

NEW JERSEY SECT HAS STRANGE BELIEF

Butler, N. J., Aug. 23.—He calls himself "Meva." Just why, he will not say, but he hints strongly at some dark mystery surrounding this name.

Meva is otherwise known as Jos. Solomanson, though his true name is just plain Solomon and he was at one time Belgian consul to Java, and later, in that place, was known as a wealthy and influential exporter of coffee. He says he is the son of King Solomon, and he proclaims himself the "model man."

A few weeks ago this strange appearing man, with a great mane of iron gray hair, a long unkempt beard and wearing a queer garb, fashioned somewhat after common pajamas, alighted from the train at this little station. His legs were bare, and on his feet were fastened curious sandals. He wore no hat, but his long, waving locks were held back by a yellow ribbon. The man carried in his hand a heavy cudgel and on his back a great bag. Without a word to the bystanders, he made his way toward the Ramapo hills.

Those who saw the strange figure were fairly bewitched. Small children ran to the mothers crying from fright. Townspeople who are known for their bravery acted as if they had witnessed a horrid apparition. Half of Butler was startled by the sight.

In a small tent upon the hillside and near a brook Meva now lives. He says that he has come to reform the world and will begin operations right here in Butler. The burden of his thought is to "live close to nature" and induce all about him to follow his example. To live close to nature, says he, means to eat nothing but raw vegetables and fruits and wear no clothes.

Butler did not object to the first section of the formula, but it balked at the second.

After he had been here a few days, Meva came down to the village to buy a few parsnips and a basket of peaches. He was in his stocking feet and wore only a garment that suggested a night gown. Butler was indignant and Meva was taken in tow by half a dozen villagers and marched to the town hall, where he was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Brown. To him he promised to wear more clothing while in the village, and he was released.

A newspaper Enterprise association reporter found Meva reclining on a pile of sand near the brook. He was in his "altogether."

The hot sun was pouring down upon him. His long hair was tangled in the dust.

Nearby was his tent, adjoining a number of others in which are housed several followers of the newest cult in America.

Joseph Solomon aspires to found a big colony, somewhat after Dowd's Zion City, where his followers can live and practice his theories. He would carry them back to the primal life, away from all that is artificial in civilization.

He is 50 years of age, though he looks no more than 35 or 40. He comes of an old Holland family, is an accomplished linguist and venerates the works of Richard Wagner. He visited Mayreuth six times, and knows word for word all the dramas of the great master. He has been called the original Parsifal.

Meva sat naked upon the ground and discussed his "mission."

"I have come here to form a nature colony," he said. "In Switzerland I have much a colony of men, women and children, and we are well and happy. Clothes are an abomination, meat is vile and salt is the devil. Humanity needs only that which comes from the soil. A diet of vegetables and fruit leads to health, morality and happiness."

Heat Kills Life.
So food should not be cooked. For four years I have not tasted meat, cooked food, salt or water. I am healthy, strong and happy. I need no stimulants. Many diseases are consequent upon animal food.

"I do not drink water, for I do not eat salt. All the liquid the human system requires should be absorbed from bathing, the dew or from the air we breathe."

"I require nothing from the mineral kingdom," went on the old man, as he adjusted a pair of steel-rimmed spectacles. "When you think about it, no one does."

"Clothes—the firm who invented clothes has caused more suffering and sickness and immorality among men than can ever be told. Surely this was the devil's work. Society demands that I cover my nakedness. I am God's work, but society is greater than God. I go through the street wearing a loose garment, and I am arrested. I will obey the laws, but

the day will come when there will be no such thing as nakedness, and all men will learn the happiness of life where nature is regarded as God's work, and where our false modesty will give way to decent living.

"If men

Must Cover Themselves.
They should have clothes of the best material, as plain as possible. A loose garment from the shoulder, light and airy, is the best for the first step. Go bareheaded and barefooted; live, work and sleep and do all as much as possible, near to mother earth.

"Let the morning sun kiss your body, but do not abuse the midday sun. Accustom yourself to breathe through your nose. Sleep straight without a pillow, and rest on your stomach."

"Work in the soil which is your own. Do not fatigue the body. Marry your love, and protect your offspring. Live as God intended you to live."

"Wash your body in fresh, cold water daily with your hands. Honor the hair of your body, for it is as good as nature made it, and it is not useless. It is a crime to mutilate it. Follow the sun, and avoid all things artificial. Let all things rejoice you, for sorrow is a vice."

