

# American Fork, Utah; and the Chipman Family Grow Up Together

AMERICAN FORK, Utah, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—They tell the story, and I guess it's true, that a teacher in one of the Provo public schools asked her class in geography:

"What is the population of America?"

The answer, given by "the brightest boy in the class," was illuminating. He said—but I am ahead of my story.

"We'll have to go back a few centuries; back to 1830, to be exact. Those were the years of religious and civil turmoil in England; the years of renewed interest in the problems of human freedom; for mind, body and soul. It was the year of the coming of the Pilgrims to the shores of New England. And with them came John Chipman, forebear to the Chipmans of this country; the common forefather of those who live in Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Illinois and throughout all of the middle west. He was a dissenter from the ideals of those Stuart days and came to this country seeking the freedom of unexplored lands. Years after, one of his great grandchildren was to do the same. The little genealogical history of the Chipman family here at American Fork relates how sturdy a character was that of John Chipman. An earnest disciple of untrammelled thought, political and religious, he was also a devout believer in God and an earnest worshipper of Divine mercy. Half adventurer; with the temperament of the daring explorer; half preacher, John Chipman soon wandered away from the folds of New England, his steps turning northward to the outposts of English speaking civilization. Wherever he went he left a memory of his name; strong, stalwart, earnest, his character is that of a man who walked alone and fearless.

Early joined the Mormons. Among those who were the first to embrace the belief of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints was Stephen Chipman, then a resident of Nauvoo, Ill. With the migration of the people of that belief from Illinois, Stephen Chipman, like his great grandfather of the days of the Restoration, was prominently identified. With the second body of these pioneers he left Illinois and, making the six months' journey overland, finally came upon Salt Lake City, Utah, in the spring of 1848. With him came his four sons and two daughters and the entire family later located on the American Fork river, less than two miles from Utah lake, one of the most beautiful bodies of fresh water in all the intermountain west.

According to the custom of that time, now no longer practiced, three of these sons had two or more wives. The daughters also married, thus a chain of posterity was established which has resulted in a family numbering more than 300 Chipmans, the greater number of whom yet live in and around American Fork. The principal store in the town, the largest bank, the lumber and coal yard, the flour mill, the electric light and power plant are all owned by the Chipmans. At the head of the family today is Stephen L. Chipman, named for his grandfather. And he is a director in the reservoir company, in the Brigham Young university, in the Chipman Mercantile company and in the great department store. It has nine departments and last year did a gross business of \$238,000. This year he says it will go over the \$300,000 mark. The bank of which he is a director had deposits exceeding \$500,000, with almost \$400,000 in loans. He is president of the Utah County Light and Power Co., of the Cedar Rapids development company, now farming 35,000 acres with the Utah Lake Irrigation company. He has been a county commissioner, a representative from his district in the state legislature, a city councilman and a school director. He is a great big man, broad, physically an athlete. His various affairs are so organized as to take up all his personal attention, but to leave him time for his church work and his social duties. He is the president of Alpine Stake of the Mormon church, a high ecclesiastical position. And everything that he takes hold of has been and is a success.

"What the boy answered. "The brightest boy in the class answered: "Chipmans."

Stephen L. Chipman is 46 years of age and a grandfather—twice in the same place. He has lived at American Fork his entire life, save the time he was a student at the Brigham Young university at Provo, the third city in the state of Utah. He is a country boy, pure and simple, sired of country boys from the time of the Pilgrim Fathers. He is an American in every thought and act of his being, alert, alert, with an old-fashioned sense of honesty, truth and right living. According to the tenets of the church of which he is an high exemplar, he neither drinks alcoholic liquors, tea nor coffee, nor does he smoke. It may be said that he does not know the taste of any physical intoxicant. The result is the most potent argument for prohibition that may be adduced. His business is managed with the acumen that is shedd given to Marshall Field & Co., and the comparison is not half bad. He has not a grey hair in his head and nervous "spells" are unknown to him. He has been the most ardent believer in the future of Utah and of American Fork that is to be found in a day's journey throughout the whole of this Mormon state.

