

**Utah.**  
(Salt Lake Tribune)

Aside from the mines, Utah has not made much progress during the year just closed. Not much new land has been brought under cultivation in the country; not very many new structures have been built in the towns. The cause is due entirely to the conflict which is going on here, the contest whether the laws shall, or shall not be obeyed. There is no other reason why the progress of this Territory should not be greater than any other. Nature has been more kind to this region than to any other portion of the Great Basin. In soil, in mines, in transportation facilities, in cheapness of labor and in climate, Utah holds the favored place. But a struggle against the inevitable has absorbed the majority, or at least the chiefs of the majority, and material things have naturally suffered. It is pitiable that it should be so, but it nevertheless is. A large majority here claim the right to be a law themselves, and assume in the public prints and discourses that it is infamous that they cannot be let alone to follow the custom which they claim came to them by inspiration. They assume that what they do or think can not disturb people on the outside, and so with the stolidity of superstition, and under the discipline which they dare not shake off, they cling to their determination even if material interests are sacrificed and all the tender affections are wounded unto death. So Christmas does not come with its usual joyousness to this Territory, and more hearts are anxious and aching than ever before in this region. Yet we believe that it is the darkness that precedes the dawn. We believe that the majority of those who, without question, obey their chiefs, are heartily tired of the unrest that is upon them, and that if the Government will but do its duty in mingled justice and mercy, either there will be a grand surrender to the right here or a toppling and falling in ruins of the superstitious iceberg that makes cold all this air.

In the realm of Utah's great industry, mining, the work of the year closed is in some respects more satisfactory than in any former year. While the product of the great Horn Silver has been shut off, the full sum has been more than fully made up by increased product from numerous old and some new mines. The total product will reach about, if not quite, \$8,000,000, a mighty and wonderful showing when we think how small a portion of the people are engaged in that industry. With the vitalizing influence which comes of gold and silver mining, because of its product, labor has been promptly and abundantly rewarded, and a market has been made for all the products of field and garden. There is but one cloud on all the fair face of Utah. Could it be removed this Territory would become a vast sanitarium. The sick would come here, great hotels would be built, the magnificent schools would be enlarged and new ones established; there would be a swelling of wealth which would be enchantment to property owners; there would be a gathering of railroads here, and in a decade this city would glitter here in the shadow of the blue and white range behind it, like a picture of the New Jerusalem hung in the blue and gold of sunshine and sky. It will come after a while. Perhaps the eyes that are strained to see it will grow dim before its coming; may be it will require stronger hands to produce it than those now employed, but it will come as certainly as the seasons make their processions.

By official soundings made by the U. S. Geological Survey in July, 1886, Crater Lake was found to be 1,996 feet deep. To this should be added a slight stretch of wire, giving an actual depth of over 2,000 feet. The surface of the water is 6,251 feet above sea level. Wizard Island is 835 feet high. Lazo Rock rises perpendicularly from the water 2,010 feet. Heliotrope Station is 1,965 feet above the lake; Shag 2,115 feet, and Dutton Cliff 2,100 feet. These constitute some of the highest points in the walls of the lake. Mount Scott, which is close at hand is 9,117 feet above sea level. The lake ranges N. E. and S. W. and is 6 by 7 miles in extent. The government should by all means reserve this natural wonderland and make it a national park, and we trust that our representatives will do all in their power to aid the great project.

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