

WILL RETURN TO OLD HOME

Mormons Plan Extensive Religious Campaign In State of Missouri.

St. Louis, Sept. 19.—Thirty-six Mormon missionaries in conference here purpose, it is said by church officials, an awakening of enthusiasm in Mormon doctrine in Missouri and this city.

James C. Duffin, a priest of the Central States Division, declares that Missouri will eventually become the home of the Mormon church. He states he has purchased a tract of 20 acres of land near Independence, Jackson county, where he declares the headquarters of the church will be located and a temple built.

It is declared by the missionaries that Utah is no longer able to main-

tain the growing Mormon population. Branches of the church and strong colonies are now planted all over the West, especially in Idaho and Oregon.

This movement looking toward the establishment of headquarters in Missouri is one of the inevitable outgrowths of the faith.

Old members of the church look upon this latest step as one of the certain demonstrations of divine providence inasmuch as the triumphant faith goes back to found a church and a prosperous colony in Missouri near the scene of the awful persecutions of the pioneer church in the early days of its migrations.

RUSSIA'S REPLY

St. Petersburg, Sept. 19.—Russia's reply to the representations of the United States and Great Britain regarding contraband of war was communicated to the British Minister today. It is understood that Russia recognizes the principle that provisions are not contraband when consigned to private parties, but only contraband when intended for military or naval stores.

Not Borrowing Now

In his address before the American Banker's Association on Sept. 16, United States Treasurer Ellis H. Roberts said:

"Fortunately, the United States is not asking for new loans. The government is not increasing its debts by long bonds or by exchequer bills for temporary needs. If in any month outlay exceeds income, the deficit is covered by previous surplus laid away. Individuals and corporations reach out for vast sums in loans but the nation is not a borrower in any market.

"Its interest-bearing debt at the beginning of the fiscal year 1898 was \$847,365,13, and the annual interest was \$34,387,315. A loan of \$30,000,000 was made by popular subscription for war purposes. Yet at the start of the current fiscal year that debt was only \$89,157,440 and the annual interest \$24,176,745.

"In the interval the government has paid the cost of the Spanish war, \$20,000,000 under the treaty of Paris, and \$50,000,000 on account of the Panama canal. Now the nation stands on a granite basis of credit, and over the door of the treasury may be inscribed: 'We are not borrowing here.'

"This fact reduces the financial problem to simple terms. The government leaves the loan market alone. "Our total circulation per capita at \$31.06 exceeds that of every other nation save France, where it is \$30.22. But our industry and enterprise and local traffic also lead in the comparison."

Life Sentence

Coquille, Or., Sept. 19.—Earl Stee must pass the remainder of his life behind prison bars, according to sentence imposed upon him today, for the murder of his now-born infant on the afternoon of last June 23.

Grain Firm Fail

San Francisco, Sept. 19.—The grain and commission firm of A. B. Costigan & Co., 210 Battery street has failed with liabilities of \$120,750.46 and assets of \$48,602.60.

Injudicious speculation and inability to obtain money because the banks have been wary since the Eppinger failure together with some direct losses from short weight purchases of Eppinger wheat are the stated causes of the firm's inability to meet its obligations.

Fire At Baker

Baker City, Or., Sept. 19.—A few minutes after 8 o'clock Saturday evening a fire broke out in the smoke house of Gaddis & Pollman's meat market burning the elevator in the rear of the building but causing little damage. The salesroom and the offices above escaped injury. Loss \$1,500.

State News

Mrs. E. A. Wolfe and daughter Belle, of Falls City, Polk county, won the first prize at the state fair for that county by their excellent exhibit of agricultural products at the fair.

Washington county assessments increased from \$71,765,794 in 1903 to \$74,439,853 in 1904.

The young man who committed suicide at The Dalles last week, by drinking carbolic acid, has been identified as Fred Arns, of Etan, Wash.

The body of George Bright, who was drowned at Riparia, on August 29, while crossing Snake river in a small boat, has been discovered at Scott Island, 30 miles below Riparia. The body will be buried in Walla Walla. Brothers of the young man came from California to make the search for the body.

Wood Saw

Having leased the G. W. Allen steam wood saw, I am prepared to promptly take care of all orders entrusted to me.

