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Find Ample Proof of Elephants in America

Scientists interested in the prehistoric animals that roamed the North American continent in times too remote to calculate of hand have now and then resurrected from their beds of rock and debris the skeletons of mammoths and mastodons, those strange creatures akin to the elephant. That the elephant species was known to the civilizations of Central America not so many thousands of years ago seems to be proved conclusively by recent excavations made in Panama. A Hyatt Verrill, writing in World's Work, describes the strange sculptures of an ancient people, dug up from the volcanic soil of the little Isthmian republic showing the degree of artistic advancement achieved by that vanished race.

Perhaps the most interesting and remarkable find of all, writes Mr. Verrill, was a large sculptured stone figure thoroughly elephantine in form and detail. Hitherto the so-called "elephants" found in prehistoric (and modern) American ceramics and stone work have been generally accepted as conventionalized antbears or tapirs with exaggerated snouts. But in this case it is scarcely possible to account for the creature on this hypothesis. Not only is the body elephantine, but the large leaf-like ears could belong to no other known creature, while the hind knees bend forward, a character peculiar to the elephant. It is difficult to believe that any man unfamiliar with the elephant could have conventionalized a tapir or an antbear to the extent of adding broad fan-shaped ears and legs bending forward, while, as a final touch, the creature is represented carrying a load or burden upon its back.

Not Much of a Meal for Real Hungry Man

Uncle Life Waters was accustomed to seeing good-sized squares of sponge cake or gingerbread on the upper table, and when he had his first plate of ice cream in a city cafe, he looked with some disfavor on the macaroons and small sponge drops which accompanied it.

"How do you like it?" asked the niece, who was doing the honors of the city for her uncle.

"The ice cream is certainly first rate," said Uncle Life. "I call it extra good; but when you come to these things, he added, lifting one of the lady fingers and surveying it doubtfully. "I presume to say they're right enough, what there is of 'em, but there isn't enough of 'em—just nothing but gape and swallow."

Illusion Often Lost by Personal Contact

The best authors should be read, not known. Even if a poet has written an epic, one hour's association with him may destroy the most idolatrous reader's illusion of him.

Your favorite humorist may turn out to be an ordinary person, dull in the use of the spoken word. Or what you believe to be the greatest living novelist may prove to be a little peevish man whose false teeth do not fit, made intolerant by nervous indigestion or egotism.

In any case, says Corra Harris in the Saturday Evening Post, some writer whom you have admired for his high notes in the purpling shadows of a great poem is almost sure to give vent to some meanly critical views of men quite contrary to the noble sentiments he bugled in that martial epic because he was in a divine mood when he wrote it, and the thing merely interprets his mood, not his normal mind, which may be a mean little mind.

Early Altars Ablaze With Human Sacrifices

Throughout the ages men have made human sacrifices whenever they were under adversity and felt that the gods were aghast. H. G. Wells paints a graphic picture of a scene that may have occurred in the dawn of a prehistoric day about the vast stone altars on the Wiltshire uplands at Stonehenge, in England—the Druid priests with horribly painted masks, the air of festivity among the people who have come wearing their very best skin garments for the occasion and the helpless victims gazing toward the distant smoking altars upon which they are to die.

As time went on, the practice of human sacrifice became more elaborate. The reasons and occasions for human sacrifice were codified. The most civilized races decided that an entire community might be cleansed of an epidemic or saved from other calamity by this barbarous means.

Gave Up Prized Sword in Expiation of Crime

In the high mountains beyond Nikko, in central Japan, nestles Lake Chuzenji, and above it the sacred mountain Nantai San rears its bare crest. Once it was the dwelling place of a pacific Buddhist hermit saint. Pilgrims from all parts of Japan climb its steep slopes. They are dressed in white robes, carry staffs and rosaries in hand, and chant a Buddhist prayer as they climb. An avenue of scarlet lacquer "torii," or gateways, guides the pilgrim to the shrine on the summit.

Near the peak is a bare patch of rock, overhanging a steep precipice. On this rock is a heap of swords, daggers and other weapons, rusted with age. In ancient times a man who had committed a deed of blood made a pilgrimage to Nantai San and offered up his weapon in expiation of his crime. To the Samurai, the warrior, his sword was his most prized possession, and the murderer who sacrificed his precious sword gave up in atonement what he valued more than his own life. This heap of ancient sword blades, daggers and other weapons can be seen on Nantai San at present, a relic of feudal times.

