

UTAH MATTERS.

How Things are Thriving in That Section.

What the Agricultural Prospects Seem to Be.

The Mining Interest and Notes of a General Character.

Correspondence of the Omaha Bee.

OGDEN, Utah, August 25.—Governor Murray has very wisely taken steps toward having the resources of Utah displayed at the International Cotton Exhibition, to be held at Atlanta, Georgia, in October. In connection with this subject he has issued the following:

It has been suggested that an exhibition of the mineral resources of the territory be made at the state fair of Nebraska, to be held at Omaha, September 12th, 1881. To further these views, Geo. A. Scott, Esq., Job Lawrence, Esq., M. Slaughter, Esq., Hon. W. H. Hooper and F. Hanauer, Esq., are requested to take such steps as will best tend to collect and make creditable exhibitions of Utah's varied and rich products.

ELI H. MURRAY, Governor of Utah.

The gentlemen named for that purpose, we presume, will take pride in making the display at the Nebraska state fair worthy so great a territory as Utah, and we are sure that such an exhibition would add very much interest to the fair. If they could transplant some of the heavily laden fruit trees, now with limbs bent to the ground with ripening fruit, to your fair grounds, visitors would stand amazed at the great fruitage. Never have we seen the equal, even in the most favored fruit localities of the country.

This fruit is now fast ripening, and being of fine flavor, readily commands a market for shipment to the adjoining states and territories. The express cars on all the roads leading from Ogden are daily crowded with fruit being sent away. We are now shipping from Ogden daily an average of three to five car loads of fruit, while potatoes go out at the rate of from four to twelve cars per day. As many as one dozen car loads of potatoes have been sent in one day from here to Denver alone, and the cry comes from favored Nebraska cities for this class of tubers. The crop is immense and good this season; in fact every class of crops in this great basin is unusually prolific. We will not even except the crop of new railroads planned and being staked out in Utah. This is one class of productions which does not come under the head of cereals, but the growth is such that new shoots spring up at all seasons of the year.

We have told your readers of the Denver & Rio Grande, with its 2,970 miles planned in Utah. This company is still reaching out for more territory, and the lack of surveyors to do the work is a serious matter. All who could run a compass and estimate grades and fills, have been secured by this company and other competing interests. The Union Pacific has their engineers in all the available passes and canyons. Plains and mountains are being mapped out. New ventures by this company seem to spring up as if by magic, and we doubt if even the managers of the company are sure of the workings of their plans. It is such a great game of chess, in which the players stake millions and the figures are ponderous tracks, great fills, cuts, bridges and trains, that the interest of the speculators becomes increased as one of the player's checkmates is one, distances that, and first reaches the king row. In this special field new parties are appearing and taking part in the great game. So many roads have been mapped out across Utah going east and west that none but the most attentive can keep pace with the list. The Utah & Wyoming is trying to impose an obstacle to the Oregon short line, running from Granger, on the Union Pacific, to Oregon. We have various rumors of the situation, but no one is positive as to the matter. The latest enterprise is that of a line from Corinne, on the Central Pacific, twenty-five miles west of Ogden, to an eastern connection on the Missouri. One party of surveyors are working west from Yankton, Dakota, to meet another corps moving east from South Pass, while the third party is on the route from Corinne to South Pass. The survey is to be completed by November 1st, and the road of about 900 miles in length, to be pushed as fast as possible, commencing next spring. This route is to pass from Corinne through the South Pass via the coal fields on Hanis Fork, thence down through Sweetwater to the north fork of the Platte for about one hundred miles, and crossing over to the headwaters of the Niobrara river, thence to Yankton, to a connection with the Chicago & Northwestern. The grades are reported so easy that the road can be built for about one-third the cost of the Union Pacific. This road is only one of the various lines planned by the Central Pacific folks, which aggregate about seven thousand miles of road to be constructed by that company. Such stupendous enterprises are enough to amaze the world, even in the planning. The road from Corinne to Yankton will pass through one of the most extensive coal fields known. These coal fields extend over a large area of country, and are so great in extent as to be marvelous. The seams range from a few feet to nearly one hundred in thickness. At present nearly all the coal used in Utah, Wyoming, Idaho, Montana and Nevada goes from mines owned by the Union Pacific. The Central Pacific gets its supply of about six hundred tons per day from their mines at Almy, located seventy-five miles east of Ogden. The company pays the Union Pacific for bringing forty or fifty car loads of coal per day to this place. To get rid of this heavy tax, appears to be one object of the Central Pacific in planning their new line east.

