

## CHEAP LAND AND WATER Ten Thousand Acres of Rich Land Between St. George and Bellevue Proposed for Reclamation.

J. M. Lauritzen returned Tuesday from Salt Lake City, where he had been on business connected with irrigation propositions in this country.

Mr. Lauritzen has plans under way for another irrigation project besides the big one on which he is engaged in the western part of this country. The scheme is known as the Ash Creek Irrigation project, and it proposes bringing under irrigation and cultivation about ten thousand acres of exceptionally desirable fruit land situated in the best part of the Dixie fruit belt.

The plan contemplates building a reservoir on Ash Creek, about midway between New Harmony and Bellevue, with a capacity of ten thousand acre feet. The water will be released from this reservoir and allowed to flow down the natural channel to a point near Bellevue, where it will be diverted by means of a canal to the lands to be irrigated. In a general way the canal will parallel the present county road running from Bellevue to St. George. The canal will terminate at a point about three miles east of St. George. The bulk of the land to be irrigated lies above the county road and extends practically the whole distance from Bellevue to the canal's termination. In two or three places the strip of land is two miles wide. The largest tracts to be irrigated that lie below the road are between Leeds and Toquerville and extending down to the Virgin river, and south of Washington and Middleton and extending down to the river. It is estimated that at least ten thousand acres of excellent fruit land can be reclaimed under this system.—Washington Co. News.