Utah Has Been Held Back. "Utah has never had its share of western development," said Mr. Chipman. "This has been due, partly to the prejudice against living in and amid the Mormons and partly to the conservatism of our own people. In the beginning it was the intention of President Brigham Young to locate here a place of refuge for those who fled to him from Missouri and Illinois; we had been persecuted; driven, killed and slaughtered by people as fanatics, to say the least, in the practice of their religion as we were in ours. And when President Brigham Young came here he is reported to have said:

"If they will give us ten years here, we will ask of them no odds."

"By this he meant that we would then be strong enough to defend ourselves against mob violence, of which we had been the victims in the middle west. You can imagine that after the treatment we had we did not feel like taking those same people, nor the sons of them to our bosom. Perhaps some of our people gave hatred, if they did it was only to be expected as that was what had been dealt out them. And so we have been left to accept strangers at their own valuation; we have been backward about inviting those other people to come to us. Now, however, we are changing our attitude, as the world is changing toward us. Liberty toward us begets liberty toward others. This has been the always.

Utah's tremendous Resources. "Materially the state is not to be excelled by any state in the west. It is a fact that the state of Utah provides every substance, organic and inorganic, known to science. Our tremendous advantage over any other state in all of the states of the union lies in the fact that we supply not only our own produce but our own markets. The vast mineral zone of which Utah is a part provides an insatiable market for every single pound of produce that the agricultural lands of this state can pro-



duce. At this time we import chickens, poultry products, butter and many food commodities. As our lands come under the great irrigation projects and plans for reclamation which are on foot, this importation will cease and we will be autonomous. Commercially Utah is almost equally divided between those who produce and those who consume.

"Take this valley and the district around American Fork, for example. Within six miles of where you sit there are beds of rock from which the finest quality of Portland cement may be ground. Within one mile of those beds there is a power plant producing 450 horsepower; enough to turn the wheels of a dozen plants of the size required to make of this rock a cement that will not be excelled in this country. The people of this city would help in the establishment of such a plant inasmuch as the contractors of Salt Lake City, with a population of 100,000 people, less than thirty miles away are now bringing in all of their cement from the east and from plants on the Pacific coast, paying a good round price for the product, plus the freight.

Chance for the Farmer. "That is but one instance. For another, we have about the city of American Fork not fewer than 20,000 acres of the finest fruit land in the west. This vast tract of land is being reclaimed, and within ten years will be producing the finest grades of commercial apples. On every tree, however, there are at least two boxes of apples or other fruit that had better go to a cannery. This means that within ten

years there will be an opportunity for some man or men to pack almost 4,000,000 boxes of apples for the canned goods trade. This, of course, will stop the importation of that much canned stores from eastern packing companies. American Fork is the ideal location for this sort of industry, inasmuch as we have two transcontinental railways passing through our city and Utah lake, thirty miles long, at our very door. Seven cities in this county, with an approximate population of 20,000 people means a close, inexpensive market for such wares.

"Then again the United States government is reclaiming 60,000 acres of fertile farm lands in this county. This land will support a population not at this time calculable. It will mean the increasing of land values here by over \$2,000,000. There is not a chance that this will not come to pass. This country right now offers more opportunities for the young man, the capitalist, the man with an investment to make than any other section of the whole new west.

Starch Factory Needed. "Right now we are most eager to secure the location of a starch factory at this place. We raise more potatoes here than any other section in the west. We have well authenticated instances where 600 bushels of potatoes have been raised on a single acre, year in and year out. Some say that 800 bushels is a good average, but to be conservative, the man who does not get 200 bushels to the acre year after year is not doing well. The record in this county is where one of our men raised 900

bushels to a single acre. Cheap power, proximity to market, and certain consumption make sure returns for the man with a great deal of experience and a little capital, coupled with industry. We are but an hour's ride from Salt Lake City, and but two miles from Utah lake. Resort men could make a fortune out of the opportunities afforded by this beautiful body of water.

