

can Historical Review, III, pages 672-673, proves that the idea of trans-Mississippi exploration was already at that time present with Mr. Jefferson. In it he says: "I find they have subscribed a very large sum of money in England for exploring the country from the Mississippi to California. They pretend it is only to promote knowledge. I am afraid they have thought of colonizing into that quarter. Some of us have been talking here (he writes from Annapolis) in a joking way of making the attempt to search that country, but I doubt whether we have enough of that kind of spirit to raise the money. How would you like to lead such a party? though I am afraid our prospect is not worth asking the question."

Here we have from Jefferson a distinct foreshadowing of the Lewis and Clark expedition of 20 years later; and this at a time before he could have known anything of Ledyard beyond his account of Captain Cook's voyage, which contains no such plan of exploration. Professor Turner suggests in his introduction to the above letter that "Ledyard's account of Captain Cook's voyage, which aroused interest in Pacific trade, and the organization of the British Northwest Company," (which in 1781, "never have influenced Jefferson in addressing George Rogers Clark." To this we can heartily assent, but these things were the crude materials of the finished product—the artist's work—was the plan of an American expedition to explore the vast region between the Mississippi and the Pacific, and this plan was Jefferson's. To him belongs the great honor of having conceived the idea and bringing it to a glorious fruition. JOSEPH SCHAFER, Department of History, University of Oregon, February 6, 1902.

EASTERN MULTNOMAH.

Change in Gresham Stage Line—Another Rural Route.

GRESHAM, Or., Feb. 14.—A change in the proprietorship of the Portland-Sandy stage line will take place Monday, J. J. Hafferty, who has had the contract for carrying the mail since July 1, 1898, has sold out to F. Walker, who will continue the business of carrying the mail and passengers until July next, after which he will lose the mail contract but will continue the line for the passenger and freight business. Daily trips have been made, a stage leaving each end of the route every morning. The stages meet at this place and transfer mails and passengers and then return. After July it will not be permissible to carry mails and passengers together, and the new contractor will be obliged to put on an extra line for that purpose.

Another Rural Route.

The Postmaster at Latouneville Falls has received word from the department that a rural free delivery route will be established from that office. He is receiving applications for the position of carrier and is expecting a special at any time to complete arrangements. The route will extend for 20 miles up the mountain and meet the route to be established from Troutdale. The routes now ordered will cover nearly all the territory of Eastern Multnomah from the city limits to about 20 miles beyond the Sandy River—nearly 25 miles. A few isolated sections will not be included at present, but they, too, will have the benefits when more roads shall be built.

New Postoffice.

John H. Metzger has ordered the lumber and will soon begin the construction of a new building on Cleveland avenue, which will be leased by Postmistress McCall for the postoffice and a drug store. It will be two stories in height, the upper floor to be used as offices. Since rural delivery was established here the quarters in the postoffice have been too limited. The new office will be ready in about three months.

James G. Blaine Club.

Republicans of Gresham met in Rogers' hall last evening for the purpose of reviving the James G. Blaine Club. H. R. Winchell was made temporary chairman, after which the business of electing permanent officers was proceeded with, resulting as follows: President, Charles Cleveland; vice-president, George W. Kenney; secretary, H. R. Winchell; treasurer, Fred Metzger.

Assistant Postmistress.

Mrs. G. W. Kenney has been appointed Assistant Postmistress here, succeeding Miss Besse Cox, who resigned.

MASQUERADE BALL.

Swell Event, With Many Prizes, to Be Held at Exposition.

All necessary arrangements and details connected with the masquerade ball to be given by the German Central Society at the Exposition building Saturday, February 22, have been completed, and the public of Portland will have an opportunity to attend a really grand affair. The main hall and all dressing and waiting-rooms will be comfortably heated, while the refreshment-room, under the east gallery, will be artistically decorated. A well-known caterer will be in attendance to serve oysters in any style, hot coffee and cold luncheon, while waiters will attend to the comforts and wants of patrons.

Strict order will be maintained during the evening, the committee reserving the right to eject any objectionable characters. All maskers must be identified by the special committee before entering the main hall. Spectators will not be allowed on the dance floor until after the unmasking, a special refreshment-room being set aside for spectators. Maskers will bear in mind that the grand march takes place promptly at 9 o'clock, under the direction of the chief clown and escort, and all wishing to compete for prizes must take part in the grand march. Prizes will be awarded as follows: First prize, best-dressed gentleman, \$10; first prize, best-dressed lady, \$10; second prize, best-dressed gentleman, \$5; second prize, best-dressed lady, \$5.

