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PERRINE'S COMET.

Little school children yesterday, in different parts of the city, came home from school with considerable anxiety in their hearts as to the fate of the earth on Saturday next. They had an idea that our planet was to be annihilated either through a collision with a comet or through some other terrible accident, caused by the disarrangement of something in this part of the universe. The matter has been discussed in higher and wiser circles than those formed by small children.

A few weeks ago Professor Perrine of the Lick observatory announced the discovery of a little comet, and calculations founded on further observations made it probable that it was moving toward the earth with the velocity of 1,700,000 miles a day. Accordingly a collision, it was said, would occur on March 14, provided the observations and calculations were correct. A noted astronomer, Garrett P. Serviss, gave the matter his attention and announced that, according to his observations, the wandering star was a very small one, probably of the size of the earth, and that instead of nearing the earth it was going away and would rapidly fade out of sight. This was seemed to be correct, for if the comet were approaching at the rate of 1,700,000 miles a day and were by this time so close to us as to make the danger of a collision on Saturday probable, it would by this time be a prominent object in the sky. Besides, the earth is traveling through space at a rate of about 19 miles a second, and if the comet's course, when first discovered pointed directly our way, on the 14th of March we would be 40,000,000 miles away from that point and consequently pretty safe. There is, then, no danger of a collision on Saturday.

It must be remembered that the course of a comet cannot be calculated with the same mathematical precision as that of a planet. Time and again predictions of this kind have been made and failed of fulfillment.

Astronomers are inclined to the supposition that a comet is nothing more solid than a coal-cloud, and that even if a collision were to take place, the consequences would not be serious. The earth would receive a layer of dust, and the impurities thereby imparted to the atmosphere might be the cause of spectacles, but it is not believed there would be any alteration of the earth's position. Comets have at times been so near other planets that their courses in space have been materially interfered with, but the planets themselves remain as they were before.

MERCURY'S EVOLUTION.

A comparison of the present and prospective condition of Mercur with the state of that locality a few years ago is a striking illustration of the change that is going on in Utah's material development. Mercur is not the only locality, or mining the only industry, that has made such rapid strides, and its behavior is but typical of many others that might be named; but the evolution there more easily illustrates the progress made than in some other places where it cannot be demonstrated to the mind through the eye as well as through the ear, in spoken descriptions, and also by means of mathematical calculation.

Only a few years ago the present Mercur was the site of Lewiston, then center of the Camp Floyd district. In Lewiston days it was a silver camp, and the ore containing gold, since it carried only about seven dollars to the ton, was cast away as worthless—the precious metal could not be extracted at a profit to the miner and had to be left there. Then the silver production fell off; Lewiston steadily followed the retrograde movement toward the former condition of a desolate nook in the midst of bleak and barren hills, and today there remain but two or three old houses which are pointed out to the visitor as all that now stands of the former busy town.

Surrounding this little clump of houses that is a relic of the Lewiston that was, there are now buildings, new and far more numerous than before, stretching away in other directions, to the right and left, in front and to the rear, shafts are being sunk, hoists driven, machinery is moving, and great excavators worked—everything indicative of a new and vigorous life; and the latter picture presents the bustling town of Mercur, whose population reaches into the thousands and is being steadily augmented.

A potent cause of this great change is the new method of extracting the precious metal from its native bed in the earth. The mere mention of it has not grown threadbare, although veins of higher grade have been discovered here and there. But the seven-dollars a ton ore that once could be worked only at a loss, now is handled at a good profit; the old methods could not cope with it satisfactorily, but for three dollars a ton or so the cyanide process brings out the gold, yielding handsome returns to the worker. From an indifferent silver camp, by the inventive genius manifest through man, we now have the great gold camp which is applying the wonderful attractive powers to both capitalist and laborer. And the evolution at Mercur is merely suggestive of what yet may be there, and typical of what is going on in other branches of industry and will yet characterize many of the now undeveloped portions of the state.

AN OLD ORDAIN.

W. W. A., writing in a late issue of the Cleveland Plaindealer, gives the following reminiscences of a man who by name and reputation is known to thousands of our readers, though there are now but comparatively few who saw or knew him personally. The stories as to his fear of assassination are of course mere rubbish; and the odium which is spoken of as having attached to him because of his identification with the "Mormons," must have been chiefly galling because the connection was severed, for he was restless, unhappy and unsettled until he again sought to renew his membership. W. W. A. says:

I spoke in some of the recent issues of "L. D. H." of Mormons and Mormonism in relation to Oliver Cowdery, one of the early leading lights of the Mormons, and I think a revelator of their Bible. After Cowdery left Kirtland he came to Tiffin and commenced the practice of the law. He was a quiet, jolly and retiring man, and I remember as a boy of eleven years (in spite of that prejudice against him in Tiffin) that I used to like to see him at night and the windows of his residence were always cheerily illuminated and his doors comfortably locked. It was the current impression there that because of his association with Mormonism he felt that he would be ostracized. He presented himself as a candidate for prosecuting attorney, but the stories about his previous connection with the then infant Church compound doubtless withdrew his name. He left Tiffin some time afterwards, went to Fort Horn, Wis., and became president or publisher, editing a paper. But the Mormon story followed him and destroyed his prospects. It was said that dropping of names in politics or business outside of Mormonism, he returned to his home and afflicted therein died his death, with the religionists of that faith.

