

THE BOOK OF ALAMO.

Found in a Cave on the Greenhorn Mountains.

(TRANSLATED BY THE PROPHET JACKSON.)

- I. And it came to pass during the latter part of the reign of King McKinley that there gathered together all the wise men and prophets of the land.
- II. And, behold, there appeared unto them the Angel Wheeler whose voice was as the tinkling of brass and fine silver.
- III. Thus did he say unto them, get ye unto the land of Alamo, for, lo and behold, I have had a great dream—that the gold of that country is good.
- IV. Thus did they come from the tribes of Milwaukee and from around about the East and brought with them great riches and did build up a mighty camp.
- V. Now these are the tribes as were recorded, Wheeler was the son of Tunnel-site, which, being translated, means keep 'em out.
- VI. And he begat Warner, who was the son of A. Fake, and he brought with him the children of Strasbourg who worked days in the bowels of the earth, and he it was who wrote the great book of promises.
- VII. And Warner begat Aldrin and his tribe for Aldrin was the son of A. Sweed, and brought with him the parchment of the Prophet Quebec concerning the lost mines of Alamo.
- VIII. Thus it so happened that there so-journed to that country a mighty miner, whose surname was Murphy, who being told in a dream to search the Book of Spokane and there would it be revealed to him where to look for the lost mines of Alamo.
- IX. And Murphy was the son of Sell Stocks and he brought with him Mahoney who was the father of the tribe of Whiskeyites and he begat Smith.
- X. Now Smith was a great farmer in his own land and a mighty glass blower, and did build up for himself a mighty trade in rocks and rye.
- XI. Now it came to pass that there so-journed into that land one McPhee, whose surname was Imootherite, which being translated from the Hebrew, means holdfast, and he did build great houses and barns and did flourish, and became a mighty man among the people.
- XII. And McPhee was the son of Getem and begat Campbell who was the son of Keep'em; thus did they thrive.
- XIII. And Campbell begat Bilbee, who was of the tribe of Surething, and he was a money-maker and he did work hardships on the people.
- XIV. And Bilbee begat McGregor, who was the son of Allison, who was a very rich man and did own the great mines of Quebec; he it was, who was cheated by his kinsman and kept out of great riches.
- XV. And the son of Allison begat Barrett who was a great man in his own way and a politician and took unto himself a young wife in his old age.
- XVI. And Barrett begat Carr and Ferris who belonged to the tribes of Cripple Creek and they, too, did mine and waxed very rich.
- XVII. Thus ends the tribes of Alamo as was revealed by the Prophet Jackson in the Book of Alamo.
- XVIII. And there came a mighty famine in that land, for McCoy would not trust the people, but the Lord sent into their midst the Angel Daley who did trust them through a hard winter.
- XIX. And there arose a mighty war among the people for the tribe of Milwaukee did battle with the children of St. Anthony.
- XX. But the Lord sent unto them one Rand, who was a wise counselor, and he did lead them into battle, and did

put to flight the Milwaukeeites, for the women of that country were mighty fighters.

XXI. Thus endeth the First Book of Alamo, being a translation as was recorded, and thus it so happened that Wheeler was again declared king among his people.

Balzac as a Miner.

Very few people are aware that Balzac once engaged in gold mining. Always short of money despite his colossal literary labor, the famous author yearned for some sudden fortune from gold mines or hidden treasure. He consulted certain somnambulists on the point. One of them having revealed the secret that at a certain spot at Port au Prince Toussaint-Louverture had buried immense riches, Balzac resolved to repair to St. Domingo and take possession of the treasure. Unable to do all the work alone he admitted Jules Sandeau and Gautier into the syndicate, promising them a big share of the profits. They merely had to be at the station at a certain time, ready to set out "with the necessary tools."—Exchange.

LOST ON DESOLATION CREEK.

Hills and Canyons All Look Alike in that Well-Named Region.

"Lost on Desolation creek."

"This is one of the easiest things in the world," observed the man who has been there, in discussing the latest episode of this kind reported by the Grant county papers. "All that is necessary is to give the country a chance. I have been there and know what it is. If there ever was a country properly named it is that tributary to Desolation creek west of Olive lake, near the Greenhorn mountains.

"The man who named this country and the creek must have been through there. The only wonder to me is that there are not more people lost in that section. For the man who wants to get lost this district offers more inducements than any I ever visited.

"The 15-16 puzzle and 'digs-in-the-clover' are snaps compared with the task of finding oneself, when once he loses his bearings in this God-forsaken country. Picture to yourself a vast stretch of country covered with dead trees and fallen timber, so thick that a grasshopper would be puzzled to get through. The ground is broken, there being hills and canyons galore. But they all look alike, and as for using any of them as a landmark to guide your wanderings, you would be safer to tie your reckonings to the sun by day or ray of the stars by night. You will find no reliable landmarks. The scenery is tiresome and monotonous. There are paths by the thousands winding through canyons up the mountain sides and in and around among the fallen trees. These are only a further aggravation. They are the feet work of numerous bands of sheep that are driven here for pasture in the early part of the summer season. They begin nowhere and end nowhere. They are a delusion and a snare.

"The only redeeming feature of this vast waste of wilderness is Desolation creek. This is a beautiful stream and teems with speckled beauties. It is this attraction that gave me an introduction to the Desolation country. A better trout stream there is not to be found in the state. I had no difficulty in filling my basket in two hours fishing. Had it not been for a friend who was with me and who, by reason of frequent fishing trips had a pretty fair knowledge of the country, I might have been there yet trying to figure a way out. I got lost within half a mile of the spot where our horses were tied, and was making preparations to camp for the night, when the cheerful voice of my friend in response to my calls, gave me my bearings and led me back safely to camp.—Oregonian.

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