

A WORLD MYSTERY

Early Civilization of the Twin Continents of America.

THE SECRET OF THE PACIFIC.

A Riddle Still Unsolved is the Origin of the Ancient Toltecs, Aztecs, Mayas and Incas—The Enigma That Lurks in Their Ruined Monuments.

"The Secret of the Pacific" is the title of a book which deals with one of the great mysteries of the world—the origin of the aborigines of the Americas. The author—C. Reginald Enock, F. R. G. S.—answers his own question, "What do we mean by the secret of the Pacific?" thus:

"Set between the world's mightiest oceans, the Pacific and the Atlantic, lies that greatest of all islands, the twin continents of America. A great mystery still shrouds these twin continents, a riddle still unread, for whose solution the world may be said to have waited 400 years. What is this mystery?"

"History will have us believe that until the end of the fifteenth century these great seas had roared defiant, uncrossed by man, with the exception, grudgingly admitted, of some shadowy northmen from Europe, and that these great continents have been unvisited ever since the world began. Yet scattered for thousands of miles throughout the forests and deserts of these twin continents are the remains of civilized empires which once flourished there—the ruined temples, palaces, pyramids and habitations of peoples and nations who rose, fell and rose again ages before the caravels of the vikings and the conquistadores turned their prow toward the setting sun.

"What I have ventured to term the secret of the Pacific is the mystery surrounding the ancient civilization of the Americas, the homes of the Toltecs, the Aztecs, the Mayas, the Incas and their predecessors. What was their origin? What was their connection with each other? Had they any link with the old world? Did they in olden times draw inspiration and knowledge from Asia, Egypt, Babylon? If not, and they sprang unaided from their own soil and created their own culture, what are or were the conditions of their independent development?"

"It has been my lot to traverse, at least in part, those great regions of North and South America forming the western world which we have erroneously termed 'new'—the ancient world of America before Columbus. My travels have taken me upon the shores of Mexico and Yucatan, and in some cases are almost as recent as yesterday."

when first traversed by the white man from Europe and the horse first ascended the Andes.

"But to these journeyings we must add other incursions through space and time, both real and conjectural, which will take us from Mexico to Egypt, from Peru to Babylon, from the American shores to the strange islands of Polynesia. From those broad regions where the Toltec, the Aztec and the Inca flourished we must seek to gather up those threads which some have conjectured lead to Asia.

"What are the monuments left by these ancient peoples, and what are the evidences of their civilizations? For 4,000 miles or more they lie upon the western American littoral and Cordilleras and seem to extend in isolated patches across the Pacific ocean in a northwest path to Asia, like vast stepping stones between the old world and the new. In the rock ravines and scorching mesas of Arizona and California, wildernesses whose trails were first mapped out by the bones of hardy explorers, are the abandoned habitations of the cliff dwellers.

"On the high slopes and tablelands of Mexico are strange pyramids and mysterious courts and quadrangles, with carved stone halls about them, a puzzle to the beholder. In the dense tropic forests of Yucatan are the sculptured facades of palaces and pyramid temples of exceeding beauty and ingenuity, ruined and abandoned or surrounded here and there by the wattle huts of half savage Indians.

"In Central America sculptured stelae of great beauty and peculiarity protrude strangely from the jungle, while far away below the equator, along the scorching coast line of Peru and amid the bleak tablelands and snow crowned ranges of the Andes, are cunningly wrought temples and impregnable fortresses, which could only have been fashioned under the mandates of ruthless new world pharaohs or devout American Solomons.

"In the Mexican deserts and by the waters of the mysterious Lake Titicaca of the Incas the sun god and the moon god held sway, and centuries ago unnumbered ancient worshippers raised great temples to the 'unknown God.'

"Deepening the mystery still, there arise strange and grim upon solitary sea girt Pacific islands in the track of the setting sun colossal images and fortresses whose origin no man can conjecture. Here, in brief, are the chapters, written in stone, of some great and perhaps universal history—a history which so far we have not been able to inscribe in the general plan of human record. This, then, is the secret of the Pacific."

He is not only idle who does nothing, but he is idle who might be better employed.—Socrates.

Pretty Poor Candy.
"Mr. Spooner, I think I like you better than any of the other fellows that come to our house."

"Why so, Bobby?"
"Cause when you give sister a box of candy she always turns it over to me."—Chicago Tribune.

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Women in Politics.

As long ago as 1876 women were among the speakers at both Republican and Democratic national conventions, and in 1900 Mr. Bryan's nomination was seconded by a woman delegate from Utah. The first woman's suffrage convention was held at Seneca Falls, N. Y., in 1848. But the movement was by no means new even then. Abigail Adams and Mary Warren tried to secure recognition of women when the federal constitution was made, and in colonial days Margaret Brent, as executrix of Lord Baltimore, demanded a seat in the assembly of Maryland.—Chicago News.

Nice For the Guest.

Subbubs had taken Chumleigh home to dine. Everything went well until they were seated at the dinner table, when Willie Subbubs remarked, "Why, pa, this is roast beef!"
"Well," said his father, "what of it?"
"Why, I heard you tell me at breakfast that you were going to bring a mutton head home for dinner this evening."—Boston Transcript.

High Finance.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "did you say those blue chips were worth a dollar apiece?"
"Yes."
"Well, here is a whole boxful that I got for 95 cents, with some other colors thrown in."—Washington Star.

No Offense.

"Your wife referred to you as 'it,' did she not?" asked the lawyer.
"Yes. But I don't believe she meant anything unkind by that. She frequently referred to her pet dogs in the same way."—Washington Star.

Undertaker on the Horizon.

Nell—Why does she always dress in black? Belle—She's in training. Nell—Training for what? Belle—Well, you see, she married an octogenarian.—Philadelphia Record.

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 18th day of September, 1912, creating improvement district No. 70 and designating O avenue, as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 18th day of September, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of O avenue, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon gravel bitulithic pavement the Council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected by and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made, that the boundaries of said district to be so improved are as follows:

All that portion of O avenue, from the west line of First street to the West line of Fourth street.

And the property affected or benefited by said improvement is as follows:

The north half of blocks 74, 73, 72 and the northeast 1-4 of block 71, of Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon; also the southeast 1-4 of block 70, and the south half of blocks 69, 68 and 67, of Chaplin's addition to La Grande, Oregon.

Notice is hereby further given that the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$8,588.38. That the council will, on the 2nd day of October, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment. La Grande, Oregon, September 18th, 1912.

CITY COUNCIL OF LA GRANDE, OREGON.
By C. M. HUMPHREYS,
Recorder of the City of La Grande, Oregon. 9-21-10t

NOTICE OF STREET IMPROVEMENT

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a resolution adopted by the common council of the city of La Grande, Oregon, on the 17th day of April, 1912, creating improvement district No. 54 and designating Fourth street as such district, and in pursuance of a resolution adopted by said common council on the 3rd day of July, 1912, whereby said council determined and declared its intention to improve all that portion of Fourth street, in said improvement district as hereinafter described, by laying thereon gravel bitulithic pavement, the council will, ten days after the service of this notice upon the owners of the property affected by and benefited by such improvement, order that said above described improvement be made; that the boundaries of said district to be improved

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Notice is hereby further given that

the council will levy a special assessment on all the property affected and benefited by such improvement for the purpose of paying for such improvement. That the estimated cost of such improvement is the sum of \$37,321.42. That the council will, on the 2nd day of October, 1912, meet at the council chamber at the hour of 8 o'clock, p. m. to consider said estimated cost, and the levy of said assessment, when a hearing will be granted to any person feeling aggrieved by such assessment.

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