps right  
on preachin' when everybody else is asleep."—  
Cleveland Leader.



CONSTRUCTION CAMP, OASIS COMPANY, AT RIVERSIDE, UTAH.

Down in Millard County, at a point near Riverside on the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake Railroad, there will be brought to completion during the present week by the OASIS LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY one of the largest diverting dams in the State of Utah. This dam is part of the largest irrigation system in the State and is supplied directly by the waters stored in the Sevier Bridge Reservoir, located in Juab and San Pete Counties and having a capacity of 90,000 acre-feet. The waters diverted at the Riverside dam will serve the arid lands lying in the Pahvant Valley, of which 43,000 acres have been recently withdrawn from entry at the United States Land Office in Salt Lake in accordance with an application made under the Carey Act by the Oasis Land and Irrigation Company. It is expected that the Department of the Interior will take action on the application made by the Oasis Land and Irrigation Company some time in June, after which a drawing will be held and the lands thrown open for entry in accordance with the Carey Act.

Millard County has the largest tract of arable land in the State. It has a deep alluvial soil, formed by a delta deposit of the Sevier River, which has the largest drainage area of any river in Utah. The latent possibilities of the Pahvant Valley are beginning to attract the engineer, capitalist and homeseeker. In addition to having a rich and exhaustless soil, this valley has ideal conditions for irrigation and drainage, the latter being most essential for the best results in an irrigation system. The productiveness of this region is further enhanced by long periods of sunshine each year and a beneficial climate that gives abundant yield of crops and vigor to the home-builder.

The Riverside dam is, roughly, 800 feet long on the crest, 170 feet wide on the bottom and 36 feet above the bed of the river. It has a reinforced concrete spillway, a concrete tunnel, 200 feet long, 4 feet wide and 8 feet high through the center of the dam, in which is set the steel gates—one 8 feet high and 4 feet wide, and two gates serving 3 and 4 feet respectively, that are used in connection with the electric power plant, which will be constructed at this point. Approximately 500 electrical horsepower will be generated. This will be transmitted to the towns of Oasis, Burtner, Deseret, Hinckley, Abraham and other points where it may be needed. Three sets of large steel gates are being installed in the dam at the Sevier Bridge Reservoir, the largest reservoir in Utah. About fifteen miles of main canals have been completed, leading from this diverting dam, and several thousand acres will be served by the system during the present year.

Millard County is beginning an era of progress, and the potent desert is being transformed into the garden of Utah. Send for handsomely illustrated prospectus of the OASIS project.

OASIS LAND AND IRRIGATION COMPANY, 15 W. 2d South, Salt Lake City, Utah.