"Shut-ins" Not Dead to All Worldly Affairs

The Woman visited a friend at a sanatorium the other day—one of those places in the country where they try to make convalescence bearable. She had to wait until she could see her friend, so she sat down on the porch. At the far end a group of women patients were talking with absorbed interest.

The one in the wheel chair evidently had a great deal to tell. The Woman wondered what it could be about. She knew the story of those particular patients. All three had been in invalids for years; they always would be bound to their chairs and crutches. Just then she was called, and as she passed the group she heard: "When I bake tomatoes I fill them with bread crumbs and butter and..."

"That's just the way I fix peppers and my husband used to say..."

The Woman went inside. She was "smilin' round the mouth, but sort of teary around the lashes" when she thought of that hopeful, amiable group of cooks.—New York Sun.

Mirror Made Trouble

To the back verds of South Africa there penetrated one day a traveler who possessed many treasures the old farmer had never seen before. Among them was a mirror.

"Where did you get that?" asked the farmer, as he gazed into it: "that picture of my father?"

The traveler did not explain, but gave it to him as a souvenir, and it became his most cherished possession. Every day he looked at his "father's picture," and kept it carefully locked up, showing it to no one.

But there came a day when he left his keys behind, and his wife, who had long wondered what it was he kept so carefully, started rummaging and found the mirror.

"Oh," she murmured, as she gazed into it, "so that's the cat he's after, is it?"

Birthstone Old Ornament

Birthstones are among the oldest forms of jewelry. The group of 12 stones, one for each month of the calendar year, may have been related to the 12 stones in the breastplate worn by the High Priest Aaron as described in the Book of Exodus. Each of the 12 stones represented one of the tribes of the Children of Israel and the name of the tribe was inscribed on the stone. As early as 4000 B. C. another high priest, this time in Egypt, wore a breastplate of 12 small stones or crosses. Ancient Egyptian carvings preserve this interesting bit of history. A relationship between the breastplates of the two high priests seems probable.—New York Times.

North Carolina Giant

Miles Darden, who was born in North Carolina, in 1798, and died in Harden county, Tennessee, January 23, 1857, was the world's biggest man. He weighed 4,000 lbs. The North Carolina Historical Review. He was 7 feet 6 inches tall and weighed a little more than 1,000 pounds.

Thirteen and a half yards of cloth one yard wide were required to make him a coat. When he died 24 yards of black velvet were needed to cover the sides and lid of his coffin. This was 8 feet long, only 1 inch less than 3 feet deep and was 32 inches broad. Miles Darden lived a quiet, uneventful life; apart from his world record size he seems to have been a hard working, ordinary man.

Not Worth Saving

A Scottish gillie who had accompanied a middle-aged and corpulent Englishman on a fishing expedition returned alone and announced that the visitor had fallen into the river and been drowned.

"The first time he cam' up I grippit him by the hair, but it was a wig and cam' awa' in ma hand, and doon he sank. He cam' up again an' I grippit him by the collar, an' it was a diekle and cam' awa' in my hand, an' doon he sank. A third time he cam' up an' I grippit him by the leg. Losh, it was cork, an' cam' awa' in ma hand, an' doon he sank. So I said to myself, 'Weel, ma chlappe, I'll let you droon. Ye're naething but a bog o' rennants.'"

ORDINANCE No. 113

AN ORDINANCE granting to the Sherman Electric Co., a corporation, its successors and assigns a franchise to construct, maintain and operate in the present and future streets, alleys and public places of the City of Ione and its successors, electric light and power lines and appurtenances thereto, for the purpose of supplying electricity and electric service to the City of Ione, the inhabitants thereof and others.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF IONE, OREGON:

Section 1. There is hereby granted to Sherman Electric Co., a corporation, and to its successors and assigns (hereinafter called the grantee) the right, privilege and franchise for the period of fifty (50) years, to construct, maintain and operate in the present and future streets, alleys and public places in the City of Ione, and its successors, electric light and power lines, with all necessary or similar appurtenances (including underground conduits, poles, wires and telephone and telegraph wires for their own use), for the purpose of supplying electricity and electric service to the said City of Ione, the inhabitants thereof and persons and corporations within and beyond the limits thereof for light, power, heat and other purposes.