Meva ran down the rocky cliff and plunged into the brook after he had delivered himself of this synopsis of his theories.

He Splashed About
In the cool water for a time, and then donned a queer costume of white knickerbockers and a shirt made of cotton net. "I must exercise after my bath," and away he went to saw a heavy log with a carpenter's tool.

Not all of the occupants of the tents in Meva's settlement are, as he puts it, as far advanced as he is. They wear few clothes, no hats and go barefooted much of the time. To Meva's horror they drink milk and water, eat eggs and salt. Meva, however, says they are progressing.

Some of the women wear one-garment dresses, which are short and sleeveless. They allow their hair to hang loose. Meva declares that he requires no clothing in winter.

The settlement is one of the queerest that has ever invaded New Jersey. Meva says he has received letters from all parts of the country from men and women who wish to join, and by fall he expects to have established a big colony some place in the country, over which he will rule as the "model man."

THE GIRL AND THE STRANGER.

A traveling man taught a young girl in a Iowa town a good lesson the other day.

The girl flirted with him. She was in her teens and he was middle-aged. They took a walk together and as they rambled he asked the location of her home and she pointed it out.

"Will you not ask me in?" said the drummer.

"Oh, no. I don't want mamma to see me with a stranger."

Before the girl could remonstrate he seized her by the arm, hurried her up the steps and rang the door bell. An elderly lady appeared.

"Madam," said the man, "your daughter flirted with me on the street and I have brought her home to you. She does not look like a bad girl and she is altogether too young and pretty to be alone on the streets at night. I have a daughter about her age and I would thank any man for doing what I have done tonight."

Good for the traveling man. What he did was both unusual and effective. As for the mother: In all probability she did not know her daughter was disposed to flirt with strangers. Mothers seldom know. Doubtless she thought the girl at a neighbor's or in some safe place.

And for the girl: The adventure may work a cure in her case. Disillusion has come. Light has been thrown on to the secrets of a double life and it appears hideous to her. She has learned that the straight and narrow way—monotonous though it may be at times—is the only safe way. She has been halted in time to save herself.

The girl who flirts courts temptation. She is going more than half way to meet evil.

All men are not so high-minded or pure-hearted as the traveling man of this episode.

Cab Hire at Half Price.

The war on prices of cabs is still raging. Simpson's stables made the cut to one-half price, and still maintain those prices. Opposite the court house.

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Warm Session Expected.

Portland, Me., Aug. 23.—The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the National Council, Daughters of Liberty, opened in this city today with indications pointing to a lively session. The all-absorbing topic for discussion is the proposed amendment to the laws of the order to enable any American man to gain admission. This matter was before the national council at its meeting last year at Detroit, but the proposition was rejected by a close vote. At that meeting the amendment was brought before the body as a piece of snap legislation, and its introduction was a surprise to many of the members. It is rumored now that one faction in the national council is favoring the amendment and that its members will try to force candidates for office to vote for the change under penalty of defeating them.

The proposed amendment is regarded by many of the members as extremely radical in character and it is evident that its adoption will be bitterly contested. At the present time a man must belong either to the order of United American Mechanics or to the junior order to be eligible to membership in the Daughters of Liberty. These qualifications have been demanded ever since the organization has been in existence. The Daughters of Liberty now have a membership of about 60,000, of which nearly 13,000 are men. Of course the O. U. A. M. contributes 4000, and the junior order over 8000.

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or light hair denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average bald-headed man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others, that he neglects himself. A germ causes baldness. Prof. Sabouraud, of Paris, France, inoculated a rabbit with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newbro's Herpicide.

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Wisconsin Bankers.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 23.—One hundred and fifty representative bankers and financiers were present this morning when the annual convention of the Wisconsin State Bankers' association was called to order. President John M. Holley delivered his annual address and the remainder of the forenoon was devoted to committee appointments, reports and other routine business. J. A. S. Pollard was the chief speaker at the afternoon session. Congressman John J. Esch will address the convention tomorrow and other addresses and papers will be presented by prominent financiers.

Among the interesting animals in Ringling Brothers' zoological display this season is "Baby Boo," the only baby elephant born and successfully reared in America; two splendid specimens of the practically extinct geyser, two-horned horses, several royal Bengal tigers, a bi-horned rhinoceros, the only one in captivity, and many other animals, including 40 trained elephants.