W. M. Andis,
Corner Greenwood and Hill streets
Phone 1863 S 12-0 1

Died

Word reached us today that the infant child of Solomon Eads died at Elgin Sept. 2, aged 5 months and 11 days.

Last Excursion To The World's Fair

The demand for sleeping car space in the Denver & Rio Grande's popular through tourist excursions to the St. Louis Fair having been so great, three such excursions will be run on the next and last selling dates—October 3, 4 and 5. On each of these days special tourist excursions will be run from Portland without change of cars over the "Scenic Line of the World." October 3 there will also be an special Pullman excursion. These cars will make stops en route at Salt Lake City and Denver, affording excursionists an opportunity of viewing the various points of interest about these cities. The daylight ride through the heart of the Rockies—God's art gallery of nature is the grandest across the American continent.

Write W. C. McBride, 124 Third street, Portland, Or., at once for particulars and sleeping car reservations. These being the last days upon which tickets will be sold at reduced rates travel will be particularly heavy.

In The District Court of the United States for the District of Oregon

In the matter of J. G. Ritz, the first meeting of creditors. Bankrupt.

To the creditors of J. G. Ritz, of Hillgard, Union county, Oregon, bankrupt:—

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that on the 8th day of September, 1904, the said J. G. Ritz was duly adjudicated a bankrupt, and that the first meeting of the creditors will be held at the office of the undersigned, in La Grande, Oregon, on Monday September 19, 1904, at two o'clock in the afternoon of said day, at which time and place said creditors may attend, prove their claims, appoint a Trustee, examine the bankrupt, and transact such other business as may properly come before said meeting. Twenty five cents must accompany each claim filed.

Dated at La Grande, Oregon, September 9th, 1904.

F. S. Ivanhoe,
Referee in Bankruptcy.
Sept 10-13

The Observer Does all

Kinds of Job Work

BLOCKLAND BROS.

Island City, Oregon

Breeders of BERKSHIRE and POLANDCHINA SWINE.

Young stock always on hand, and always glad to have you call and see our hogs, as we breed them for the Farmer, and ask you to compare our prices before buying some where else.

We have now two fine young Berkshire boars on hand, July pigs ready for use only \$20. For short time only.

BOSS

MEAT MARKET

Stellwell & Vandermuellen, Proprietors.

WHOLESALE - AND - RETAIL - BUTCHERS.

Highest market price paid for all kinds of butchers' stock—Hides, pelts and furs. Also chickens & poultry.

Half a Carload of New Wall Paper.

We have just received half a car load of the newest and latest wall paper. Half a carload means 20,000 rolls. This is more paper than any one firm ever thought of bringing into this county in a single season.

This paper is all for sale and must be sold this season. We have brought two first class paper hangers direct from Chicago, who are without doubt the most skillful workmen in Eastern Oregon, with the best first class paper hangers already in our employ, give us the best working paper in the Inland Empire.

Stackland & McLachlen

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS

WHITE ROSE FLOUR

Is milled with the idea of pleasing every dealer's high-class trade—customers who appreciate quality. The name of the Pioneer Flouring Mill Co. guarantees reliability and highest grade in every sack of flour bearing the White Rose brand.

Pioneer Flouring Mill Co.

Take Care of Your Trophies

I will pay from \$2 to \$10 for male deer heads head led according to directions. The dotted lines on back of neck and head show where to rip the skin. To bleed your game cut the jugular as low down as possible, never cut the throat. Commence to skin by making a cut from the nose of the horn to back of the head thence down the back of the neck to top of shoulder.

These around the side to point of brisket, work the skin carefully away from the bone of the horns. When the ear is reached cut off those to skull, afterwards remove the flesh when the eye is reached run the finger in from the outside and raise up the eyelid to avoid cutting it when the tearpit is reached which is near the corner of the eye, work the skin out of the cavity with the point of the knife when the corner of the mouth is reached go through and expose the teeth, leave all the black lining on the lip also all the cartilage on the nose. Salt heavily and roll up for 24 hours then dry in the shade. Unless salted well and dried in the shade your work is all lost. Use nothing but salt. Cut as much of the flesh of the head as possible and work the brain out the hole at back of head. Save the under jaw bones and drying the skin keep it from wrinkling. I will also mount your trophies at reasonable prices.

WM HAWS
Taxidermist