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THE MORMON TEMPLE.

The site for the great Mormon temple, dedicated yesterday, was selected July 28th, 1847, the fifth day after the Mormons entered the great Salt Lake valley. Brigham Young, visiting the then barren site, struck his cane in the ground in the presence of the apostles and said: "Here will be the temple of our God." Four years later, in 1851, at the conference it was decided to build the temple "of the best materials that can be obtained in North America." The material for the foundation was firestone from a canyon four miles distant. The granite for the walls was cut from Little Cottonwood canyon, and prior to the advent of a railway, in 1870, was hauled by ox teams. February 6th, 1853, ground was broken, and April 6th the corner-stone was laid, 16 feet below the surface. In 1858, when Johnston's army came through, the foundations were covered with earth. Four years later work was resumed, and with the exception of 1868 and 1869, when the workmen of the territory were mostly employed constructing the Union Pacific road, continued without serious interruption. The capstone was laid April 6th, 1892, and the date of dedication yesterday, the 63d anniversary of the organization of the Mormon church and the 40th anniversary of the laying of the temple's corner-stone. The building is 186 1/2 x 99 feet in dimensions, and the walls taper from 16 feet thick at the foundation to 6 feet at the top. There are six towers, three on each side, ranging from 194 to 222 feet high. The east part of the temple is for the Melchisedec priesthood, representing spiritual affairs; the west for the Aaronic priesthood, dealing with temporal affairs. There are in the building many stones symbolic of the different conditions of mankind. At the base are earthstones, above these moonstones, then sunstones, starstones, cloudstones, etc. The architecture is without a known parallel in ancient or modern times. There are four doors, two on the east and two on the west corners. The cost of the structure was about \$5,000,000. The building is provided with all the modern appliances for lighting, heating, ventilating and sanitation. It is looked upon as the one described in the first two verses of the fourth chapter of Micah. The services in the temple were as secret as a Masonic lodge. The morning services lasted till noon. In the meantime no one came out, and no one except high dignitaries of the church were admitted after the services began.

Congressmen are mortified by the slowness with which their applications for appointments have been granted and the lightness of what they had supposed to be their heavy-weight influence, but they are reluctantly disposed to grant President Cleveland the credit of running a strictly business administration. Ample evidences of his disposition to lop off all superfluities and bring the cost of operating the government machinery to as low a total as is consistent with effectiveness is furnished by various removals in the several departments made under his instructions. The trouble to the congressmen is that these removals do not mean vacancies. The places are simply wiped out of existence, and nothing is left for the democrat who stands and gazes blankly at the spot where something was but a moment before and now nothing is. Some of them go as far as to call it a penny-wise-and-pound-foolish policy, but that does not help matters any, and does not meet with much approval from people who are not seeking office.

The numerous late mining finds in various sections give promise that Oregon will be the leading mining state. It is probable that less attention has been given to Oregon by miners than any other Western state, and if the number of prospect holes with which California and Nevada are punctured were a feature of Oregon, it is probable that the output would closely approximate that of either of these famous gold-producers.

The Khan of Kheilat, suspecting five of his wives of infidelity, has put them to death. The British agent of India at Bombay has knocked off part of his 100,000 rupees a year salary as a punishment, charging him 8,000 rupees a head for the ones killed. He can kill six more and then have 12,000 rupees left. Treat is a protectorate.

WEIGH WELL THE CLAIMS.

A gentleman said yesterday that he believed the asylum commission had already made their determination as to the location for the asylum, but did not know which place was selected. The Chronicle believes that, while it is quite likely they have chosen one place as the best from the field they have already decided while there are yet claimants in the field whose merits have not been investigated.

That the Irvine place would be a boon to insane patients is not a matter of doubt to all who are informed. This place is rarely gifted by nature. It is beautiful beyond all competition. It remains to show whether or not it is best for health, and whether good sanitation is possible. The Irvine place is 120 feet above sea level. Is a low altitude preferable to a high one for sufferers of this peculiar affliction? Then, our climate is shown by meteorological statistics to be dryer and better suited to those suffering from lung trouble, who constitute so large a per cent. of humanity. A breeze blows on an average 180 days in the year. Is not a slight wind calculated to dispose of malaria and all forms of malignant and contagious diseases?

The asylum is in one sense a vast prison house, wherein some of the inmates never see beyond the confines of their limited horizon. Would it not be merciful to show them as great a diversity of scenery as possible? We have the grand mountains, both in the near and far background, fields of grain, acres on acres of waving grass, all the varied native trees on the grounds; three miles away is the picturesque city of The Dalles, and nearer yet is the mighty river, bearing on its bosom all manner of boats and river craft, that the opening of the locks will bring.

