

# Original Journal of Iron County Mission Appearing in Utah Historical Quarterly

Edited by Gustive O. Larson, director of the Cedar L D S Institute, the first part of the original journal of the Iron County Mission appears in the April issue of the Utah Historical Quarterly. The journal will be continued serially in the next two issues of the quarterly covering the settlement of Parowan to May 1, 1851.

## Of Special Interest

The journal was kept by John D. Lee who was appointed camp clerk by President George A. Smith. It should be of special interest to students of southern Utah history since it presents the original account of settlement in

the area. Parowan became the mother colony from which sprang most of southern Utah colonization.

An introduction to the series by Director Larson, reviews the story of Iron county during the half century preceding Mormon settlement in 1851. It relates the development of traffic over the Spanish Trail between New Mexico and California, and the discovery of iron ore to the needs of the Mormon "Kingdom." Settlement by the Latter-day Saints came as a result of interest in the Spanish Trail to Pacific coast outlets and the need for iron in Mormon economy.