

YOU MAY LOOK FOR GREAT DEVELOPMENT IN SOUTHERN UTAH IN 1923

1923 PROSPECTS FOR AGRICULTURE

STATEMENTS OF AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS AND PROSPECTS FROM SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE WALLACE.

Twelve months ago most of the six billion farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we stop a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom times for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better, than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars or more than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strains have been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers themselves in condition to win refund their obligations and get who were rather heavily involved to through.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to market. Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' cooperative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

David and Moroni Spilsbury of Toquerville are in Cedar for a weeks visit with relatives and friends.

Wm. Stephens has gone to Good Springs, Nevada, where he expects to find employment in the mines for the balance of the winter.

CHRISTMAS DAY PASSES QUIETLY

Christmas Day in Cedar passed very quietly. The day was pleasant, the weather ideal.

Early in the morning the Cedar Band serenaded the townspeople, and enlivened them with inspiring music. The efforts of the boys were appreciated and they were assured of the sincere appreciation of those who heard them.

During the day several family gatherings were held and so far as we were able to learn each gathering enjoyed the time spent together in a very satisfactory and pleasant manner.

During the entire day people who were passing to and fro throughout the town were heard to call Merry Christmas in a tone that gave evidence that they were feeling the true spirit of the day.

The children from early morning when they unearthed what Santa Claus had sent them, until late at night, were in raptures and not one that we can learn of was unhappy or disappointed.

The day came to a pleasant close with a dance in the Ward Hall at which a large crowd of old and young mingled and enjoyed themselves.

In the evening also at the Thorley place was taxed to capacity with people who came to witness the stirring drama, "Hall the Woman."

Very little liquor was in evidence, and but two or three of the boys were noticed to be under the influence of it.

Taking it all in all Cedar passed a quiet, pleasant Christmas day.

DIES AFTER SHORT ILLNESS

Wednesday the spirit of Frank Webster took its flight to the realms above after a short illness during which the deceased suffered excruciatingly from an abscess in the head and an attack of pneumonia.

The deceased had been suffering from a heavy cold previous to a week ago when pneumonia set in, complicated with the abscess in the head, and from that time on the unfortunate man suffered intensely until death came to relieve him.

He was a man whom his friends admired, a hard worker, and a man devoted to his wife and children, his aim in life seemingly being to provide for them and make life a pleasure for them to live. He was constantly devoted to his family and was repeatedly complimented for this thoughtfulness and constancy.

The deceased had reached the age of 49 years, and was really in his prime, when death, the terrible destroyer, stepped in and ruthlessly tore him from his loving family.

Funeral services are being held in the Ward Hall as we go to press, and a large congregation of sympathizing friends and relatives of the bereaved wife and three children are in attendance to show their last tribute of respect to an honest and upright departed citizen of Cedar City.

INDIAN BABY DIES

Last night at about 10 o'clock the little year and a half old baby of Indian Jimmy died from a lingering illness.

The child had been under the care of a physician for some time, but nothing that could be prescribed seemed to relieve the sufferer.

The father of the child is at present in St. George and has been phoned for and will arrive here tonight.

Funeral services and interment will be held tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Williams went to Blanding a couple of weeks ago to visit with their daughters during the holidays. They returned Wednesday on account of the serious illness of their son Robert.

WINTER COURSE AT THE COLLEGE

STUDENTS WILL BE ABLE TO ENTER CLASS OF FULL YEAR SCHEDULE. INCREASED ENROLLMENT EXPECTED.

The Winter Course of the Branch Agricultural College will begin Wednesday, January 3rd, 1923. Special effort is being made to harmonize the work of the Winter Course with that of the regular winter quarter, which begins on the same date, in order that winter term students will fit into the regular running of the school. It will be found however that the subjects offered in the winter course are especially adopted to students desiring to emphasize the practical end of training.

Many new courses are being offered in all departments. Especially is this true of the department of Agriculture, Home Economics, and Mechanic Arts. There will also be opportunity for winter course students to enter classes of the full year schedule. The regular school year being divided into three quarters, the second quarter of which begins simultaneously with the winter course, it will be understood that there will be many classes in all departments which winter course students can enter advantageously.

Here is an opportunity for desiring students who were unable to enter school in the fall to go on with their schooling under conditions especially designed to meet their needs.

Herein is also presented an opportunity for the patrons of the B. A. C. in Cedar City to support the school in a substantial way. There will be incoming students from Southern Utah to be taken care of. While no definite estimate is made of the number of new students coming in for the winter term it is expected that there will be a substantial increase to the schools present enrollment.

PARENT-TEACHERS PROGRAM

The following is the program that will be given at the Parent-Teachers' meeting that will be held January 11, 1923.