What point offers the best sewerage? No point can compete with the Columbia river. The sewerage caused by 100,000 people is not sufficient to contaminate the tremendous volume of the Columbia after flowing three miles. A running brook purifies itself with twenty-five miles of flow. A natural and easy grade exists from the site to the river.

The Dalles is not in the geographical center of the region affected, but does this make a difference? For example, say three commitments are made, one from Baker, one from Pendleton and one from The Dalles. If located at Baker the fare would be \$16.48, if at Pendleton \$10.76, and if at The Dalles, \$16.48. But it must be considered that The Dalles is the outlet for the whole of Crook and a portion of Grant county. As we said before, The Dalles does not want the asylum unless it will be for the very best interests of the patients, and to assure these interests the claims of this point should be considered fairly, along with all the others.

The Spokane Review has received a number of letters censuring Rev. Nelson Clark for his course in advising his daughter to discontinue the attentions of E. Ross Smith. The Review very sensibly coincides with the father of the murdered girl adding that the frightful deed of the murderer and suicide was "demonstration of the correctness of the father's estimate of the character of the young man suing for his daughter's hand in marriage." If the romantically-disposed youth had survived by five years this particular period of his adolescence there is little chance that he would have been the author of a tragedy. But that does not alter the conclusion that since he did so he was afflicted with mania, differing only in its greater intensity from that common to 18 to 20-year-olds.

In 1788 Messrs. Phelps & Gorham secured 6,000,000 acres of land, including all of Western New York, at about four cents an acre. A few years later the Holland Land company purchased the land between the Genesee and Niagara rivers, and Joseph Elliott selected the site for the present city of Buffalo. In 100 years it has grown from a vast wilderness, with but one white man, to one of the finest cities in the world, with a population of 300,000. A pretty good sample of American progress, this.

The national meeting of state boards of health at New York resulted in a division of the different districts, as being better for handling the cholera question, since the same rules will not apply for the best methods in all alike. The surgeon-general of the marine service will make a thorough investigation into the present condition of affairs in Russia, which is now so artfully covered up by the czar and his officials.

The reason given by Mr. Cleveland for not appointing the office holders who served under his first administration is, that he does not wish to establish or perpetuate an office-holding dynasty in the United States. His reason for keeping republican office-holders in until their term expires is, that it stays the mad rush for office at the beginning of each administration and allows the places to be filled decently and in order.

According to the Washington state historian, Chehalis county has the greatest number of feet of standing timber of any county in the state, it being estimated at not less than 30,000,000,000 feet.

MOSIER MUSINGS.

Keno Mildly Criticized Grover's Policy as Affecting Mosier, Etc., Etc.

It is refreshing to see the young orchards that are being started here. This is no doubt a choice fruit country, and upon this industry we must largely depend for success.

The old timers (nosebacks) have gone to work in earnest digging fish bait, and something will be done to benefit mankind if they don't tire out, or if the spring fever does not strike them.

The new comers (which includes us) are plowing and planting, grubbing and preaching, and otherwise tilling the earth and the inhabitants thereof in a way to obtain the smiles of Providence in a bountiful harvest, etc.

I congratulate you upon the improved condition of THE CHRONICLE. Editorially and typographically it is hard to beat. You are giving good satisfaction, and, with a slight effort, a large list of subscribers could be secured at this office.

Keno's items on candidates attending the cock fight in a barn near the town that is to "get a move on itself" and that is to "strictly in it," and stating that as a liar he is not "in it," would be witty if the slang could be expunged from the otherwise pungent article. Slang, like bad spelling, will spoil the keenest wit. These particular expressions are too old for further use; they are like ticks on a horse out of tick season, really no ornament in their time.

The second reign of Grover the first is not giving entire satisfaction among the faithful here. He gives his party less satisfaction than any president who has ever ruled over this nation. This dislike does not spring from his veto of the widow's pension bill, nor from his doffing his hat to a rebel flag, for those things were known before his election, but it springs from the fact that the democratic king proposes to appoint to office men who are qualified for the office, according to Grover's own individual ideas.

Fuse must have rix' under this free trade administration. A Singleton, a poor, but highly respected homesteader near here, improvised a fuse with a honeysuckle filled with black powder, which he connected with the main charge, and after properly tamping it, he ignited the fuse with a match and retreated, but not in good order. Not being quite as quick as lightning he did not reach a safe distance before the explosion. When consciousness returned he was pleased to find neither eye out. This is one instance where ignorance was bliss-tered.

