

SANTA FE HAS OLDEST CHURCH

Records of Christian Brothers Show That Foundation Was Laid in 1541.

Santa Fe, March 1.—The ancient Santa Fe church at Santa Fe, New Mexico, is the oldest house of worship in the United States, according to the claim of the Christian Brothers, the Catholic order which has charge of the edifice. "Brother David," who looks after the spiritual welfare of the parish, says the records of the Christian Brothers show that the foundation of the Santa Fe church was laid in 1541. The next oldest church building in this country is the mission of San Xavier, situated near Tucson, Arizona, in a Papago Indian settlement. There is a dispute as to whether the San Xavier mission was started in 1547, as is asserted by some, or at a later time. Coronado, who is said to have laid the corner stone of the mission building, was in Spain in 1547, and it is believed by those who have investigated the facts bearing on the subject that the Santa Fe church is 15 or 16 years older than the San Xavier mission building.

The construction of the Santa Fe edifice was slow work. The masonry expert artisans had to be brought all the way from Spain. Indians were forced to perform much of the hard manual labor, such as making the adobe bricks or blocks which were used in the walls and carrying them to the places where they were laid. The walls of the buildings are from three to five feet thick. That the sun-dried clay blocks were strong and serviceable is attested by the fact that they have withstood the ravages of the elements for nearly 400 years, and still are in apparently as good condition as when they were first placed in position.

The church has undergone many improvements since first it was built. It now has little resemblance to the original structure. The adobe outside walls have been smoothed over with plaster, and wherever evidence of decay was shown repairs were made. The ancient belfry has been remodelled to such an extent that its appearance is entirely changed from that of the original structure. The old bell, which is said to have been placed in the church at the time of its completion, now occupies a position just inside the entrance door of the church. The bell of itself is a relic that attracts the attention of all who visit the historic place. It was cast August 1, 1556, as is shown by the date which is moulded upon it. The tone of the bell is mellow and musical and can be heard a great distance.

The distinguished honor of ringing this ancient bell is accorded to but few persons by "Brother David." President Roosevelt is one of those who was invited to sound forth the tones of the bell. This was in 1903, when the president visited Santa Fe. The chief executive of the nation pulled the rope with a vigor that caused the bell to give forth a tone that was heard far beyond the limits of the parish.

Ancient Bell

This bell is said to have done service in Spain for nearly 200 years before it was brought to the ancient pueblo of Santa Fe and installed in this church. In the times when the church edifice was used as a fort to ward off attacks of the Indians the bell was used to sound the alarm to the settlers of the Santa Fe district when the Indians swept down upon the pueblo. When the church was built and for a century or two afterward the openings in its walls, now fitted with windows of glass, were covered with woven Indian blankets when storms came. Ordinarily the openings were left free of obstructions and the wind and rain came sweeping through the building. The bare ground served for a floor until 1710, when a puncheon floor was put down. Since that date the interior of the church has been ornamented with a gallery. The walls of the edifice are adorned with a number of pictures, some of which are the work of old masters and are very valuable.

DOMESTIC SCARES BURGLAR AT BAKER

Girl Yells When Robber Thrusts Revolver in Her Face.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Baker City, Or., March 4.—An attempt to rob the house of Isaac Baer was frustrated last night by the timely arrival of Miss Blanchett, a domestic, upon the scene.

Mr. and Mrs. Baer left home about 7 o'clock to spend the evening with friends and were not at home at the time of the attempted robbery. Miss Blanchett had been called to the bank door and returned to the house about 8:30 o'clock, having spent the afternoon with her sister. She came in at the back door so as to enter the rear door and did not notice anything wrong until she had ascended the steps onto the porch, when she ran into a man who flashed a light on her and thrust a gleaming revolver within a few inches of her face, with the warning not to scream or make any fuss or he would shoot her. She was so scared to move or utter a sound until she heard another man say, "For God's sake don't shoot the girl."

With a yell of terror that brought forth the neighborhood, Miss Blanchett turned and fled down the steps toward the gate. She did not stop to see whether the would-be robbers continued their operations or not, but when the neighbors arrived in force of them could be found. An investigation showed that the men had not effected an entrance to the house.

Leutenancy Goes Begging.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Boise, Idaho, March 4.—Governor Gooding has just received a letter from Acting Secretary of War Oliver, on authority of the president, asking that he recommend a candidate from the Idaho national guard to take the examination for admission to the regular army as second lieutenant, but the executive is unable to find one who is desirous of entering the United States service. The examinations will take place next July.

Astoria's City Physician.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, March 4.—The city council has elected Doctor Clara W. Reames to be city physician.

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The fact that we are purchasing more Dental chairs and adding more room to our already large quarters fully demonstrates that there is merit in our workmanship. We extend an earnest request to all our former patients to kindly call and have their work, done by us, looked over and if there is anything wrong will gladly be done over without charge.