- 1—Music, piano selection by Beth Leigh.
- 2—Reading by Mrs. John U. Webster.
- 3—General Topic, "Habit Training", (a) Good and Evil Habits, by Mrs. Hyde. "Habit Breaking," by Anna Froyd.
- 4—Music, community singing.

GETS BABY BOY FOR XMAS GIFT

Christmas morning Ezra Rollo was delighted to receive from his wife a gift that was very welcome, and one that he may feel justly proud of. The gift was a bouncing baby boy, and of course considered by the parents the best ever. Mother and babe doing nicely and the grandparents highly elated.

We are in receipt of a letter from J. H. Hunter, who with his wife and younger children are now sojourning in Glendale, Cal. In the letter Mr. Hunter states that he expects to have fully recovered his health. (which has been somewhat poorly for several months past,) by the time spring comes around again. He also states that the weather in Glendale is like May weather; that alfalfa is six inches in height, cabbage, cauliflower, and such vegetables growing fine, and the people will soon be busy picking oranges. Tomatoes are still ripening on the vine, and all together California is an ideal place for the orchardist and vegetable grower. Mr. Hunter says that his wife and children are well, and with him sends greetings and best wishes to their many friends in Cedar City.

LeGrande Cox of California spent last week in Cedar visiting with his sister Fae.

TO CONTEST SCHOOL ELECTION

We were informed today by R. A. Thorley, president of the Board of Education, that a notice of contest of election has been filed with the board in the matter of the election of Morgan Edwards of Paragonah.

The contest will be carried on by citizens of District No. 1. living in east Parowan, which is the southern part of the District.

The grounds of contest are, as we understand them, about as follows: Irregularity in voting in Buckhorn district where it is claimed citizens were refused ballots because their names did not appear on the official list of voters; failure to send in certificate of nomination in sufficient time before election to conform to the law; because the name of Morgan Edwards appeared first on the ballot when the name of the present incumbent, Walter Mitchell, should have had that position.

We are not familiar with all the points at issue as specified in the notice of contest, and can only say to those interested: "go to it; if you win how much have you gained? If Morgan Edwards is retained will he not be as anxious and willing to do his duty by the School District as the present incumbent? And if the present incumbent wins, will Mr. Edwards be any the loser thereby? And whoever wins will it deter the district from having efficient government."

THE BUSINESS OUTLOOK.

I feel confident that 1923 will be a banner year for Utah, especially Iron, Washington and Utah counties, with the extension of the railroad to Cedar City, the erection of a large steel plant in Utah county, the extensive improvement of roads in Washington county (which will commence the first of the year), the improvement of Kiabab forest, Zion Canyon and other scenic attractions, will certainly bring Southern Utah to the front. Yes, there is a bright future for Utah and her people. Let us be prepared for coming events.

With best wishes to all,

DAVID SPILSBURY.

A TRUE FISH STORY.

A naturalist, writes James B. Thorsen, in one of his clever insurance letters, once divided an aquarium with a clear glass partition. He put a lusty bass in one section and minnows in the other.

The bass struck every time a minnow approached the glass partition. After three days of fruitless lunging which netted him only bruises, he ceased his efforts and subsisted on the food that was dropped in. Then the naturalist removed the glass partition. The minnows swam all around the bass, but he did not strike at a single one. He had been thoroughly sold on the idea that business was bad. There's a moral here—take another shot at the partition. Maybe it isn't there any more!—The Recorder.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO ATTEND CONVENTION

The county officials have been invited by the state officials to meet in Salt Lake City, January 4 to 6, in convention to take up matters of importance to the state in the line of taxation and distribution of taxes.

We are told that nearly every county official of this county will attend the convention.

The Riverside, (Cal.) Enterprise, published in full last week our Christmas greeting to our readers which appeared in the issue of Dec. 15. The Enterprise in referring to the article stated that it was one of the most applicable to the season that had come under the notice of the management, and was well worth reproducing by all papers.

If people observed the spirit of Christmas the year round what a wondrous world it would be.

LEGISLATOR WILL MEET AT B. A. C.

REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS FROM SOUTHERN UTAH SPECIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND.

For the purpose of knowing Southern Utah's State School by first hand information, Senators and Representatives from Southern Utah will meet at the Branch Agricultural College just prior to going to Salt Lake City to convene in the State Legislature. From the response in writing to the invitation sent out recently it is expected that a good representation of State Senators and Representatives will be present.

The date of the meeting is Friday, January 5th. It is planned to have the visitors present at the regular school chapel exercises at eleven o'clock, after which an inspection of the buildings and grounds will be made, followed by a short meeting of the visitors at which the general policy of the institution will be presented.

