

It will cover about three-fourths of an acre and will be a beautiful structure of the Ionic style. It will have a dome, which will be capped by a figure representing liberty enlightening the world. The figure will be lighted by electricity and the torch in the hand of the statue will be 178 feet above the ground. Near this is the fine art building, already half completed. Mr. Haynes tells me that the exhibition of American pictures will be very large and that many of the finest paintings owned in the West will be loaned to the exposition. There are some choice art collections in St. Paul, Denver, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha, and many pictures which have never been shown to the public will be here exhibited. Choice pictures have been loaned by the Chicago Art Museum, the Detroit Art Museum, the St. Louis Art Museum and the art galleries of other cities. Mr. Haynes tells me that one of the directors will scour Europe for the purpose of having a good representation of foreign art, and that the best foreign artists will be asked to send specimens of their work.

I am told that all the states west of the Mississippi will participate in the show. State buildings are already going up in the part of the exposition grounds which lie opposite the park occupied by the main buildings. The Nebraska building is already finished and other buildings are about to be erected by Illinois, Iowa, Montana, Colorado, Wisconsin, Utah and South Dakota. The Illinois building with its exhibits will cost \$45,000, and of this \$20,000 will go into the building itself. The plans have already been made and the structure is a combination of Greek and Byzantine architecture with a dome on the top. Illinois has engaged already about 50,000 square feet of space. It will have a large agricultural exhibit and also the biggest exhibit of foreign implements and manufactures that the state has ever shown in any exposition. Attempts will be made during the next session of the Iowa legislature to add \$50,000 to its appropriation for the exposition. The Wisconsin building has already been planned and it will be under way before spring. Wyoming expects to spend something like \$40,000 on her exhibit, and Colorado in addition to a large amount of space already given in the various buildings will have a structure of its own. Both the Dakotas have made appropriations for exhibits and Montana has a fund half of which was subscribed by the state legislature and the other half by Marcus Daly, the millionaire copper miner. California will show what that state is doing in fruit raising and mining. Louisiana has about an acre of space in the agricultural building to show its products, and Texas expects to give a big exhibit of its resources. Applications for space, I am told, are coming in very rapidly from private parties, manufacturers and commercial firms from all parts of the United States and the indications are that the exposition will have a good representation of the industries of the whole country.

Among the curious features of the exhibition will be a representation of our American Indians. The idea is to have the government send here fifteen Indians of each tribe, and to have each tribe have its own little camp or Indian village, so that by walking through this exhibit one can get a knowledge of the Indians of the United States. These Indians will have their feast days. They will go through their various games and the show will be both instructive and interesting. Such a thing has never been attempted in any other exhibition. It will probably be carried on by the government, and will form a part of the general show, so that there will be no extra charge. The nearness of many of the reservations to Omaha will make this part of

the exhibition cost comparatively little. At the same time the government will probably send its wonderful collection of stuffed animals, various objects engaged in their various occupations, which may form a part of this special exhibit.

Among the other queer things to be shown will be Daniel Boone's cabin. This will be brought from Missouri and will be rebuilt here. After Boone left Kentucky he moved to Missouri, and there spent his last days. There will be a representation of the Egyptians of the Soudan and other shows, something after the fashion of the Midway Plaisance of Chicago. A day in the Alps will be the title of a department showing life in Switzerland. This will be made up of real people, of paintings and of scenic effects built up to represent the reality. The Alps and their glaciers, the tourists climbing the mountains, etc., will all be shown. Then there will be shows depicting life in the West of the dime novel description, or of the Buffalo Bill order. Shows containing Indian massacres, such as a re-enactment of the Custer massacre of 1877, and other scenes of scouting life as they formerly took place in the West. A representation of mining at Cripple Creek will be given, depicting life in the mining camps and also other queer features, such as the Sherman umbrella, in which passengers are sent flying around a circle in a car which is raised to a height of 300 feet above the earth.

