

called Ensign Peak—the “Mount of Prophecy,”—where the late Prophet, Brigham Young, was wont to wrestle with the Lord.

Just beyond, on the right, is Hot Spring Lake, which is formed from the waters of this and others of lesser volume, near by. This lake freezes over in the winter, except near the shore on the northeastern end, and is a great resort for skating parties from Salt Lake City. Great Salt Lake *never* freezes over—it's too salt.

Passing the lake, our road keeps straight across a broad bottom, while the mountains on the left again curve away to the eastward.

The Warm Spring buildings, where are located the city baths, can be seen beside the mountain on the left, marked by a continuous column of steam, rising near the buildings.

These are the disputed springs, to obtain possession of which, it is supposed by many, Dr. Robinson was murdered. The baths are well patronized by invalids, who visit them for health, relying on their medicinal qualities to remove their ailments. The following is an analysis of the water, as made by Dr. Charles T. Jackson, of Boston:

Three fluid ounces of the water on evaporation to entire dryness in a platina capsule gave 8.25 grains of solid, dry, saline matter.

Carbonate of lime and magnesia.....	0.240	1.280
Per oxide of iron.....	0.040	0.208
Lime.....	0.545	2.907
Chlorine.....	3.454	18.421
Soda.....	2.877	15.348
Magnesia.....	0.370	2.073
Sulphuric acid.....	0.703	3.748
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	8.229	43.981

It is slightly charged with hydro-sulphuric acid gas and with carbonic acid gas, and is a pleasant saline mineral water, having valuable properties belonging to saline sulphur springs. The usual temperature is 102 degrees F.

They are one mile north of Salt Lake City, and are reached by stages hourly.

Rolling on through the northern suburbs of the city, a little over eight miles from Wood's Crossing, we stop at the depot in Salt Lake, the City of Zion. Passengers arriving at the depot will find a “Bus” at the eastern gate that will take a passenger and his baggage to any hotel or point in the city for 50 cents; or, at the same gate, street cars, that pass the door of every prominent hotel in the city; fare, 10 cents, or ten tickets for 50 cents.

**Salt Lake City**—or “Zion,” as the city is often called by the Mormon faithful, is one of the most beautiful and pleasantly located of cities. It is situated at the foot of a spur of the Wasatch Mountains, the northern limits extending on to the “bench” or upland, which unites the plain with the mountain. From the east two wagon roads enter the city, via Emigrant and Parley Canyons.

The streets are wide, bordered with shade-trees, and laid out at right angles. Along each side of the streets is a clear, cold stream of water from the mountain canyons, which, with the numerous shade-trees and gardens, give the city an indescribable air of coolness, comfort and repose. The city contains a population of full 20,000, is the capital of the Territory and county seat of Salt Lake county. It has 21 wards within its limits, and is the terminus of three railroads. It contains some as fine business blocks, hotels, and private residences, as can be found in any city west of the Missouri River.

The Mormon church, besides its Tabernacle, has a bishop located in every ward of the city, who holds ward meetings regularly. The other churches hold services in four or more places in the city. The Masons have five lodges in the city; the Odd Fellows four, and some of the *other fellows* several. There are 38 mining and smelting offices, five sampling and smelting works, five iron foundries, boiler and brass works, two flouring mills, one woolen mill, nine hotels, six breweries, two extensive marble works, and a score or more of small manufacturing establishments.

There are four daily newspapers. The *Deseret News* is the church organ, the *Herald* claims to be independent, the *Tribune* strong *opposition* Mormon, and the *Times*. Each of these issue weeklies. Newspaper business is *very* precarious in Utah. It's as fine an opening for a young man to get his “teeth cut,” as we know of in the world—he can soon get a double and single set all around.

In the mercantile line, Salt Lake City

TERMS HEARD ON THE PLAINS.—“Lariat” is the Spanish name for rope. “Bronco,” California or Spanish pony. “Bueano,” (wa-no) good. “Esta Bueano,” (star wa-no) very good, no better. “No sabe,” (sarvey) don't understand. “Quien sabe,” (kin sarvey) who knows, or do you understand.