

**THE DESERT YOSEMITE.**

**Fantastic Beauty of the Mukuntuweap National Monument.**

For fantastic outline and brilliant and varied coloring Mukuntuweap National monument, in southeastern Utah, popularly known as the Little Zion canyon, probably equals any spot on this continent. Recent visitors have called it "the desert Yosemite," others "the mimic Grand canyon." It inevitably suggests both. "You can't see it without shouting," reports one recent explorer.

The Mormons of a former generation chose this valley for a refuge in the event of being driven from Zion, as they called Salt Lake City, and named it Little Zion. It is locally called Little Zion canyon today. The north fork of the muddy Virgin river flows through it, and in the spring streams cascade from the lofty summit walls. Many fine trees—ash, maple, oak, spruce and others—grow on the valley floor.

The canyon is a mighty cleft, as if the mountain had been violently divided to obtain a segment. The walls are inconceivably carved into domes, half domes, colonnades and temples. One gigantic cliff suggests a battleship and is locally called the steamboat.

The faces of some of the walls contain thousands of square feet of plane surface upon which the elements have sketched various figures. At one point may be seen the picture of a woman, a horse and a pig, forming a distinct group. At another an eagle perches, true to this noble bird's instinct, high upon the cliffs. At other points crypts have been formed in the walls by the shelling off of the stone surface in which may be seen other forms seemingly sculptured. Nature seems to have fashioned here a fine art gallery of stupendous proportions.

The coloring is beyond description. Glistening white is the basic color. Below this a strip of blood red sandstone has weathered into formations resembling those of the Grand canyon. There are thousands of feet of polished white sandstone vertically streaked with vermilion, like a Roman sash. There are pinks in endless shades.

The canyon is more than ten miles long and from 1,200 to 2,000 feet wide. The neighborhood is rich in striking phenomena. There are natural bridges of great size and beauty. The country was settled by Mormons many years ago and possesses much historical interest.—Government Bulletin.

**The Pipe of Peace.**

The North American Indian usually made his pipes out of a kind of stone known as red pipe stone, of which there were large deposits in the old Sioux country, and the Great Spirit is said to have given his indorsement to this particular material, which might have been a Sioux monopoly, in these words: "This stone is red. It is your flesh. It belongs to you all. Out of it make no more tomahawks, war hatchets nor scalping knives. Use it only to make the pipe of peace and smoke therefrom when you would propitiate me and do my will."

**Lincoln and a Laugh.**

One day when Lincoln's cabinet met the president asked one of the members if he had read Nasby's latest. Mr. Stanton—astute, stern, dignified—took the president to task, saying he ought to be thinking of sterner things. Mr. Lincoln replied:

"Stanton, I think I have the burdens of this nation on my heart, but laughter is my safety valve. I am sure that if I couldn't laugh sometimes I'd bust."

**Whistler's Idea of Hands.**

Whistler, the artist, said: "I always use Irish models for hands, with their long, slender fingers and delightful articulations, the most beautiful hands in the world. I think Irish eyes are also the most beautiful. American girls' hands come next. English girls have red, coarse hands; the German girl has broad, flat hands, and the Spanish hand is full of big veins."

**Chariots.**

Among some nations of antiquity chariots, as elephants among other nations, may be regarded as filling the place of heavy artillery, so that the military power of a nation might be estimated by the number of its chariots. Thus Pharaoh in pursuing Israel took with him 600 chariots.

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HENRY E. REED,  
County Assessor.  
Portland, Oregon, August 15, 1917.

**Notice of Hearing Final Account**

In the COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON for Multnomah County. In the Matter of the Estate of Esther A. Allen, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executor of estate of Esther A. Allen, dec'd, has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Multnomah his final account as such executor, and that the Court has set and fixed Tuesday, the 18th day of September, 1917, at the hour of 9:30 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the County Court Room in the Court House of Multnomah County, Oregon, as the time and place for the hearing of said Final Account, together with any objections there may be to the same, and for the settlement and distribution of said estate. Dated and first published August 17, 1917.  
SEWARD E. ALLEN,  
Executor of the Estate of Esther A. Allen, deceased.  
J. J. Johnson, 314 Spalding Bldg., Attorney for said estate.

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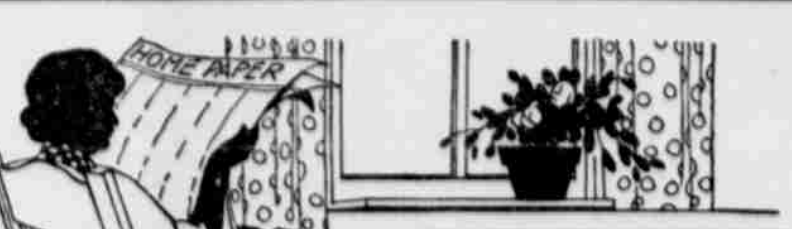
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