

PART 7: APPENDIX

JAMES REID ARTICLE 1

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LUCERNE VALLEY

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Its Advantages For Settlement

Special Correspondence:
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In reply to the many questions concerning Lucerne valley and its facilities, permit me to state that the north side of the valley is composed of a rich sandy loam. The middle and the south side is a clay soil. In some part of the valley it is not entirely level, but very nearly all can be irrigated. There is an abundance of water, as Sheep creek and Henry's Fork, from which we get our water supply, heads on the north side of the Uintah range, which is covered with perpetual snow and is fed by numerous lakes and springs. Lucerne, grain and vegetables do well, as the climate is very warm and adapted for each. There have been no wells as yet dug, but good drinking water has been piped into our town for culinary purposes.

There is a small store five or six miles from here, but as yet there is no grist mill, as there is not enough grain raised to support one. There is at the present time about two hundred and fifty acres of land, fenced, with good title and water rights, is worth twenty dollars per acre. There has been plenty of coal discovered within five miles of our townsite, but is undeveloped.

The price of cattle in our country is very high, as we have fine grazing district, and this is the leading industry.

The altitude of Lucerne valley has been estimated at 5,500 feet above sea level. As a rule the wind does not blow as hard here as in some places, as it is well protected by the hills.

We are nearly all members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day saints, but as yet we have not been organized into a branch of the Church, though we are holding Sunday School and expect in the near future to have a branch of the Church organized here.

Lucerne valley is about 170 miles in an easterly direction from Salt Lake City. Parties coming from Salt Lake valley would do well to come up Parley's canyon, thence to Coalville up Echo canyon, thence to Evanston, from there to Hilliard, and Piedmont, thence to Fort Bridger and over to Henry's Fork.

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