

THE EVENING NEWS.

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ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE BOOK OF MORMON.

GREAT efforts are being made by the learned to discover the meaning of certain characters inscribed on tablets found in the mounds of Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, and other places in the east. Some of the curious hieroglyphics supposed to have been carved by the Indians of Utah and Wyoming, have also engaged the attention of archaeologists, and the results of their labors have been published and widely circulated.

In the proceedings of the Davenport Academy of Natural Sciences, Iowa, for 1879 there are some very interesting and instructive remarks, made by the president of that association in his annual address, from which we make a few extracts, as they relate to a subject of as much importance to us as those who live in the region formerly occupied by the Mound Builders.

In alluding to the tablets which have been found, on which there are representations of animals and plants, as well as of human beings, with characters resembling the sun, moon, stars and other natural objects, Dr. R. J. Farnham, the President, said:

"No one, as yet, has suggested any reading or solution of the letters or hieroglyphics, which are also repeated, some at least, in the last found tablet. But we need not despair. That venerable archeologist, Mr. S. F. Haven, in speaking of these very inscriptions says, as reported in the proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society: 'These (hieroglyphics) are at present unintelligible, but may hereafter disclose their secrets when the habits of thought and the method of expressing and recording facts and ideas peculiar to the American races of both continents shall be better comprehended and compared. This must be the result of information more accurate and general, and philosophy more profound, than has hitherto been applied to their elucidation.'"

After glancing at the fact that the bear (the grizzly) is depicted on the tablets from the mounds, together with the mastodon, and showing the reasonableness of the conclusion that the mastodon was living at the epoch of the Mound Builders, the Doctor asks the question, "Who were the Mound Builders?" He then shows the "commonly accepted" theory that they were "a kindred race to the Aztecs," and that as the traditions of the Natchez affirm, "all the valley of the Mississippi was peopled by a race of sun worshippers like themselves." "But this," he says, "was a comparatively recent event. There were a race more advanced than the Natchez, at least more expert in mining, who preceded them, and must have occupied the country for ages, as the following facts will show."

A recent writer (Jacob Houghton) states that—
"A single district of Isle Royal, 18 miles square, had produced for these ancient miners more copper than the total production of the richest modern mines of Lake Superior for the space of 20 years! That this region supplied not only this country, but Mexico, the Antilles, Yucatan, Central America, and probably even South America."

Another theory is that of Rink, a learned Dane, who has spent many years among the Esquimaux, and is quite familiar with their language and traditions. He, Rink, says:
"The Esquimaux, as we know them, are an aspiring race, that they did not always live by the sea-shore, on the products of the seal fishery, but that they had other habits of life and were forced to migrate northward, having at one time occupied the most of this continent."

A great deal more was said to show the extreme probability of this being a correct theory. To us who are familiar with the history of the Nephites and Lamanites as recorded in the Book of Mormon, this is easy to be understood. When the truth of that inspired book was challenged by the learned because it tells of elephants, horses, and other large mammals having been contemporaneous with man, seeing that there were none of those large quadrupeds found in this continent when the Spaniards first came here, it seemed to receive general assent as a scientific conclusion, but now, the Rev. Mr. Gove, and other gentlemen of undoubted veracity have examined pictorial tablets with characters upon them, in which it may be seen that these higher mammals were contemporaneous with the Mound Builders, no one appears to doubt it.

It is pertinent to the question, "Who were the mound builders?" to ask who were the engravers of plates continually being found on this continent? The Kinderhook plates, for instance, named in these very proceedings. Who were the people that made the curious metal figures found by Dr. Van Zee, of Costa Rica, and other explorers of the ruined cities of Central America? Who told the Prophet Joseph Smith there were elephants, horses and other large mammals in the days when the ancient Jaredites lived? If we know that there were none of these creatures on this continent when the Spaniards came, how did he learn the fact that there had been?

The answers to these questions, as well as to the queries of the antiquarians and antiquaries who are pressed over the mounds and tablets, and hieroglyphics and other relics of the ancient inhabitants of this country, will be found in the Book of Mormon and in no other work now known to mortal man. And if that invaluable record had been presented to the world as a translation of hieroglyphics, without any mention of divine assistance, it would have been welcomed as the true key to the Archaeology of the Western Hemisphere.

THE CASE OF "CONTEMPT."

This morning, according to the order of the Third District Court, the case of Counselor Daniel H. Wells was postponed till 2 p.m. At that time Counselor Wells appeared in court with his counsel, J. G. Sutherland, Esq.

