

It is remarkable, perhaps, as the first sugar factory ever constructed using American-made machinery, previous attempts having relied on French or German machines. It is also said to have been the first to use beets grown by irrigation.

The first year the output was about 11,000 bags; by the third year this had been stepped up to 41,000 bags. Ultimately the factory more than paid its way, and about eight years after its construction the company began its program of expansion which has carried its activities into several states. Other states have surpassed Utah as beet sugar producers, but this state still ranks high, as you know.

The industry has its problems, to aid in their solution we look to you technologists for help and assistance. Your skill and vision and inventive genius have brought sugar manufacture to its present standing.

The field is yours, technologists. For what you have done we honor you and thank you. For what you may still do we shall be deeply grateful.

#### THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY IN UTAH

Heber J. Grant, President of the L.D.S. Church

President Heber J. Grant of the L.D.S. Church gave an extemporaneous address on the early struggles of those connected with the sugar beet industry in the West. He told of the establishment of a factory at Lehi, Utah, which was wiped out by the depression of 1883; of his endeavors to raise capital for building another factory and the final interest taken by Wells-Fargo Company and the late David Eccles. He eulogized the pioneers of the sugar beet industry and held out high hopes for its future development.

#### LOOKING FORWARD TO BETTER SUGAR BEET PRODUCTION MACHINERY

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Aristotle, the famous Greek philosopher, defined hope as a waking dream. For many years the producers and processors of sugar beets have lived in the hope that some genius, philanthropist, scientist or inventor might devise suitable equipment and machines, which would eliminate from sugar beet production problems, the back-breaking, tedious stoop labor which now seems to be necessary for growing this crop. Our progress in overcoming these problems has been slow. We have yet to find the talent and the method of attack to bring to reality this waking dream.

The sugar beet industry, however, has not attained the hopeless stage. This sugar beet machinery problem is very much alive and, therefore, still in the hopeful stage.