Excursion Rates to Yaquina Bay.

On June 1st the Southern Pacific Company will resume sale of excursion tickets to Newport and Yaquina Bay, both season and Saturday-to-Monday tickets will be sold. This popular resort is growing in favor each year, hotel rates are reasonable, and the opportunity for fishing, hunting and sea bathing are unequalled by any other resort on the Pacific coast.

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RAIN BADLY NEEDED

The past week has been dry, with cool nights and warm afternoons. Pasture, potatoes and gardens need rain badly, but corn and hops are standing the dry weather better than expected. The grain harvest is drawing to a close, and most of the wheat in the Willamette valley and in Southern Oregon have been cut and threshed. Fall wheat and barley yields are generally above the average. Spring wheat and oats are below the average in quantity, but above the average in quality.

Hops are doing well and the vines are free from vermin. Picking will begin in the early yards within two weeks. It is hard to judge the size of the crop on account of the increased acreage, but individual yards generally will not produce as abundantly as they did last year.

Corn is doing remarkably well and the ears promise to be large and well filled. Without rain soon potatoes will be a poor crop. Apples in some localities have dropped badly, but the crop is still good. Peaches, plums and blackberries are plentiful in the market.

VANDALS RUIN WALK

Last night the new cement sidewalk which is being constructed along the Hirsch property on Commercial street, south of Ferry street, suffered from a dastardly act of vandalism. The walk is only partially finished, and was left in good order by the contractor, John Nelson. This morning, when he returned to work, several sections of the green cement had holes dug in them, and the edges of the blocks were mashed and destroyed.

From the general appearance the destructive work apparently consumed considerable time, and was the work of a large shoe. It was a deliberate case of wilful destruction, and the party guilty of such contemptible business should be severely punished if discovered.

Racing at Galesburg.

Galesburg, Ill., Aug. 23.—Racing on the Great Western Circuit was transferred today to this city, where a three days' meeting was inaugurated under favorable auspices. In the number of entries, as well as the size and number of purses hung up, the races eclipse all of the previous meetings held at the local track. In addition to the usual \$500 purse races, the program contains several special events with purses of \$5000 and \$1000.

A. O. H. of Michigan.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Aug. 23.—State conventions were begun here today by the Ancient Order of Hibernians and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the order. Both meetings are well attended.

Of Interest to Sick People.

We have all the sympathy in the world for sick people, and want to treat them in a serious way. There is no humor in pain and affliction, but hard, earnest fact. It is impossible for the patient to impress on others the extent of suffering they endure, and their anxiety for relief. To get well or be relieved is their one thought, any remedy that will bring this about has their everlasting gratitude. We have thousands of letters from people who have had dyspepsia, sick headache and bilious attacks, who tell us how thankful they were for having used Dr. Gunn's Improved Liver Pills. They are sold at all drug stores for 25c per box. Only one for a dose. These pills remove the cause of disease and make the skin clear and healthy looking. For sale by Dr. S. C. Stone, druggist.

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Special Excursion to St. Louis.

August 8, 9 and 10, September 5, 6 and 7 and October 3, 4 and 5 are the remaining dates upon which tickets will be sold at the reduced rates to the St. Louis fair. These rates apply over the Denver and Rio Grande and Missouri Pacific. For the patrons of these roads special excursion cars will be run through from Portland and St. Louis without change.

See the many points of interest about the Mormon capital and take a ride through nature's picture gallery.

During the closing months travel to the fair will be very heavy. If you contemplate going write W. C. McBride, general agent at Portland for the Denver and Rio Grande, for particulars of these excursions, 8-5-2m.

Good Spirits.

Good spirits don't all come from Kentucky. Their main source is the liver—and all the fine spirits ever made in the Blue Grass state could not remedy a bad liver or the hundred and one ill effects it produces. You can't have good spirits and a bad liver at the same time. Your liver must be in fine condition if you would feel buoyant, happy and hopeful, bright of eye, light of step, vigorous and successful in your pursuits. You can put your liver in fine condition by using Green's August Flower—the greatest of all medicines for the liver and stomach and a certain cure for dyspepsia or indigestion. It has been a favorite household remedy for over thirty-five years. August Flower will make your liver healthy and active and thus insure you a liberal supply of "good spirits." Trial size, 25c; regular bottles, 75c. At all druggists. At Dr. Stone's drug stores.

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