UBOOK IN CALIFORNIA.

The intended trip of the Tabernacle choir to California is now receiving special attention from the press of that state, which contains articles descriptive of the choir's ability and of the career of its leading members. In Sunday's issue of the San Francisco Chronicle there is a two-column article, illustrated by portraits of Prof. Evan Stephens, Prof. W. E. Weihe, George D. Pyper, R. O. Easton, Mayor Charles Pike, Mrs. Bessie Dean Allison and Mrs. Elizabeth Thomas Edwards. The article closes with the paragraph:

The proposed course which, go to California include fifty choirs, forty choirs, fifty choirs and forty-five choirs. All the voices are young and fresh, comprising the choice of the choir, which is itself the pick of all Salt Lake. The progress will be made up of choral events selected from the Mormon Church choir, of selections from modern opera, oratorios, glees and madrigals. The choir's repertoire includes thirty-three oratorios and operas complete, and it has an immense musical library with a vast range of miscellaneous compositions. Over 200 Salt Lake people will go to California with the choir, taking a solid special train of Pullman cars through the whole trip. It is altogether probable that Governor Waite, the first governor of the new State, who is a member of the choir, will accompany them on the journey.

REGULATORS IN SHAPE.

It is not often that mobbers get on the right side of a conflict, but they did it when the success in Florida the other night, as related in the Dispatches, so upset the mobbers, or regulators, as they are generally termed in that locality, that no mean is for things to go that way, but they barked up the wrong tree, with the result that, instead of succeeding in the murder of their intended victim, four of the five regulators received death wounds and six others were placed so it would take a surgeon's care to pull them through to health again.

Brown Dykes, the man whom his lawless neighbors sought to "regulate" in the usual cruel fashion of mobs, may not be as popular in the district as he might be; if he is a decent citizen he probably would not be liked by the class which attempted to compel his removal on pain of death. But he has proved his courage and skill as a fighter, and in all probability has gained a prestige that will cause regulators to steer clear of his premises in future. His vigorous and effective defense against the mob was strictly within his legal and moral rights, and he deserves public commendation for having pleading what many Florida officers have failed to do, i.e., maintained the law against the lawless, even when the latter appeared to be the most popular. His determination to remain in the neighborhood and enjoy his rights and his home, if he has to kill every man in the Pete neighborhood of Hillsboro county, Florida, probably will be received by some by regulators who have been taught that he is a man of business when their methods are applied.

A few more persons of Dykes's stamp, in that particular in which he has become prominent in this instance, would go a long way toward removing from the South much of the opprobrium which attaches to that part of the country in the minds of peace-loving citizens, who admire Southern hospitality and chivalry but abhor the assassin methods so frequently resorted to by neighborhoods when they acquire a dislike for an individual, lady or otherwise. It would be a good thing for Southern reputation, in the minds of those who have a kindly feeling for the generous, open-hearted Southerner, if the "regulator" business were placed on the same plane there as train robbing is in Arizona.

TIME CHANGES, and men, too. It is only a little more than a week since most of the municipal elections in the State were held in the early spring months, and general elections in the fall. Then there was a hue and cry that this was a mose-back system—that all elections should be held in the fall. Now comes the demand for returning to the springtime for municipal elections. This change of mind is not to be condemned—it indicates progress. If a change is contemplated in the date of municipal elections, the springtime suggestion is worth considering well.

IT IS said that Hooper Brothers, contractors for the Power Dam company, have sent to Denver for 500 men to come to Ogden to work for them. In view of the fact that there are hundreds of competent workmen in Ogden, Salt Lake, and other cities near by, who are entitled to work in preference to importations, there ought to be some public explanation of this conduct. If there is a good reason for sending to Denver for these men, instead of employing home workmen, let it be made known, that the situation may be understood.

A LETTER has come to President Woodruff's office, asking when the Sublett Cutoff was first traveled by teamsters. Inquiry is also made for a copy of the first guide of the route between Winter Quarters and Salt Lake City, which was published by the late William Clayton. Information on these points will be appreciated if forwarded to President George Q. Cannon, at the office of the First Presidency, Salt Lake City.

IF SOME of the soldiers who knew so the situation in Spain against the United States were sent to Cuba, their surplus energy might be made available, or their warlike order be cooled till they could act like reasonable beings.

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