Cholera is the latest fashionable epidemic spoken of here for the coming summer, and if we have anything in the line of infernal bacteria this summer it is cholera; it is ultra fashionable. Heart failure and blood poisoning are obsolete.

Mosier, April 10th.

THROTTLE AND CAB.

Meaty morsels of News and Gossip for Trainmen.

Ollie Barrett is on the sick list. Engine 546 is laid in for a few repairs.

Joe Reedy is running the 560 during Barrett's illness. Engineer Erhart is running the 380 instead of 546. Joe says the 380 is a noble machine.

Jim Nickle and Joe Wilson came in with the 520 off of the work train at Viento to have some work done on Saturday eve, and returned this morning.

The roadbed between this place and Portland will soon be the most substantial in the state. The company have two work trains filling in trestles and will not take them off until all trestles are filled.

The boys on the work trains at Viento are very fortunate in securing such an excellent cook as they have. She serves up a dish for dessert the boys call "opidil-doc" that cannot be beaten for its excellent flavor.

Fireman Brown is back on his run again after an extensive lay-off. He says there is no place like home, and that he shall be contented to remain at The Dalles and not roam again in southern latitudes. And Smokey says "I am with you."

The following verses were written for Brakeman J. F. Shannon at Viento, whose dog was killed by No. 8 on April 1st, 1893. The boys all feel very sad and try to console Mr. Shannon in his hours and days of distress.

Doc Shannon now is dead, Of course this you all know, And this is what makes my pard sad As we to work to do.

Now, Doggy Shannon she did go A-walking on the track, When Curtis and his 'tine came by And broke her little back.

When Jack first discovered her She was lying on the rail; Her head was prostrate on the bank And on the track her tail.

Now, Jack went to the section boss, And unto him did say: "Wot't you be kind enough, dear sir, To bury her today."

The day was very stormy, The songs and words were few, And Frank did gently bury her Without much ado.

Now, Jack, I know you won't be mad, It would not do, you know, You save the piece I wrote for Boozie About a year ago.

You laughed at me about the bird That wouldn't go to church, And little did I then expect To get you in the lurch.

But now, dear Jack, we'll call it square, That is, if you so choose, I mean this for a memorial Just like I wrote for Boozie.

C. P. W.

Dog Fennel.

The very common and much despised but odoriferous dog-fennel is not indigenous to Oregon soil. The Guard accounts for its presence in the Yamhill valley by the fact of a farmer receiving a package of seed from a friend in the East, who insisted that it would produce "beautiful flowers." The seed was sparingly divided around the neighborhood, and a grand crop of dog fennel was the result, much to the disgust of the ladies.

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There it goes again. The Hood River Glacier is the latest to kick over the traces. The Glacier says in its last issue: "We have received a clipping from the Oregonian that would about fill one of our columns, with a note of two words: 'Please publish.' The clipping was headed 'World's Fair,' but does not mention anything except 'Mr. Myers.' It is passing strange that the legislature cannot provide for creating a commission so that it will not be at once headed by a demagogue. This lump of concentrated gall, Myers, asks us to give him a column in which to remark that 'Mr. Myers has been to Chicago, Mr. Myers has returned from Chicago, and Mr. Myers expects to go back to Chicago.' It don't go. Mr. Myers can go to Hell-ena."

Secretaries Gresham and Carlisle are looking into the reason for so great an expense in connection with the Behring sea arbitration commission, and we hope if there has been any leakage they will find it. It is beginning to look, says the Register, as though the expense of settling this long drawn out question will in the end amount to more than the value of all the seals that will be left in the sea after the dispute shall have been settled.

Tobacco and Gold on a Far on the Upper Yukon River, Alaska.

E. D. Miles, a recent visitor in San Francisco, gives the Call a graphic account of the prices current for ordinary commodities on the upper Yukon river, Alaska.

He has, according to the Call, just returned from that country, where, he states, there were over one hundred men at work during the last summer washing gold from the river bars and riffles. The majority of them will winter in that country.

"Well, I'll tell you, I am glad to get back to civilization again," he said. "Gold is plentiful; in fact it is an ordinary trick for a man to wash out from twenty to sixty dollars a day, but a man needs all that to live anyway comfortable in that country, and he has but little to show after a season of hard work."