Ogden city imposes a license fee of \$10 per quarter upon all commercial

drummers for selling goods by samples or otherwise in the city. The ordinance went into effect April 1st, since which time one hundred and five licenses have been taken out, at an aggregate of \$10.50. I give this as an index of the extent to which commercial drumming is done here. Ten or a dozen Omaha houses have local agents who reside here with their families and travel over this and adjoining territories. Among the houses thus represented we note those of Milton Rogers, C. S. Goodrich & Co., Reed, Jones & Co., Tootle, Maul & Co., Steele & Johnson, R. C. Steele & Co., Morse & Co. The others I do not now remember. Other firms send men here about every three months to look after their trade. These drummers are a sharp class of business men, active in their occupation, and Omaha houses have become favorite sources of supply to our merchants. None of the Omaha drummers are of that class to which the St. Louis man belongs, who so amused the Union Pacific clerks in the freight office yesterday. I give the incident as an illustration of the humor of the telephone. Our exchange is connected with that popular health and pleasure resort, Hot Springs, located eight miles north. This St. Louis man went into the Beardsley house yesterday and called up with the telephone, Miss B. at the Springs, and the noise being so great, after some conversation he notified her that he would "go to the freight office, and now, dear, you stay at the instrument." "Running a quarter of a mile to the office, he carried on the following conversation with the fair maiden at the opposite end of the twelve or fifteen miles wire: "Is that you, Liz, do you know who it is? I am going east this morning. Too bad, dear, but I could not possibly get up to see you. Too bad we could not take that ride up in the canyon, wasn't it? Terrible disappointment, but it could not be helped under the circumstances. Oh, say, that party you asked about, is at Salt Lake; will stay two weeks. Is that so? Good job, wasn't it? Ha-ha. I will be in G. in about two weeks and will call as you requested. Do not fail to write. I will surely do so, dear, if you don't forget me. The train will now be going, so I must bid you a loving farewell. Ta ta, darling." During this conversation the drummer spoke in the sweetest accent, and leaned up to the instrument as if whispering into the innocent young girl's ear by his side, and as if he was not the husband, head of a family, down by the shores of the Missouri. The railway boys were so amused at this flirtation that they greeted him with applause, which failed to bring an encore from the drummer, but instead he beat such a hasty retreat as to leave his fine embroidered and perfumed silk handkerchief as a trophy, and which was sent to the young lady with kind words of warning from her friends against the flirtations of such men.

More anon. J. W. L.

THE LODGES.

Mid-Summer Notes From the Secret Societies.

What the Brethren are Doing Throughout the Country.

THE FREE MASONS.

Reports from throughout the state indicate that the brotherhood has before a season of unusual work. The applications for membership are increasing and rural lodges are constantly growing stronger by affiliation. With prosperous harvests the coming winter will be a noticeable one in the annals of Masonry in Nebraska.

COVERT LODGE NO. 11

Worked in the E. A. degree on Wednesday evening, W. M. Gustave Anderson presiding.

BROTHER GARFIELD.

We rejoice to note that the accounts of our distinguished brother, President Garfield, are all good in tone and result. We trust that in the Providence of T. G. A. O. T. U. his valuable life will be spared to America. In common with all the civilized world, we think it well to keep before us these improved prospects of our distinguished brother General Garfield's eventual recovery. It is satisfactory to note the general abhorrence displayed of this cruel repetition of the "mania" of attacking the lives of those "placed in authority over us." The murder of the Emperor Alexander II. was one of the most distressing episodes of our epoch; this attack on President Garfield seems to us to be the culmination of frenzy and weakness.—[London Free Mason.

THE TRIPLE LINK.

THE GRAND LODGE OF THE MAY STATE. The R. W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts met at Boston last Thursday week, and admitted one hundred and ten new members. The report of the grand secretary shows the number of lodges to be 175, number of members 25,559, a gain for the past six months of 594, and a gain for the past year of 996. During the past six months \$28,466 24 has been paid for 7651 weeks' benefits to 1279 sick members, \$2,150 50 for the relief of 196 widowed females, \$289 80 for the education of orphans, \$5,803 02 for the burial of 131 deceased members, \$3,102 for other charitable purposes, making total for relief \$39,821 66. One thousand and seventy-four persons have been initiated, 76 by card and 28 reinstated; 121 have withdrawn and 145 have died. The Grand Lodge was honored by a visit from the officers of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. The following officers were duly elected and installed for the ensuing year: Henry W. Clark, M. W. grand master; Francis Jewett, R. W. D. grand master; Samuel Cochran, R. W. grand warden; Charles D. Cole, R. W. grand secretary; Julius L. Clarke, R. W. grand treasurer; James T. Joslin, R. W. grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge.

LINKS.

Several of the eastern journals think the present "new work" is not good, and that another change ought to be made. There is but little doubt some effort in that direction will be made at the session of the Sovereign Grand Lodge next month. It will probably fail, however. A grave and serious blunder was made when the "old work" was changed. It is simply absurd to deny the fact that the present "new work" is inferior to the "old," that nine-tenths of the older members of the order are opposed to it, and that in the degree work there are parts of it distasteful, inconsiderate and unworthy.

Cincinnati, Ohio, is making extensive preparations to entertain the Sovereign Grand Lodge at its session in that city next month. Among the items will be a visit to the National Soldiers' Home, at Dayton.

The per capita tax in Utah is \$1 per member. There are six lodges in the jurisdiction, with 325 members—a gain of two for the year.

The Alabama Lodge number as reported No. 85, yet, as there are reported only 36 working lodges in that state, 49 must have become defunct. Ohio has gained 1,616 during the year.