Judge Emerson stopped the progress of the Miles case and gave Counselor Wells an opportunity to purge himself of the contempt in which he placed himself yesterday. Thereupon that gentleman took the witness stand, stating that he would try to answer the questions if possible.

The court reporter read the question, Do the candidates for marriage wear a green apron at that time?

Answer. At what time? I have performed that ceremony without such attire, at the bedside of the dying.

Question by Attorney Van Zile. Do they wear a green apron at marriages in the Endowment House?

Mr. Hagan here objected to the introduction of testimony relating to the Miles case as the prosecution had closed its evidence, and wished to know whether the witness was being examined on the matter of contempt or in regard to the case for which he was one of the attorneys for the defense.

The court replied "both."

The defense objected and the court overruled the objection.

The question was again put, when the witness declined to answer, stating that he was under a sacred obligation to preserve secret the things he was now required to reveal.

Attorney Van Zile—Then we are to understand that you have taken an oath not to reveal what takes place in the Endowment House?

Witness. I did not say so. I said a sacred obligation. I considered it as sacred as any oath taken in a court of justice.

The court said the witness had not purged himself of contempt but was again in contempt.

Witness. I consider any person who reveals the sacred ceremonies of the Endowment House a falsifier and a perjurer and it has been and is a principle of my life never to betray a friend, my religion, my country or my God. It seems to me that this is the reason why I should not be held in contempt.

The court then explained that this was no legal reason why the question which had been asked should not be answered, and though not disposed to be vindictive or severe, the dignity of the court must be maintained; and was about to pronounce sentence, when Judge Sutherland interposed and requested time to prepare an argument on the case, to which the court at length consented, and fixed the time for the hearing at 7 o'clock this evening.

BY TELEGRAPH.

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAPH CO. EASTERN.

New York, 3.—Arthur Sullivan, author of Pinocchio, writes to a friend here that while his income is sufficient to make him somewhat indifferent to the neglect of American managers to pay for the use of the place, he has much to complain of their neglect to play his music as it is written.

"Snowball" at Wallack's probably until the 17th, when the season closes.

Ada Cavendish commences an engagement on the 13th as Rosalind, and afterwards plays "Miss Gwilt" for the first time in America. Frederick Johnson Becker, Gilbert Edie Germon and Stella Boniface appear. On August 18th John T. Raymond takes the theatre.

The Juvenile Pinocchio company from Philadelphia appear on Monday for a series of machine performances. The theatre is crowded with children and threatened interference.

Wallick was never west of Buffalo. He says he is satisfied with the results of the season now closing, also that his is the only city theatre which does not receive anything from the ticket speculators.

During the performance of "Black Creek" at Niblo's on Wednesday night, a former city register and a well-known politician, who had been tempted by a private box to take liberties with the ballet girls, and was ejected from the theatre.

At the Grand Opera, she plays "Giselle" next, and is engaged at the Park for the last time to-night. Manager Tilton had a benefit night at the Fifth Avenue theatre, at which the Fifth Avenue runs smoothly to crowded houses.

"Adele, the Sales Lady," is successful at the Bowery. It will be followed by "Stykes Sign" and "The Galley Slaves," a new piece by C. E. Pillel.

Modjeska plays as "Camille" at the Grand Opera, to large audiences. She plays "Giselle" next, and is engaged at the Park for the last time to-night. Manager Tilton had a benefit night at the Fifth Avenue theatre, at which the Fifth Avenue runs smoothly to crowded houses.

It is stated that W. Shannon goes with Wallack to play his version of "Moin Leopold" at matinees in the west.

At the Globe a colored "Pinocchio" company is drawing fair houses.

The church choir "Pinocchio" company, gave a warm welcome to the Philadelphia Academy of Music. They will appear at the Broadway at the termination of the present engagement of Mr. and Mrs. Knight.

It is stated that Miss Nielsen's engagement with Strakosch in October next, is for a farewell tour of 100 nights in America, going to California, thence to Australia. An efficient dramatic company will support her.

Mrs. Barney Williams returns to the stage of Walnut Street, Philadelphia, on Monday, as "Miss O'Leary" in "Leap Year."

An Upper Grand Spiritualist.

The city journals to-day and yesterday devote much space to the review and editorial criticism of a remarkable book published to-day. It purports to be a revelation of future life made to the daughter of Henry Keddle, who is known to a hundred thousand public school graduates of this city and their parents, and widely throughout the United States as the efficient and time-honored Superintendent of New York public schools during very many years past. It has occasioned the greatest surprise because he was the last man who would have been thought capable of yielding to spiritualism. His professions have revelations from the great men of history. Unlike most modern spiritualists, however, he professes Christianity. He says, "I may be persecuted for being a Christian and for teaching primi-

tive Christianity, when Atheists and Materialists are respected. Those connected with ecclesiastical organizations and those who are set in dogmas formulated long after the Saviour left the world will take ground against me. The supernaturalists of my book will be objected to, but spirit-writing is as old as human nature. The Chinese have had it for thousands of years. I believe it will be a means of saving hundreds of thousands."