Section 2. The height and location of poles and fixtures and the location of underground conduits shall be subject to reasonable regulation and control of such committee of the City as the City Council may designate, or as may be designated by law; and all such poles and structures shall be so erected as to interfere as little as possible with traffic or other public uses. All of said electric lights and appurtenances shall be installed and at all times maintained by the grantee in safe order and condition and in accordance with good engineering practices; and where necessary for the protection of its service to the public, the grantee shall remove any branches of trees which would impair the safe operation and maintenance of said lines.

Section 3. The service furnished hereunder to said City and its inhabitants shall be a twenty-four hour service, and shall be subject to such reasonable rules and regulations as the Grantee may make from time to time. The Grantee may require reasonable security for the payment of its bills.

Section 4. When necessary to permit any duly authorized person to move any building or other structure across or along any street or alley of the City of Ione, the Grantee shall raise or temporarily remove its wires maintained hereunder upon the request of the City Recorder, and upon the cost to the Grantee of so doing being paid by the owner or mover of such building.

Section 5. The City of Ione may, without charge herefor, attach its fire alarm and police signal wires to the poles of the grantee in said City, but at its own risk and only in accordance with good electrical practice. Said wires shall be subject to interference by the Grantee only when necessary in the maintenance, operation and repair of its lines.

Section 6. The service to be furnished hereunder by the Grantee, its successors and assigns, and all rates and charges therefor, shall be subject at all times to any rules, regulations and orders that may be lawfully prescribed by the Public Service Commission of Oregon, or by any other authority or body having lawful jurisdiction over such matters.

Section 7. The Grantee and its successors and assigns, shall hold the City of Ione harmless from all expense or liability arising from any negligent act or omission of the grantee in the conduct of its operations hereunder, and shall comply with all reasonable laws and regulations of the City of Ione relating to the maintenance and improvement of the streets and public places therein.

Section 8. This ordinance shall be published for two consecutive times in The Ione Independent, and shall thereafter become null and void unless unconditional written acceptance hereof is filed by the Grantee herein with the City Recorder within sixty (60) from and after the last publication hereof.

Introduced before City Council on March 1, 1927.

Passed by City Council on March 1, 1927.

Approved this first day of March, 1927.

Bert Mason
Mayor of the City of Ione.

ATTEST:
F. H. Robinson
Recorder of the City of Ione

Church News

Notes of Interest to All Local Denominations.

There will be an all day meeting at the Christian Church at Irregon, March 6, 1927.

The Sunday School will meet at the regular hour of 10 a. m.; Praise, communion and preaching service to follow.

All are invited to bring their dinner and join in the "Basket Dinner" and fellowship at the noon hour.

At 3:00, Guy L. Drill, Vice President of the State Board, will preach and the evening will be given over to the usual Endeavor Hour and preaching services to follow.

We have word from Bro. Drill that he will bring a part of the Church Orchestra from Pendleton with him and together with players from Alpine, and Heppner and any that will bring their instruments with them and join in, we should have a splendid combined orchestra. Let us make this a great day for the Church at Irregon and all the visiting friends and brethren from Ione, Lexington, Heppner, Pine City, Alpine, Hermiston, Pendleton and other points. The church at Irregon extends a cordial invitation to all to come to these services and also to the regular service to follow each Lord's Day, Sunday School, Communion and preaching at the morning hour and young people's meeting and evening preaching service.

WEATHER REPORT FOR JANUARY

Total precipitation 1.01
Total snowfall Trace.
Number of clear days 2
Partly cloudy days 11
Cloudy days 15
Prevailing wind — N. E.
Total precipitation since Sept. 1st 8.48

For the corresponding period last year 4.72

R. E. HARRISON

Cooperative Observer.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. W. W. HEAD, Pastor

Services

11:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

Prayer Meeting, Wed., 7:30

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Prayer Meeting Thurs. Evening

Services

10:00 A. M. and 8:00 P. M.

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