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Nothing appearing in the "News" from these parts for so long may cause some of the many anxious ones to wonder whether the object of their anxiety is not now doing anything worthy of note. Yes, we are still on the up side of the "Miss Sod" (a term applied to the "mud and sand" recently by the noted walker, Elder N. H. Tanner), and are hard at work clearing away the underbrush of prejudice and tradition, making distinct trails and inroads to the hearts and homes of the honest and honorable of the "Sunny South," while along these paths where Gospel seeds have been sown, many a well cultivated garden of character is making its appearance. For the past two months my time has been very pleasantly spent laboring altogether in cities under the wise direction of Elder Joseph McGregor, president of the North Alabama conference, which now contains 46 very energetic and zealous Elders, all in good health and spirits. The president writes and receives weekly reports from each. This with other duties, requires much work and he has therefore chosen Elder A. E. Cranny and myself to aid him, giving us each ten lengthy letters to write each week, with aid of our companions, besides visiting the various Elders, to increase their interest and activity by helping them in their work.

I submit a few items of experience. Elder Chas. A. Sperry and myself started from Tappah county Sept. 27, first to visit Elders E. T. Stevens and Sidney Reynolds in Marshall county, and with God's aid to "capture," (as we term it) Holy Springs, a city of 3,000 inhabitants, on an elevation of 500 feet above sea level. Elder Stevens accompanied me in the city which we tracted and in which we sold books and appointed meetings. While there we met a lady who said she had never heard her ideal of what religion ought to be until we gave her an explanation of the Gospel of Christ, plain and simple. She was as a last resort, she said, appealing to Catholicism because she saw in its devotees many a Christian

trait. When we told her we believed that God had wisdom enough in the beginning to know how He wanted the ministry worked without changes tears filled her eyes and she said: "Such humility, self-sacrifice and trust I have longed for, but never thought to see in religion of today." She is in employ of the Associated Press and as a general news reporter her pen is preaching many a powerful sermon for us and in all God will not leave her unrewarded.

Hernando, the county seat of De Soto, was our next city and Elders Joseph Bellows and E. C. Penrose were the next brethren to visit. The last named Elder and myself went into the city, canvassed and held street meetings, allaying much prejudice and proving the people. Many were not found wanting, as we lacked nothing. Our next was the pleasure of meeting Elder Moses Jorgensen and J. W. Tuddenham in Lafayette county, with Oxford for county seat, which city is a modern one in style and was visited by Elder Jorgensen and myself Christmas Eve. On visiting city officials we found them very kind. Christmas Day found our first snow falling this season. However it did not keep us from our duty. We canvassed all day, taking our Christmas dinner with Brother Keys. (for I can call such Christian-hearted men by no other name) a wealthy merchant of Oxford. After we had explained the Gospel as contained in the Bible and Book of Mormon he said: "I know now that when we desire of God to know anything, a way will be opened up to us to be filled with that which we hunger and thirst after." After giving us to understand that we would be ever welcome at his beautiful home, he wished us God speed.

While Elders Sperry and Chase have been in the country Elder Reid and I have been tracting, selling books, conversing and holding meetings in the large room of a hall which is always open to us. We visited first the business men and officials, introducing ourselves and our work. We tell them we are here to get good men to live better, and bad ones to turn. We were entertained last Sunday and Sunday night first of new year, by one of the leading Campbellites here.

We rejoice in the work of Him whose birthday we have just commemorated and look forward to the "new year" for many results of righteousness, and as an incentive to an active year's work, we are soon to collect a conference at Boonville, Printice county, where we are doing on meeting Elders Lyman and Cowley as well as Elder Kimball.

Your valuable "News" brings instructions and reports from our lovely mountain home.

RODNEY ASHBY.

News has reached Portland, Ore., that Richard Thomas and Richard Murray were killed, and Louis Rush badly injured by the explosion of 100 pounds of dynamite in the Eureka and Excelsior mine near Bourne, Baker county. The men were in an upper level in the mine, close to the place where the dynamite is stored, when the explosion occurred.

By order of Governor Budd of California copies of all documents bearing on Salter D. Worden's mental condition are being prepared. They will be sent to Dr. Hatch of the state lunacy commission, Dr. Gardner of Napa and Dr. Clark of the Stockton asylum, who will make separate examinations of the facts set forth, and they may make personal tests to determine the condition of Worden's mind. They will make independent reports of the prisoner's mental condition now and his probable condition at the time of the commission of the crime of train wrecking.