A stamp for Russia.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., 3.—Theodore L. Pool, appointed pension agent at Canandaigua, obtained appointment through Senator Conkling, after it had been thought secured by Mr. Hummers by the united application of all the New York republicans congressmen. Conkling's triumph is considered very significant in this region.

David A. Wells on the California Constitution.

CHICAGO, 3.—The Tribune says, editorially, California taxpayers who are dissatisfied with the new constitution recently built in that state have submitted an amendment to the constitution relating to taxation to David A. Wells' crucible, and as a result have a quantity and quality of dross which would disgrace even the rudimentary student of political science. Wells condemns in toto this grasping theory, adopted by these California Senators that property, like the milk of the dishonest vendor, may be skimmed on all sides and in every form in which it may present itself, without regard to the rights of the citizen.

Wells can find nothing in this Pacific theory that commands itself to the mind or to the conscience of a good man. He declares the sweeping provisions of this new constitution will not stand the test of United States constitutional law and will not even be respected by the people whose property it affects. In a word, that it is utterly impracticable and cannot be enforced.

FOREIGN.

GREAT BRITAIN.

United States Securities in Demand.

LONDON, 3.—The London and Westminster Bank, yesterday, took five million dollars United States four per cent. bonds at four and a half, making in all thirty-five million dollars United States securities this bank has recently purchased.

The Afghan Movements.

Yakob Khan will leave Kabul immediately with several aides and ministers and a large retinue, to confer personally with the Indian authorities.

The Coming Year.

HOMESTEAD ENTRIES.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, SALT LAKE CITY, May 2nd, 1879.

Editors Deseret News: Please publish the following information for the benefit of the people of this Territory.

Full instructions have been received by this office in relation to additional homestead entries with "straggled lands" and entries under the act of March 3d, 1879, may now be made in this Land District.

Where an entry of 80 acres has been made under the laws heretofore in force, an additional entry of 80 acres may now be made without payment of further fee or commissions.

But for an original entry of 160 acres, under the said act, the fee and commissions are by law fixed at \$22.00.

An additional entry requires new forms, but no blanks have as yet been furnished to this office. Further information will be given on application.

JNO. B. NEILL, Register.

Missionaries.—The company of missionaries who left this city on Wednesday morning last, were joined on the way by Elders Geo. S. Grant, Andrew Ferguson, William Robertson and W. B. Parkinson.

New Music.—Mr. David O. Calder, music dealer, has received from Dutton & Co. some new and brilliant pieces for the piano. Among these are Rubenstein's "Dance of the Bayaderes," "Heiter Galop" by Carl F. Becker, the "Boat" nocturne by Henry Mayhew, and "It was a Dream" by F. H. Cowen.

NEVADA CITY, Nevada Co., Cal., May 24th, 1879.

R. F. Pierce, M. D., Buffalo, N. Y.: Dear Sir—For three years I was afflicted with a scaly eruption on the face, and pimples. I tried every physician, and every remedy that could be had, but to no purpose. At last I tried your Golden Medical Discovery, and was happily astonished with the result. In one month's time my face became smooth and well, and every pimple and blotch entirely disappeared. I regard it as the best remedy in the world for diseases of the blood.

Yours truly, A. DIAMOND.

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This morning, to the wife of H. C. Harrell, of the 14th Ward, a daughter. Mother and child doing finely.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animal:
One bay horse, 4 years old, branded on left shoulder and high, with a curve of the hind quarters, and a white blaze on the face.
One dark horse, 2 years old, branded on left hip, under the left ear, with a white blaze on the face.
Which, if not claimed by May 9, 1879, will be sold at the County Court, at 10 o'clock P. M.

ARTHUR L. HALE, District Court Clerk.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animal:
One white, stud COLT, two years old, no brand, and taken away before May 1st, it will be sold at the County Court in Graniteville, at 10 o'clock P. M.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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NOTICE is hereby given by the undersigned, administrator of the estate of Louisa Wallack, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit to the said administrator, at Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, Main street, opposite the Walker House, their claims, on or before the 1st day of June, 1879.

ANNIE HYMAN, Administrator of the Estate of Louisa Wallack.

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