Best group (not less than five persons), \$5; best clown, \$5. Tickets to be had at Eilers Piano House, Eversell's drug store and J. K. Gill's book store. Doors open at 8 o'clock.

Good Number of Club Journal.

The February number of the Club Journal keeps up its reputation for brightness and sound thinking. There is a notably strong line of contributions. William McIntosh, of the Buffalo Evening News, leads off with some clever philosophy on "Things in General"; there are a number of beautiful poems by Ella Hugheson, Lillian M. Miller, and others; such representative clubwomen as Mrs. M. L. T. Hadden, Dr. Mae Cardwell, Julia C. La Burre and Abigail Scott Duniway. Mrs. A. H. Joy, writes ably on important topics of the day. There is a valuable sketch of Mrs. A. H. Stuart, mother of the Portland Club, and one of the strongest club workers and woman suffragists on this Coast. As handled by Mrs. Duniway, this is well worth filing away for future reference. Mrs. Levi Young and her new work as a member of the faculty at the University of Idaho, are touched upon, and Caroline B. G. Grainger, president of the Georgia Federation, sends a timely letter about the "color line." She says: "The simple question before the General Federation is this, shall we by limiting its members to white women, according to Georgia's plan, leave each State Federation to do as it pleases, or shall we, by refusing Georgia's request, admit one or two colored clubs and thereby cause the disruption of our great Federation?"

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The Professor Pearson Incident.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—(To the Editor)—A Professor Pearson must know somewhat of English literature, having taught in this department in a noted school for 28 years, but persons in Oregon who know him say he is a child outside of his department, being unable to name even the ordinary trees of the forest. He evidently is not intelligent respecting the discus-

sion of miracles, for his published utterances concerning miracles show no grasp of the subject at hand.

A divine revelation is a probability that is rooted in the rational. The character of God and our own needs make a revelation of truth from God unto man something to be reasonably expected. Great truths coming to us from heaven ought to be attested by proper signs. While miracles are often termed works by the Scriptures, they are also called signs by them. A messenger coming as bearer of a truth for men, if accredited by a supernatural event, would be apt to secure a hearing for his message. Exceedingly in order then are miracles to attest revelation. The miracles declared by the Bible to have taken place do not mean suspension or laying aside the laws of the universe

which are simply the way God acts with respect to us. So, in the probability of miracles to attest truth we have certitude, and that there is nothing in nature to keep back miracles we may be glad.

The miracles of Jesus Christ are wonderful to us, but not to him. The evangelists call these miracles works—the result of the working of the power of Jesus Christ. The doing of them is no more remarkable to Jesus than the writing of an editorial article is remarkable to an editor of The Oregonian.

Against the laws of nature miracles! Man uses nature, rises above it, and shapes it for his own purpose. The ship is man subduing wave and wind, or using them to reach a distant shore. Put powder within a rock and drop fire upon the powder, and the huge rock is thrown into

a hundred fragments. It is man, not the powder, who makes the explosion. Is God powerless in operating on the universe to secure new ends for purposes that are purely moral and beneficent?

Jesus did not perform many miracles, waited 30 years before he became a miracle-worker, refused to work miracles to satisfy human curiosity, and told men to keep still about them when done. He put more stress upon his words, and all his works we call miracles were subservient to his messages. The best scholarship and the best intelligence of this century, Mr. Editor, do not regard the record of miracles as empty tales.

B. J. HOADLEY.

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A Peculiar Case of Hired Girl.

Mr. and Mrs. V. C. Dunning, of the East Side, had a peculiar experience this week in securing a young woman to do plain cooking. Tuesday their advertisement appeared in The Oregonian, and by 3 o'clock a very promising young woman appeared, and it was agreed that she should have the place. She went away, and shortly afterwards sent her valise and some other articles to the house. She was to return

at 10 o'clock and enter on her duties. At that hour she did not return, nor has she yet made her appearance, even to take her valise away. Mr. Dunning says the valise is still right where she left it, and he does not know what it may contain. It may contain dynamite, and if the owner does not call for it he will turn it over to the police.

One Good Point.

Crabbe—I hadn't been introduced to him three minutes before he began to talk golf.

Bunker—And you didn't like that, eh?

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