

## Indian Lands Await the Settler in Uintah County

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Under the laws of the state of Utah, beneficial use must be made before the summer of 1919 of water to irrigate 78,000 acres of excellent agricultural land now under ditch belonging to the Ute Indians of the Uintah and Ouray reservation in the great Uintah basin in northeastern Utah.

To develop this land 1,000 white lessees will be offered opportunities to acquire favorable leases within the next two years. The government, through the supervisor now in charge of the reservation, is now making five-year leases of this land on very liberal terms. The greater part of the land can be leased for \$1 per acre per year, the lessee to build a four-wire fence around the leased tract and leave one-fourth of the leased area in a good stand of alfalfa at the expiration of the lease. Some leases can be made so that all the lessee will be required to do is to clear the land of sagebrush, level it, and leave buildings on the leased premises at the expiration of the lease valued at about \$500. The land will be appraised and the rentals vary from 25 cents to \$1.50 per acre per annum.

Cedar posts may be obtained from the benches south of the mountains for fencing the land. Permits will be issued to lessees for such posts as are required for the construction of fences required by the leases.

No irrigation maintenance charge is made on leased lands. It is probable that the lessee will have the option of re-leasing the land for another term at the expiration of his lease.

This region has an average altitude of about 5,200 feet, and is surrounded by mountain ranges. The summers are delightful, being free from extreme heat, and while the temperature is occasionally as low as 10 degrees below zero during the winter, there is very little snow, and during the greater part of the winter the temperature is from 10 degrees to 20 degrees above zero. The climate is clear, dry, and bracing.

The soil varies from a heavy clay loam to a light sandy loam, is deep and very fertile. Alfalfa is the principal crop, but wheat, oats, potatoes, timothy, corn, sugar beets, etc., yield excellent crops when well cared for. Fruits and garden vegetables can be raised in abundance.

Schools and churches are being constructed, and the region is well supplied with traders' stores. Some thriving towns and villages are to be found. Sawmills in the forests of heavy pine timber near the mountains supply ample building material, and coal mines afford moderately priced fuel.

During the next five years about 25,000 acres of Indian land already under ditch will be offered for sale in tracts of from 40 to 320 acres. Land already sold on the reservation has brought from \$10 to \$30 per acre according to location. The purchaser is required to deposit 25 per cent of the amount of his bid when the Indian allottee has accepted his offer, and the balance may be paid in three equal yearly installments, the deferred payments being secured by notes bearing 6 per cent interest. Title is conveyed by a patent in fee issued in the name of the purchaser.

Construction work has begun on the extension of the Denver, Northwestern & Pacific (Moffat) railroad to connect Denver and Salt Lake by direct line. This road will afford the farmers of the Uintah Basin markets for their products, and the land which is now selling at \$30 an acre will readily sell for \$100 an acre within five years. It is believed that a heavy traffic and rapid development await the construction of a railroad through this fertile basin.

In the fall of 1912 exhibits from the Uintah Basin were taken to the Utah State fair at Salt Lake, where they received first prize on special exhibits, first prize on alfalfa seed, and second prize on county exhibit. Such exhibits from a country whose agricultural development has only begun is a strong indication of what may be produced in this section.

This is a most excellent time for homeseekers to take advantage of the opportunities offered in the west and establish themselves on the Uintah and Ouray reservation. Men with capital of \$1,000 or \$2,000 will find advantageous openings.

Correspondence is solicited regarding the purchase or leasing of these lands. Full information will be given and lists of lands being offered for sale will be furnished applicants who address the supervisor in charge, Uintah and Ouray reservation, Fort Duchesne, Utah.

## "Paris" Moves to Broadway

A new and bright gleam will be thrown into the path of light that marks Salt Lake's Broadway when the Paris moves into its new store today where a little bit of London, a dash of Berlin, a hint of Paris, a touch of an older Broadway and much of the creative genius of L. and A. Simon have been thrown together into a composite which, plainly, is a new department store.

It seems to the casual observer that the magnificent dome which sheds diffused rays from the sun by day and an effulgent glow from masked lights by night typifies the spirit of the new store. Up into that dome floats the history of achievements that made the move possible and this, creating an ambitious atmosphere, will endow the coming campaign of wider merchandising with an energy, a thrift, an enterprise that will eventually become the driving force of the new "Paris."

Louis Simon and Adolph Simon started with the proverbial shoestring and the manner in which they have acquired the whole box of shoes carries a forceful message through the serried marts of trade, for they are now opening an epoch of commercial advancement that is far too pretentious for the dream they must have had when they started.

The new store is a credit to the west, not alone to Salt Lake. As department stores go it is the last word and just a notch or two ahead of the population it must depend upon for sustenance. It may not be violating a confidence to say that after Mr. Louis Simon had looked over the stores in London, Paris, Berlin, New York and Chicago, he veered off into the northwest and inspected what Portland and Seattle had to offer, all the time gathering ideas that embellished some original ideas of his own. At San Francisco he wired for J. A. Headlund, the architect, and there in a hotel the rough outline of the new "Paris" was created. A year ago the work was commenced and today 65,000 square feet of floor space will be dedicated to the industry of a new temple of commerce.

The fellow who started to spring the joke about nothing but Simon-pure goods being sold in the place was thrown down the wholesale package chute and we went on through the store, in peace and contentment. If the proprietors of the store had in mind the construction of a place that would appeal, first, to the shopper, and next to the shoppee, the new store doesn't show it, for the convenience of employees is provided with as exacting care as the convenience of shoppers. The whole store is bathed in daylight via the dome, the ventilation is perfect, the atmosphere is healthful and the arrangement of departments seems to have been devised by a master mind.

The main floor is finished in oak, with a quartersawed oak staircase that leads comfortably to the second floor which is done in mahogany. Mirrors everywhere, and always the

impression of roominess. Back beyond what will soon be the scene of activity in retail trade the wholesale department occupies vast stretches of space, for the wholesale business is to be done in the same plant, as it will be moved from the Simon building in West Temple street.

The new store is protected by the sprinkler system, has a large, modern heating and power plant, and is fitted with everything invented to expedite business and attract customers to a splendid service.

Discriminating smokers ask for La Tasador—they know the cigar. (Adv.)

### PUT PEOPLE ON THE LAND!

#### NO MONEY FOR FISH.

His new wife owned the family dough,

So when he fishing went,

Unto her purse he had to go

For angling nutriment.

Most grudgingly she did supply

The nature of his wish:

No provender next day she'd buy,

If well supplied with fish.

Alas, when he returned that eve,

Creel empty, thus she saith:

"Is it my eyes and nose deceive

Me? Let me sniff your breath."

"An empty creel!" she cried, "Oh fie!

Where is the vaunted bunch?"

He said: "You were so stingy I

Spent all my cash on lunch!"

Stick to Stickney's. (Adv.)

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