

dustrious, hard-working, self-reliant and apparently contented people, always living within their means. The population of the valley is upwards of 15,000.

Leaving Mendon to cross the valley, we pass through a farm of 9,643 acres, upon which were 30 miles of fencing, houses and out buildings, which were deeded by President Brigham Young, just before his death, to trustees, in trust to endow a college at Logan City, to be called "Brigham Young College." The trustees are leasing the land for the purpose of creating a fund to carry out the bequest. These lands are some of the most valuable in the Territory.

Crossing Logan River, and seven miles from Mendon, our train stops at the city of **LOGAN**—This city is the county seat of Cache county, situated on the east side of Cache Valley, just below the mouth of Logan Canyon. It is the largest place in the valley—containing a population of about 3,000, most of whom are engaged in agricultural and pastoral pursuits. Water runs through the streets from the mountains and orchards; gardens, fruits and flowers abound.

The city contains two flouring mills, a woolen mill, the railroad machine and repair shops, one hotel—the Logan House—and a branch of the Z. C. M. I., besides various small mechanical establishments. The new Tabernacle is of cut stone, and seats 2,500 people.

On the east side of the city, a round plateau rises 300 feet above the streets, projecting out from the average front of the mountain range 2,000 feet, into the valley. This plateau is about 500 feet in width, and shaped like the end of a monster canal boat, bottom upwards. Standing on the point, and looking west, the city is close at our feet, the broad valley beyond, and in the distance the spur of the Wasatch, over which we came from Bear Valley. To the right and left, the valley is spread out in all its beauty, and no less than 14 towns and villages are in sight, surrounded with mountain ranges, which rise, range upon range, and peak overtopping peak, the highest of which are robed in a perpetual mantle of snow. The view is one of the most beautiful that one could conceive.

Upon this plateau, the Mormon people who reside in Cache and the four adjoining counties, have elected to build a magnificent temple, in which to conduct the

rites and ordinances of the Mormon church. The main building will be of slate stone, 171 feet long, 95 feet wide, and 86 feet high, with a grand tower 144 feet high from base to pinnacle, and will cost, when completed, in about four years, \$450,000 to \$500,000.

Around the outer rim of the plateau, a double row of trees have been set out, and the water from the mountain above conducted in little ditches all around and over the entire grounds.

Leaving Logan, our road runs north, along the base of the Wasatch Mountains—having made a great horse-shoe curve from the summit.

From Logan it is five miles to

HYDE PARK STATION—The town of Hyde Park is to the right, close beside the mountain, one mile distant, and contains a population of about 800.

One mile further, and after crossing Summit Creek, which is lined with cottonwood trees, comes

SMITHFIELD—This is a town of 1,200 population, a short distance to the right of the road. Seven miles further is

RICHMOND—another town of 1,200 people, on the right, beside the mountain.

These towns are all alike in beauty of surroundings, and the description of one is a description of all. They all have water running through the streets, orchards and gardens, and are all laid out with wide streets, by the side of which are rows of trees and good walks.

LEWISTOWN—is another small village of 400 people, situated on the opposite side of the valley, four miles distant.

Six miles further, and we are at the end of the track, at

FRANKLIN—This town is one mile north of the line, between Utah and Idaho, and, consequently, is in Idaho Territory; population about 400. It is situated in Cache Valley, Oneida county, Idaho, on Chubb Creek about one mile from the station to the northeast, at the base of the Wasatch Mountains.

The county seat of Oneida county is Malad City, 40 miles due west. The villages of Weston, Clarkston, Newton, Oxford, and Clifton—heretofore alluded to—are to the westward of Franklin, from ten to twenty miles. In Bear Valley, 30 miles east, over the mountains, are the towns of Paris, Montpelier and Bennington, aggregating a population of about 1,000.

From Franklin, it is eleven miles to