"When I left that country a trader with a small stock of goods was making his way up the river from some of the coast trading points in a canoe. In fact he had several of them loaded with provisions. He was assisted in his journey by half a dozen Indians."

"Well, when he left, after selling out his cargoes, he had about all the gold dust the miners had washed out in four or five months of steady work."

"We ran short of provisions, and had subsisted on bear meat and other game so long that we willingly parted with nearly all we had to get some civilized eatables."

"Well, this trader—his name was Emmons—sold the several sacks of spuds he had with him at the rate of from thirty to fifty cents per potato."

"His flour sold for twenty dollars a sack, and we were just glad enough to pay five dollars a pound for the very poorest quality of tea he had with him."

"He had several sides of bacon in his stock, which he disposed of at about one dollar a slice. A few sacks of the despised bean brought one dollar a pound."

"We had been out of tobacco for nearly two months, and had drawn but little solace out of pipefuls of dried leaves and moss. When this fellow appeared on the scene we took him to our hearts as a benefactor and gave him ounces of gold for plugs of tobacco. An ounce of gold brings sixteen dollars in Alaska and nineteen dollars at the mint here."

"We bought a hundredweight of onions, for which we were assessed six ounces of gold."

"I tell you what, we poured out the dust upon that fellow Emmons, and he had so much of it I don't think I would like to take the contract to pack it from here to the city hall."

"You must not think from this appalling price list that we were starving to death. We had plenty of game and fish, but that kind of grub palls on the appetite."

The "boys," however, appear to have made money on the Yukon river bars. Mr. Miles states that all of them have "stakes," and he came down to Victoria with several of them who had "cleaned up" from twelve thousand dollars to twenty-eight thousand dollars apiece.

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An Exciting Sport Which is Pursued in Darkness.

Mr. Kirk Munroe describes in the Cosmopolitan a canoe trip in company with two young Seminole Indians, Micochee and Kowika, who were engaged in their regular occupation of hunting alligators for their hides. The canoe was a dugout, made by Micochee himself out of a huge cypress log. The trio made camp late in the afternoon, and after awhile Mr. Munroe discovered what he had not before suspected—that the hunting was to be done at night.

Darkness had hardly fallen before the howling of alligators was heard—a sound much like the roar of an angry bull. Micochee listened with evident satisfaction. "Allapatta plenty. Me catch 'em, Uncnah!"

"We had killed five of the monsters when we turned our prow up stream. Micochee wielded his push pole from the stern, Kowika sat in the middle of the canoe, while I, with jack light on my head and rifle in hand, occupied the position of honor in the bow."

The alligators had ceased their mutterings and I had begun to think that we had killed or frightened them all. Just then I was startled by a slight motion on the bank but a few yards away. At the same instant two coals of fire gleamed through the blackness. What could they be? I was about to speak, when a sharp "hist" from behind told me that the moment for action had come. Taking a hasty aim at one of the lurid coals, I fired.

The report of the rifle was followed by such a wild rush into the water, such whirling and splashing, such showers of spray and bloody foam that it was as if a small cyclone had been dropped from the heavens into that quiet spot. Little Kowika screamed in his excitement, but Micochee only expressed his displeasure at my bad shot by muttering: "Ho-le-wa-gus! Heep bad!"

HIS MOTHER'S BIBLE.

The Book on Which President Cleveland Took the Oath of Office.

Among the relics stored away in the clerk's office of the supreme court of the United States, writes a Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Times, is a handsome morocco-covered Bible of large octavo size. It is the Bible that was purchased eight years ago to administer the oath of office to President Cleveland at his inauguration on March 4. It had been the invariable custom before the inauguration of Mr. Cleveland to purchase a Bible for use at the inauguration ceremony and to present this interesting memento afterward to some member of the president's family. Following this custom, the clerk purchased a Bible to use in the inauguration of President Cleveland, but Mr. Cleveland notified the committee of arrangements of the senate that he wished to take the oath on the Bible given to him by his mother when, as a young man, he started out in the world to make his fortune. The committee naturally respected this sentiment of the president-elect and so Mr. Cleveland took the oath on his mother's Bible. It was a small book, morocco bound and gilt-edged. So far as is known here, Mr. Cleveland still has the book, and in the belief that it will be used at the coming ceremony the clerk of the supreme court has not purchased a Bible to be used on that occasion. It was planned four years ago to use the Bible purchased in 1885 at the ceremony of 1889; but after considering the matter the clerk determined to purchase another Bible for Mr. Harrison.

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