"In fact, I may say that any industry requiring power would find here a tremendous advantage over any other location in the west. Our people are becoming awakened to the fact that we have all these resources at our doors and we will give the fact publicity."

Brigham Young's ten years have long ago passed away. And the great president of this Mormon people is sleeping peacefully under one of the hills in Salt Lake City. The golden poplar leaves, transmuted by the necromancy of the autumn sun,



STEPHEN L. CHIPMAN

**AUSTRIAN MAKES THREATS**  
Says He Will Kill All Connected with Case if He Gets Out.

**IS GIVEN SENTENCE FOR LIFE**  
Orders His Friends Not to Pay the Attorney Who Defended Him for Killing Two Fellow Countrymen.

Convicted of stabbing to death Anton Canoner and John Nikolic, two fellow Austrian section laborers, Mike, alias Nils Aralica, on the eve of his sentence, in the county jail Friday night, declared that as soon as he is released from the penitentiary after service of his sentence he will say County Jailer Osborn, County Attorney English, J. M. Macfarland, his own attorney, Judge Estelle, before whom his case was tried, and the twelve jurors who returned a verdict of guilty of second degree murder two weeks ago.

Life imprisonment at hard labor was the sentence given Aralica by Judge Estelle when the prisoner was brought up for sentence in the criminal court room Saturday morning. The court ordered that on August 7, 1911, the anniversary of his double murder, the prisoner shall be kept in solitary confinement.

Sheriff Hradley and Jailer Osborn closely guarded the Austrian from the time he was taken from the jail until the time he was returned there after sentence. While the sheriff and his deputies are not afraid of the man, they realize that he must be handled with the greatest care.

Refuses to Pay Attorney. Aralica has ordered his Austrian friends

in South Omaha not to pay his attorney, M. Macfarland, the \$500 they raised for their fellow countryman's defense. Mr. Macfarland has commenced a civil action to collect the sum. Aralica ordered the Austrians who raised the money for his defense to send it to his father in the old country. Aralica since his arrest for the double murder has sent his father \$500.

When Judge Estelle asked Aralica if he had anything to say why sentence should not be passed the Austrian, half weeping, declared that he killed his fellows in self-defense; that his father is aged and blind; that his brother was sick in the hospital at the time of the killing, and he does not know where he is; that he had to kill Canoner and Nikolic to save his own life, since his loved ones would starve.

The judge said all of that story was told the jury. "They did not believe you," he said, "and I don't. You should not have killed those men. You didn't have to. I think there was no excuse."

County Attorney English suggested that Aralica be given a life sentence. He said it was for such crimes as these that the state legislature provided that the maximum penalty for second degree murder should be life imprisonment.

Attorney Macfarland said he had filed a motion for a new trial, but did not wish to press it. "I don't think he should be tried again," he said. "I should like to have it entered on the record that a motion was made and overruled, and exceptions taken merely as a protection in case something should come up that would cause him to want to appeal. He is hot-headed and perhaps his ungovernable temper, for which he is not responsible, should be taken into consideration. Aralica is not satisfied with his defense, and there also is some financial difficulty, but those mat-

ters are not for consideration at this time."

Aralica is the first man Judge Estelle ever sentenced for life.

A Fortunate Texan. E. W. Goodloe, Dallas, Tex., found a cure for malaria and biliousness in Dr. King's New Life Pills, 25c. For sale by Boston Drug Co.

**THREE SENTENCED FOR THEFT**  
Proprietor of Lodging House and Two Roomers Draw Long Jail Terms.

The testimony of H. S. Habens of South Omaha in police court Saturday morning that he had been robbed of a suit case containing \$25, a gold watch and some valuable clothing, convicted Sam House, the proprietor of the Omaha lodging house, Twelfth and Dodge streets, and Lee Bloomfield and Tom Finch, roomers at the place. Judge Crawford imposed ninety-day sentences upon the proprietor and Bloomfield. Finch was given a sixty-day term.

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## Leading Payson Business Man

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