Great Salt Lake City

Bro. John C. S. Smith

As we             hearing news from you                    of country, presuming that you would like to hear from us occasionally I improve a few moments in writing to you.

I have received specimens of coal from a newly discovered bed on Coal Creek, said to be 9 feet thick and to have a good floor & roof and it has every appearance of being an excelent quality of bituminous coal, and I understand that much labor has been spent on the road to it, all of which is exceedingly gratifying to us and will tend to increase our stock of fuel & facilitate         the manufacturing iron, in which we are all so much interested in common with you.

On our part we are urging on the wall around the Temple block at a rapid rate, & nearly one half of it is ready for laying the adobies.  & the ground is nearly excavated for the foundation of the Temple.

Our wheat harvest began on the 27th of          last month, & promises to be abundant, and all our crops look finely.

My wheat was ground at my flouring mill, just South of                this City on the 5th inst. & old wheat flour begin to appear quite

plentifully, showing that the scarcity has been                          more in imagination than reality, which I was aware of all the while.

We shall vote for Doctor John M. Bernhisel for our Delegate to Congress at the next general election, on the lst Monday of August next, which I presume will be generally satisfactory to the people of Utah, as the Doctor has hitherto pursued quite        a gentlemanly & judicious course in that capacity , doing the best that                               he could, &

persons will

Numerous emigrants

 city,                & trading

Our immigration this year

now they are getting along

and they are blessed abund

families, their homes, lands, &

so long as they walk in the light

Hearing nothing to

in peace and prosperity.

I thank our heavenly father

to his Saints, & pray that he will

that your counsels may continue to

Truly & Sincerely

Your Brother in the Gospel

Brigham Young