

Ask Creek Bridge

Open To Traffic

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Last Friday afternoon 1500 citizens of Southern Utah met at the new Ash Creek bridge, just completed, to witness the ceremonies for the opening of the bridge for traffic.

The services were interesting, Leo Snow of St. George being master of ceremonies.

Heber J. Grant of the L. D. S. Church, among other prominent men from northern Utah, was one of the principal speakers, and he complimented the people of southern Utah, on their progressiveness and determination to have the best to be had in the way of roads and bridges. He referred to the first time he passed over the road which the bridge connects at the Black ridge in Washington county, saying that 59 years ago it took him 13 days to make the trip by mule team, over roads that had but little earth on, while today the same trip can be made in 10 hours or thereabout. He said the Ash Creek bridge was the last link in the Zion Park Highway from Salt Lake City to St. George, and would make it possible for people from both ends of the state to do business with each other more quickly and conveniently than heretofore.

At the close of the services the people were treated to a feast of melons and grapes furnished by fruit growers of the Dixie land. The fruit was enjoyed by all. It took three truck loads to satisfy the appetites of the throng.

The Ash Creek bridge is the largest in the state, and has the longest single span of any bridge in the intermountain west. Its extreme measurements are: length, 233 feet 6 inches, length of main span 130 feet, height 48 feet. The total cost of the structure is \$40,000.