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Yorktown during the centennial anniversary, which occurs on the 19th of October, 1881.

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The Manchester Unity, January 1, 1881, reported 543,485 members, a gain for the year of 9,965. Iowa increased 1,471 members last year.

SOCIAL SUNBEAMS.

PICKNICKERS. Saturday afternoon select party of well-known young ladies and gentlemen departed by carriage for Pikes lake. They were provided with everything that might aid them in spending a jolly time. The musical union orchestra accompanied the party.

NOTES. The members of the Standard club have decided to give the opening ball of the season on October 5th. As is always the case great preparations will be made for the event, which will undoubtedly be a brilliant affair.

On Sept. 30th, the thirteenth annual concert and ball of the Concordia society will be held. The entire musical Union orchestra, consisting of eighteen pieces, has been engaged in anticipation of the event.

Palma Paganinities. Miss Annie Southard left Saturday for Chicago and St. Louis, where she will spend a two weeks' vacation.

The Misses Morgan, with Mr. Chat. Morgan, returned last Sunday from Geneva lake.

Miss Lou Jiams, who accompanied her father on his southern trip, has returned to Omaha.

Mr. Ed. S. Mayo leaves early next month for Albany, New York. On his return he will start to housekeeping.

Victor Caldwell and Will Poppleton left this week for the east. Both will enter Phillips academy at Andover, Mass., the former preparing for Harvard; the latter for Yale.

Miss Clarkson, of Schuyler, is visiting at the residence of her uncle, Bishop Clarkson.

Knights of Pythias.

This order like most fraternal societies, has a foothold in Ontario, and increased 132 last year in that jurisdiction.

The official report of the Endowment Rank, July 1, 1881, shows: First class, 12,124 members; second class, 16,454; third class, 153; paid during June, \$34,233. Total paid to date given, \$769,750.

The order is doing very well in New Mexico. The lodges in Santa Fe have good memberships and well attended meetings.

The status of the Endowment Rank on August 1, 1881, was as follows: First class, 10,483; second class, 13,807; third class, 165. Benefits paid during July: First class, \$11,000; second class, \$22,000; total, \$43,000. Total amount paid to date, \$812,750. Since the establishment of the Endowment Rank, there have been 213 deaths in the first class, 300 deaths in the second class, and two deaths in the third class. At date named, balances in supreme treasury were: First class, \$3,006; second class, \$2,118; third class, \$173.

No Such Word as Fail.

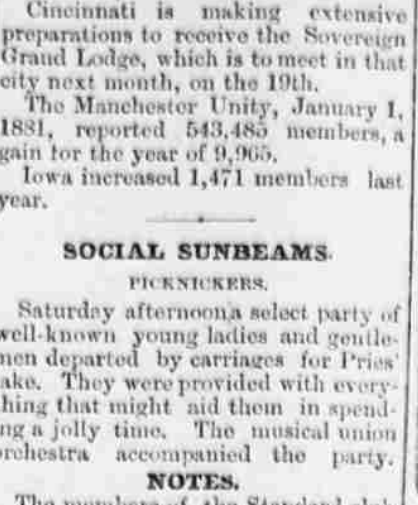
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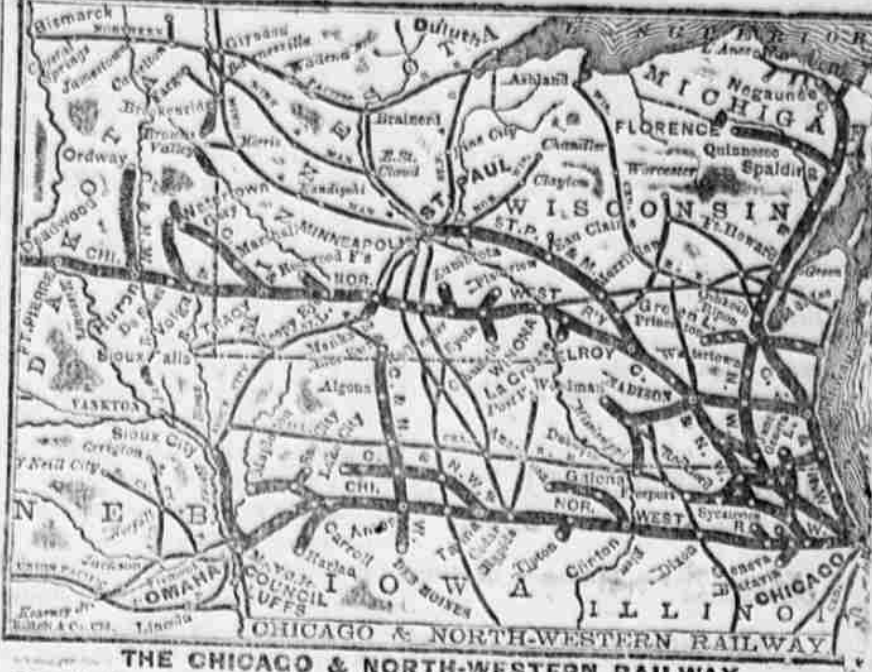
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