

An Interesting Discovery.

The Maya ruins in Yucatan, so graphically described by John L. Stephens in his books of travel, and afterward by the French traveler Desre Charnay, are destined to attract the attention of archaeologists in Europe and America still more decidedly through the excavations and discoveries of Dr. August Le Plongeon, a native of the island of Jersey, of French parentage, who has been residing in Yucatan since 1874 for the purpose of studying the remarkable monuments of that peninsula, and making researches among its ruined temples. This traveller was prepared for the work he had undertaken by his experience with Mr. Squire in his antiquarian journey in Peru, where he acted as photographer. Since he has been in Yucatan he has passed most of his time in the famous ruins of Uxmal, Chichen-Itza, and Ake, of which he took a series of 125 photographic views; and in all of his labors he has been assisted by his accomplished wife, Mrs. Alice Le Plongeon. During a visit to the ruins of Chichen-Itza this intelligent and indefatigable investigator succeeded in finding a very remarkable entire statue, finished "in the round," which, with great labor and at considerable expense, he excavated from a depth of thirty feet in one of its decorated, elevated edifices. "The colossal stone image weighs about 3,500 pounds, and, together with its base, is cut from a solid block nine feet in length. Its imposing and majestic attitude and the insignia which adorn it lead to the supposition that it was the likeness of some notable leader of the time—a king or a noble. It was reached at a depth of eight meters, not far from the manorial castle of Chichen. According to the discoverer, the mausoleum or monument in which this statue was found was erected to the memory of Chac-Mool, an Itza king, by the queen, his wife. Chac-Mool is a Maya word, signifying tiger. At a short distance from this building another stone statue, representing a tiger, was found, which, it is presumed once surmounted the mausoleum." The statue was undoubtedly excavated from the building which surmounts the southeast wall of the so called Gymnasium, referred to in Stephens' book.

The Green Mountain State.

The Bennington Centennial Celebration.

The patriotic people of these "free and independent states" do not seem to be getting tired of the centennial celebrations. This augurs well for the future, for it will be six years yet before we get to the end. The end in fact will be the culminating point and our interest can well be sustained until we reach it. That final event will be the centennial anniversary of the peace of 1773, when Great Britain recognized American independence. We shall then, no doubt, hear such a reverberation of thunder over the country, that all preceding celebrations will appear to have been small affairs; and what will add special interest to the occasion will be the fact that England can then heartily join with us in the jubilee.

About two weeks ago our columns contained an account of the battle of Bennington, and now it only remains to put on record how the centennial anniversary was celebrated. The celebration was a double one—civil and military—and two days were given to the exercises. The first day, Wednesday, the 15th, was the anniversary of the birth of Vermont as a separate commonwealth, and the festivities were all in honor of this event. Vermont, it is true was not admitted to

the union until several years later, but it was on the 15th of August, 1777, that a convention of delegates, representing all parts of the "grants," as the territory was then called, adopted a constitution and organized themselves into a sovereign state. The orator of the day who dwelt upon this fact in the history of Vermont, was Hon. Daniel Roberts of Rutland, and following him Prof. Churchill of Andover, read a poem written for the occasion by Mrs. Julia C. M. Dorr, also of Rutland. Preceding these solid parts of the exercises were an address of welcome by Hon. E. J. Phelps of Burlington, and responses from the representatives of other states, especially those which furnished the early settlers of the state. Gov. Hawley spoke for Connecticut, ex-Gov. Harriman for New Hampshire, Gen. Banks for Massachusetts, Gov. Connor for Maine, and Gov. Stephenson for Rhode Island. A great throng of people and a procession, the like of which Vermont had never seen before contributed to the imposing character of the celebration.

But if there was a great time on the first day, there was a still greater one on the next. All Vermont had not poured into Bennington simply to hear about her first constitution. It was the famous fight that drew "Stark," "Mollie," and "Victory" were the principal words of inspiration. The scenes of the preceding day were repeated on a still larger scale and with still greater effect. The presence of President Hayes and several members of his cabinet added to the enthusiasm of the occasion, and their ride in the procession was a continued ovation. Other "celebrities" present were legion in number—governors, generals, honorables and the Massachusetts legislature in a body. The historical address for the day was delivered by President Bartlett of Dartmouth, and the poem read came from the pen of William Cullen Bryant; both, in their own line, being literary efforts happily suited to the occasion. During the day, and at the proper time, brief addresses were made by secretaries Everts, Devinand Key of the cabinet, and by other distinguished guests. The entire celebration, in a word, was a complete success, and every way worthy of the important event commemorated.

We are yet to have in 1877 the anniversaries of the battles of Brandywine and Germantown in Pennsylvania, of the burning of Danbury, Connecticut, and of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. The last will no doubt be a grand jubilee. That surrender settled the question of American independence.

—Reports from the California election show that the democrats have the legislature, and Bryant elected Mayor of San Francisco.

—We are informed that there is to be a meeting of cannerymen at Portland, on Monday evening next, to adopt some plan of operation to secure needed legislation for the fishing interest on the Columbia river. As the legislative assembly of Washington territory will soon meet, it is essential that every house on the river be represented at this meeting.

—The farm of Tom Paine at New Rochelle, N. Y., given to him by the state of New York in consideration of the great service done to the public by his writings on public questions, was advertised to be sold recently under a mortgaged foreclosure. Cobbett came over here in 1819, exhumed the remains of Paine, took them with him to England, where they were passed from one hand to another until it is not known at present where his osseous parts do rest. Apropos of Cobbett and Paine, the following verse written by Lord Byron in 1820, soon after the bones had reached England, have a fresh interest: "In digging up your bones, Tom Paine, Will Cobbett has done well; You visit him on earth again, He'll visit you in hell."

—For some months past the fish commissioners of Wisconsin have been engaged in hatching out a large number of eggs of valuable lake fish collected during the last autumn and kept in the state hatching house at Milwaukee, under the superintendence of Mr. H. W. Welsler. The success of this enterprise has been entirely satisfactory, no less than 6,500,000 of white-fish fry having been planted in Lake Michigan and Grand bay and about 1,500,000 of lake trout. The period of incubation of the former lasted from 135 to 165 days, having been purposely retarded so that the young fish might be introduced into the lake after the melting of the ice, thus making them certain of finding the necessary food. Heretofore half that number of days has been considered sufficient and this involved the necessity of cutting holes in the ice for the introduction of the fish. The method of the Wisconsin commissioners is considered preferable.

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