It is not the purpose of the invitation to bring the Senators and Representatives here for the purpose of soliciting their aid on any particular proposition, but to acquaint these representatives of Southern Utah, first hand, with Southern Utah's State School.

The visitors will leave in the afternoon for Salt Lake City for the early convening of the Legislature.

REMEMBERED BY FRIENDS

The Record this Christmas was remembered by a large number of distant readers and many local readers, and was the recipient of many beautiful cards with appropriate sentiments relative to the season of the year. Added to the prevailing sentiments several of the cards bore expressions of good will and wishes for continued success for the management of the paper.

Among the large number of distant friends who sent greetings are the following: Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hoyt of Snowflake, Ariz., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunter, of Glendale, Cal., Chas. R. Myers of Sabastopol, Cal., Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Matheson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gurr of Parowan, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. C. Starr of St. George, and Mr. and Mrs. D. Ockey of Nephi. And in addition to these cards were received from local friends and acquaintances. We also received greetings from business firms from various parts of Utah, the most prominent of which are the Western Newspaper Union, Zellerbach and Carpenter Paper Companies, of Salt Lake City, and in addition nearly every business firm in Cedar remembered us.

To be the recipient of so many nice remembrances from our friends makes us feel that "life is worth the living" and gives us a determination to push ahead and do better during the coming years.

ASSESSMENT RECORDS CLEAR

Word comes from the State Board of Equalization that the assessment rolls of the county are clear and in splendid condition, in fact stands at the head of any in the state.

Our assessor, Hilman Dalley, comes in for a great deal of praise from the members of the Board of Equalization for his very efficient work, and he has been assured that his method of conducting the business is strictly up to date.

During 1922 Mr. Dalley did not allow one acre of patented land to escape assessment, which is something so far as we can learn, that no other county can boast of.

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END COMES SUDDENLY

Tuesday noon the people of Cedar were again startled and shocked at the report of a life coming suddenly to an end without warning.

George Perry, a man well known and respected in this city, was going about his daily duties when he was suddenly stricken with contraction of the heart muscles and ceased to live within a moment or two. The attack came without warning, although the deceased had been slightly ill with an attack of indigestion.

He had just attended to some chores outside the home and entered when he was stricken, falling upon a sofa, and expired before a daughter who was in the house could render any assistance or call for help.

It will be remembered that a brother of the deceased, Thos. Perry, passed away in a similar manner while plowing in the field, apoplexy being credited as being the direct cause of death.

The deceased was a man whom honest and upright man, in whom his friends placed trust.

He will be sadly missed by the children who are left to mourn his sudden and unexpected departure.

Funeral services were held in the Ward Hall yesterday and the building was taxed to capacity to seat the relatives and friends who had gathered to pay their last tribute of respect to the departed.

The services were conducted by Counsellor Samuel F. Leigh of the West Ward, prayer being offered by Elder A. G. Matheson. The speakers were Elders Parley Dalley and H. Claude Lewis, each of whom told of the excellent character of the deceased and spoke many words of condolence to the mourners. Benediction was pronounced by Counsellor Myron D. Higbee.

The music furnished by the choir under the leadership of H. L. Frisby was beautiful and appropriate. A mixed quartet was rendered, the singers being Bp. E. M. Corry, H. L. Frisby, Mrs. John Urie and Mrs. S. J. Foster.

BEAUTIFUL HAND PAINTED VIEWS

Representative-elect R. L. Jones was showing this week some of the hand-painted and exquisitely hand-painted views of Cedar Breaks, Zion Canyon, and Bryce Canyon, mounted on neat photo cards, to which were attached 1923 calendars.

Mr. Jones made the suggestion that the merchants and other business men of Cedar could very well get a supply of these scenes of Nature's Wonderland, hand painted and mounted on good photo cards with calendars attached and present them to their customers instead of the gaudy calendars that they have been forced to get in the past.

Views of local scenic attraction would always be kept by the recipient, and the advertising value, as well as the courtesy extended by the giving of such views would always be kept in mind by the patrons who received them.

We certainly hope that our local business men will think of Mr. Jones proposition when they come to place orders for calendars with which to remember their friends with.

E. J. Milne, once an instructor in Cedar when the B. A. C. was the B. N. S., this week sent us a copy of the Elko (Nev.) Independent, the Christmas number of that paper. We had always had the idea that the Record held the championship belt for boosting the locality in which it is published, but we find that the Independent goes the Record one better in its boosting of the Elko country. Maybe that's the reason "Rass" is camping in that city. You know, he always was somewhat of a booster, and liked to be where things were stirring. Good luck, "Rass" and may you have a prosperous New Year.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Brown of Parowan were visitors in Cedar Thursday, having come to do some shopping.