ST. JOHN LATERAN

NAME OF THE BURIAL PLACE OF POPE LEO.

No Truth in the Story That the Pontiff Has Had a Magnificent Mausoleum Erected—Last Resting Place a Beautiful But Unassuming Structure.

Rome, July 17.—The events of the last week have served to explode a story that has been current for a number of years to the effect that Pope Leo XIII had erected for himself a magnificent tomb as his last resting place. This tomb was frequently described as being constructed of Carrara marble, with a lion upon the lid whose paws protect the pontifical tiara. On the right was supposed to be a statue of Faith bearing a candle and the holy scriptures, on the left a figure of Truth bearing the coat of arms of Leo XIII upon a shield, and upon the pedestal the inscription: "Hic jacet Leo XIII, Pontifex Maximus. Pulvis est." (Here lies Leo XIII, sovereign pontiff. He is dust.)

This story was so generally circulated that in many quarters it was accepted as truth, despite the fact that until his fatal illness the pope had never been known by his most intimate associates of the vatican to express any preference as to his final resting place. It was supposed by many who had enjoyed his friendship and confidence that his preference was for the splendid new basilica erected during the last 50 years outside the walls of the city upon the spot where St. Paul, the apostle, is supposed to have been buried. Pius IX raised most of the money and did most of the work and the church was completed and decorated under the direction of Pope Leo XIII, although, strange to say, he never saw it.

Never Saw the Structure.

After his election to the pontificate he remained a nominal prisoner in the vatican, although he was in Rome much of the time, he seems to have never had curiosity enough to go out to inspect the new church, which is a mile or more beyond the city gates. Near by is a curious little chapel, erected three or four hundred years ago to mark the spot where St. Peter and St. Paul had their last interview and embraced each other before going to martyrdom.

It was supposed that Pius IX would be buried in the new basilica of St. Paul, in which he took so great an interest, but to the surprise of everybody he selected the old Church of St. Lorenzo, in the most disreputable part of Rome, near the principal cemetery. He was provided with a beautiful tomb in a subterranean chamber, lined with the finest modern mosaics in the world. The sarcophagus is a very plain piece of marble, severe in its simplicity, but its surroundings are superb.

Church of St. John Lateran.

Shortly before he was taken ill Pope Leo XIII expressed to Cardinal Satolli his wishes in regard to his funeral and burial and it is probable that he indicated in his will the same desire as to where he would like to lie, though it is possible that a number of years may elapse before the final disposition of his remains is made. Thus, it was not until 1882, many years after his death, that the remains of Pius IX were finally removed from St. Peter's to the Church of St. Lorenzo. It is definitely known that to Cardinal Satolli Leb XIII expressed the desire to be buried in the Church of St. John Lateran. The spot he designated is on the left of the apse above the entrance to the sacristy, corresponding to the opposite niche in which is the monument erected by himself in 1891 to Pope Innocent III. It is said that a statue of Pope Leo, forming part of the monument has already been made. In other respects the tomb will resemble that of Innocent III, consisting of a sarcophagus with a bas relief, two niches, two statues, and two medallions.

MORE RAILROAD BUILDING

One Line Projected From Montana to Portland.

Boise City, Idaho, July 16.—Idaho and Oregon soon will enter on an era of railroad building of great importance. The Harriman interests are preparing to construct a line 500 miles long from Red Rock, Mont., through this city and westward until the Deschutes river is reached, thence down that river to the Columbia, to The Dalles, where the new line will latrike the Oregon Railway & Navigation lines, and thence to Portland. The cut-off will amount to nearly 200 miles. Another line 200 miles long will reach from Pocatello southwest into a country heretofore without railroad communication.

Walla Walla county has let contracts for county buildings to the value of $11,500. A new poor home, an isolation hospital and detention house are among the improvements.

HARVESTER WRECKED.

Accident to Machine Which Will Put It in Shop for Repairs.

A huge Best combined harvester was badly wrecked in the W. & C. R. yards this afternoon as it was being unloaded off a flat car, says the Walla Walla Statesman. The inability of several men to steer it straight off the incline caused the bulky machine to topple off a four-foot platform. The heavy weight splintered much woodwork and gearing and sprung the back axles badly.

The men who had told of the tongue seeing that the machine was going over, let loose and jumped and saved themselves from injury. The damage will reach several hundred dollars.

What is troubling the men in charge is to right the big machine so as to clear the platform without doing further damage. Part of the machine stands high in the air and the part on the ground is badly broken and twisted. The machine arrived from the Stockton factory yesterday and was consigned to the local agency.

SANTIAGO VETERANS.

Reunion of a Society Organized in Palace at Santiago.

Detroit, Mich., July 16.—The Society of Santiago de Cuba, which was organized in the palace of the governor of Santiago, July 31, 1898, is holding its first reunion in Detroit with veterans of the Spanish war in attendance from many parts of the country. The feature of this, the opening day of the reunion, was a big military parade, followed by exhibition drills and other festivities. The business sessions of the meeting wih be held tomorrow and another round of festivities will close the gathering Saturday. Major General William R. Shafter is the president of the society and among the other officers are Generals Joseph Wheeler and John C. Bates.

Hotel Dacres Sold.

The formal transfer of the Hotel Dacres was made to ex-Warden Catron at noon today by Mr. and Mrs. S. Simon, who have conducted the well-known hostelry for several years. A farewell dinner party was given several friends at the hotel last night. Mr. and Mrs. Simon will leave for the Sound and San Francisco after spending several days visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Goldman in South Second street. The Hotel Dacres under the efficient management of Mr. and Mrs. Simon has become one of the best appointed hostelries in the Inland Empire.—Walla Walla Statesman.

Mrs. Julius Joseph, a pioneer woman of Albany, died Thursday after a lingering illness.