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FREDERICK J. KIESEL

Under the caption, "Successful Men of Utah," Goodwin's Weekly of Salt Lake last week published the following regarding Fred J. Kiesel, owner of the big K. S. & D. ranch near Nyssa:

The life of Frederick John Kiesel is the story of a builder, the history of a man who overcame the difficulties of pioneer days, and by great labor and wonderful financial genius founded the basis of success and built for himself and family large fortunes. It is the story of the type of man who, through long struggle and unflinching courage, transformed the West from a wilderness to a great industrial empire.

Frederick John Kiesel was born May 19, 1841, in Ludwigsburg, Wurtemberg, Germany. When only 16 years of age he emigrated to the United States, arriving in the spring of 1857. The lure of the West was strong, the gold craze in California was at its height, railroads were being pushed out west of the Mississippi, and ox carts carried the more hardy of the adventurers across the Rockies and to the great country beyond.

Mr. Kiesel cast his fortune with these sturdy pioneers, arriving in Utah in July, 1863, intending to proceed to Montana. He was induced, however, to remain in Salt Lake city by the firm of Gilbert & Sons who, at the instance of General Connor, sent him that fall to Soda Springs to act in the capacity of sutler for Company H of the California volunteers, and to conduct a general store near the settlement. This was his first venture in the mercantile world. The following spring he returned to Salt Lake and again took up his work with Gilbert & Sons. But in the fall of 1864, seeing the industrial opportunities that abounded in the West he associated himself with Fielding H. Lewis, and established a general store at Manti, in Sanpete valley, in addition acting in the capacity of sub-agent under Colonel Irish, superintendent of Irish affairs for Utah. Those were the days of unrest among the Indian tribes in this district. Early in that spring the Black Hawk Indian war developed, and young Kiesel was one of the first volunteers to protect lives of the settlers and was one of the party to bring in the first victim of that war.

In 1865 Kiesel and Lewis disposed of their business in Sanpete and returned to Salt Lake City, later opening a store at Wellsville, in Cache county, remaining there until the spring of 1869.

That early in life young Kiesel had begun to develop the business acumen that in the years that followed steadily built up his great financial success. He sold this business to Saddler, Robins and Bensen, and purchased a general merchandise store from Wesley Browning, now deceased, at Ogden. The former location of this store is now occupied by the Pingree National bank. Incidentally Mr. Kiesel bought this property for twelve hundred dollars, and shortly afterwards sold it for the same amount. In later years Mr. Pingree paid \$45,000 for the tract of land.

In the spring of '67 receiving a lucrative offer from the organizers of the first co-operative store started in Utah he sold out his business and opened other mercantile stores in Paris and Montpelier, Idaho, where he remained two years.

The object of these country stores was to collect grain and flour, but this did not meet with general approval and he closed out this business. His many moves were made to escape various troubles incident to those times. Finally, during the winter of '68, Mr. Kiesel went to the front of the Union Pacific, at Green River and Echo. He returned to Ogden in '71, and found trade there prostrate in consequence of a smallpox epidemic and moved his stock of goods to Ophir, and subsequently bought out Isador Morris at Bingham canyon, doing a successful business in both these mining camps. In the fall of 1872 he sold back again to Isador Morris, and went on a trip to Germany, where, in 1873, he married.

Forty-three years ago this month, Mr. Kiesel brought his bride to Utah and settled at Corrinne, where with Gumpert Goldberg he bought out the stock of Lebenbaum & Co., and started and conducted a general forwarding business and forwarded everything by wagon and by road to all points in Idaho and Montana, building up an immense banking and forwarding business.

Because of Mr. Goldberg's failing health, the firm sold out to Sebree, Ferris & Holt.

For the third time Mr. Kiesel came back to Ogden. That place had drawn him from the first.

This time he opened a wholesale grocery store, the first one ever established in the state. It grew rapidly from the first. Partly in self-defense it invaded Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, and when finally disposed of its sales had reached \$200,000 per annum.

Mr. Kiesel was one of the foremost men in the convention that framed the constitution of the state; he has been a state senator and mayor of Ogden.

The foregoing gives but a poor idea

of the real man. His first great characteristic is his invincible energy; then his stainless integrity, then his business sagacity.

An inexperienced German boy, he was suddenly cast here when this was the frontier. From the first day he was bound to win because his ideas were clearer than those around him and because if he could not win by working all day he worked all night, also.

Then he has had that faculty which made him while prospering want every one around him to prosper.

And while he has pursued his business with all faithfulness, he has been the close friend and advisor of those around him and his voice has always rung true for his adopted country. No man in the state is more respected than he; to the people of Ogden, who know him best, no man is more loved.

When Mr. Kiesel opened his first little store in Utah he began a new education.

He knew nothing of the United States or its people. He was first with the soldiers, noted their reckless ways, but that a bugle call was enough to make them indifferent alike to hardship or to danger. He saw the miner living on half food but confident that he would "strike it" in a few days, and at last it came to him that it was un-American for a man to repine or doubt about results and sometime he was led to wonder how much he himself had changed under the friction of the strange new land into which he had been flung.

His character rapidly expanded and finally it dawned upon him that all the land's opportunities were open to him and it would be his own fault if he did not go to the front. That day he became a real American and ever since he has been striving to become a better citizen of the land of his adoption.

He has given up active work but his mind is as active as ever, his sense of right is as active as ever. If he had his way there would never be an injustice done or a tear shed.

When the foundations of a state are laid by such men as he, that state has an inheritance for all its children to hold as sacred.

Snow 14 Feet Deep.

According to reports the snow is melting fast at cornucopia. At the Last Chance there is still about 14 feet of the beautiful, and as one Cornucopiate puts it, the Pine Valleyites will have no cry about a shortage of water this season—Pine Valley Herald.

Jesse Johnson of the Maney Bros. Co. and G. Clyde Baldwin of the U. S. geological survey came over from Boise yesterday and returned this morning. Mr. Johnson came to look over the work now progressing on the Antelope reservoir canal and Mr. Baldwin to take measurements on the flow of Jordan.—Jordan Valley Express.

The farmers of the fertile Big Bend must be enjoying wonderful prosperity, if the ability to own automobiles is an indication. Citizens of that section who have purchased automobiles the past two weeks are Mr. Brumback, a Chalmers; Mr. J. Holly, and B. G. Roberts, Fords; Mr. A. Holly, an Overland; Mr. Goodwin, an Oldsmobile.

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