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MALHEUR WOOL MEN ORGANIZE

Want Uniform Coyote Law but No Burkett Law—Sales Days Wanted.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vale, Or., March 4.—The Malheur County Wool Growers' association was organized in its first Monday and many problems were discussed. The men of the county were present. The meeting was presided over by George W. McKnight, one of the prominent sheepmen of the county. Addresses were delivered by Dan P. Smythe, secretary of the state wool growers' association, on "The Benefits of Organization"; by Dr. S. W. McClure, chief of the bureau of animal industry for Oregon, Washington and Idaho, on "Condition of Sheep Regarding Health," and by Dr. W. H. Lytle on the same lines.

The new law proposed in the Burkett bill, now before congress, providing for the leasing of the public domain, was bitterly assailed by each of the speakers, and many of the sheepmen of the county made attacks on the measure.

"So will this bill become a law we will have to go out of business in my part of the county," said Antonio Ascuenda of Jordan Valley, and a chorus of "So will we," came from all parts of the hall. The resolutions committee reported a resolution in the evening bitterly opposing the policy of the Burkett bill and it was unanimously adopted.

Uniform Coyote Laws.

The coyote question was discussed at length and it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that a uniform bounty law should be enacted by all the western states, that one state might not benefit by the law of another state. Dr. McClure estimated that at least 250,000 sheep fall a prey to these animals every year, not considering the poultry and other forms of domestic life sacrificed each year, estimating the value of poultry alone at \$100,000 at least. He favored putting confidence for the legislature on record before the election, as he considered it of paramount importance to the sheepman. This brought out the comment from Chairman McKnight, "Yes, more than Statement No. 1."

Salt Stock Subscribed.

The association voted to ask the state association to set June 5 and June 23 as sales days at Vale. The matter will be taken up by the secretary of the state association, Mr. Smythe, who was present and suggested that these dates would in all probability be most acceptable to the state association.

Ten thousand shares of stock were subscribed by the association in the Idaho Sheep Association Salt company, which will mean a saving to the stockholders of something like \$3 to \$5 per ton on salt, over the price charged by the trust.

At the evening session a permanent organization was effected by the adoption of a constitution, which is practically the same as the one governing the association of Umatilla county.

The following permanent officers were elected: George W. McKnight, president; Harry Anderson, vice-president; Elwood L. Clark, secretary. The following, acting with the officers elected, will constitute the executive committee of the organization: Hub Walters, Tom Turball and J. H. Seaward.

At 11 p. m. the members of the association adjourned to the Goodrich hotel, where the citizens of Vale had prepared a banquet in honor of the members of the association.

40,000 MEN SEE RIPARIA; MOVE ON

Brawny Laborers by Trainload Pass Through Town During the Season.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Riparia, Wash., March 4.—To have an army of 40,000 brawny railroad laborers pass through a town of scarcely 100 inhabitants, secure accommodations at the one small hotel and restaurant supported by the village and to then so silently traverse their steps and resume former or other places in the world aside from that shut in by the canyons of the Snake river valley, has been the scene witnessed by the hamlet of Riparia, the lower terminus of the Washington and Idaho road, which is building 77 miles up the crystal Snake to Lewiston, Idaho.

Conservative estimates placed on the number of men, a congregation of varied nationalities, who, during the past few months have been shipped by the trainload into Riparia for employment on the railroad construction, is placed below the scene witnessed by the hamlet of Riparia, which would apparently be thronging the little strip of country, is evident. They have come as quickly and as silently as they came, unobserved personally, but traveling in motley crews. Beds strapped on their backs, unheeded, grizzled, bearded men, accompanying their brown-faced fathers, Italians, Greeks, a few Montenegrins, Japanese and a scattering of Chinamen, have composed the throng surging for months into the village.

Cities near Riparia have apparently not felt the influence of a flood of railroad laborers coming within their gates. Lewiston, the upper terminus of the railroad, which they were called to construct, has been void of any evidence of an influx of people of this sort, while Spokane, the largest city in the district, has as yet uttered no word of either protest or commendation. The laborers have seemingly vanished into the unknown.

In not one of the small towns along the river bank has an imported laboring man stopped to make his home. They have passed in and slipped out with their chosen crowd. Stragglers are seen daily, a part of them commencing a weary journey to other fields to seek employment, others turning their backs on the village, and packladen, starting the frudge up the railroad grade to the construction camps where are employed others of their ilk.

Kansas for Taft.
(United Press Leased Wire.) Topeka, Kan., March 4.—Republicans of Kansas met in state convention here today to name delegates to the National Republican convention. As the state committee and practically all of the county conventions have endorsed the candidacy of Secretary Taft for the presidential nomination it is regarded as a foregone conclusion that the Kansas delegation will be sent to Chicago under Taft instructions.

Drawbridge to Be Repaired.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Astoria, Or., March 4.—The Washkum county court, now in session at Cathlamet, Washington, has awarded a contract to Ferguson and Houston, to construct a draw rest for the drawbridge over Brook slough, near Skamokawa, for \$6,658.

Paralytic Patient Improves.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Wilsonville, Or., March 4.—J. W. Jaeger of this place, who has been suffering for two weeks with a paralytic stroke, complicated with grip, is much improved and his recovery is hoped for. He is 69 years of age.

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