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THE BIG MILLARD CANAL.

The people of Millard county are interesting themselves in an enterprise that is of vast importance to the material prosperity of that section of the Territory; and in pressuring the proposed work to a successful issue they are deserving of full encouragement. The project is the construction of the longest of Utah irrigation canals, one that will be about sixty miles in length and will bring under irrigating ditches and water from fifty to sixty thousand acres of fine land. The surveyors have gone over the ground, and the route is practically agreed upon. The plan is to take out a large proportion of the Sevier river, the starting point of the canal being near Leamington. Two "sinks"—Fool Creek sink and Oak Creek sink—at depression on the upper course of the canal are to be utilized as reservoirs, and perhaps others, and by the aid of the storage process it is expected that there will be ample water for the lands under the canal, all along its route to the termination, in the fields below the town of Holden. The canal is to be thirty-six feet wide and three or four feet in depth.

Millard is a large county, with a vast quantity of good land unoccupied, and as yet unavailable for cultivation until irrigation water can be brought to it. The Sevier river is a big stream, and its utilization for the purpose stated seems thoroughly practicable. Under the proposed scheme, if it is made to work successfully, there are indeed grand possibilities for that section of Utah. Where there are now stretches of miles upon miles of wilderness, marked only by the sagebrush, greasewood and other growths characteristic of such localities, there may be fruitful farms and gardens, beautiful orchards, and thriving villages and towns where thousands of industrious people can find prosperous and happy homes. If that man is a benefactor to his race who "makes two blades of grass to grow where but one grew before," then the leading spirits in Millard have before them in this enterprise a splendid opportunity to merit the gratitude of hosts of future settlers in Millard and the generations which shall follow.

In the working out of such a plan, the future welfare of those affected by it demands full consideration of the methods which shall be adopted. In discussing these, it is well to remember the practical lessons taught in Utah's experience; not that there is any requirement to return to hardships and ills of early settlement, but that the good of those systems which necessity and wise counsels impressed upon the people should be utilized for the advantage of those who work today. It has become the fashion to believe that in all such enterprises as the one under consideration, a large amount of ready money is essential to carry on the work; and hosts of this idea, handing or borrowing is resorted to, the consequence being that the enterprise is loaded down with an interest bearing debt from which escape is almost impossible.

It is a question now whether the Millard people shall borrow for the work or look to their own resources. In our view of the case the investment of money by capitalists will be an extending great convenience, if nothing more. The people who do the work will get money for wages, and workmen will be easy to find. In this connection it may be remembered also that the laborer who works for the cash under such circumstances will be largely those who visit from other places, and who are not prominently interested in building up the locality. That is one great advantage of waiting on the early issue is seen as mentioning. On the co-op basis, if the labor is to be performed by the Millard people, or those who may settle there, it is likely there will be some difficulty in pushing the work where the pay thereof is largely in the form of water rids. At the same time if this method were pursued, as it was in early days here, the result would be the same as then—the people who do the work would own the canal, and would reason there as recipients of the benefits it confers.

If Millard county people can get together on a co-operative basis, and push the work through, the profits will inure to themselves. I will take a mighty lift in, for the men who would be the canal builders and owners under such a method are not rich men. But the greater the effort the larger would be the returns therefor, and there would all go direct to the people, without the stress being carried off in interest for borrowed money, or in dividends to capital invested from the outside. It would be most interesting experiment for the people to make and by a strong public work themselves. As a stroke of genuine home industry it would stand to an honored place among the works of the pioneer settlers of Utah. In whose direction will the wisdom of Millard county's inhabitants lean thus in a project of such great importance? There are many people who are deeply interested in the reply.

DISCOVERIES IN PALESTINE.

From Palestine comes the report that Dr. Bliss is having good success in his difficult labor of locating the ancient walls of Jerusalem. At present he has traced for a distance of over one thousand feet the southern wall of the city which is supposed to have been one of its most anciently defensive. In sinking a shaft in the hope of finding traces of the wall the workmen found water from a large drain. Above this he discovered the pavement of a street. Following this for some distance he found the remains of a gateway. There were four sills, one above the other and all finely cut, representing different periods in the history of the gateway. The find Dr. Bliss considers important, for he thinks he has found the location of the "Dung gate" mentioned by Nehemiah, and the "Gate of the Essenes" of Josephus.

Another discovery consists of a tablet fastened against a wall and bearing a Latin inscription. It has been set there as a tribute to the greatness and prosperity of Emperor Trajan and the Roman people by a legion of soldiers.

Recently, some workmen digging for the foundation of a new house near the Damascus gate on the north side of the city, uncovered a beautiful mosaic, 22 feet by 18, in which are represented a vine, peacocks, ducks, storks and other birds, while an inscription states that the place is dedicated to the memory of "all those Armenians the Lord knows." This is thought to be of Byzantine origin. Other mosaics and remains of the earlier Christian period have been discovered on the Mount of Olives.

The present time is rather favorable for the rapidity with which the ancient features of the holy land are revealed to the explorer. Within the last few years more knowledge has been obtained about the topography of the ancient cities of Palestine than for centuries past. And new light is constantly being cast upon problems thought to be almost beyond solution. The present pasha of Jerusalem and his subordinates are lending a helping hand to the efforts of Dr. Bliss and even the Mohammedan intolerancy, finding it profitable to assist in the work, are doing their best to facilitate the operations.

The work of such a capable man as Dr. Bliss has been of immense value in serving to elucidate almost every chapter in the New Testament on historical grounds. It has established the fact that the authors must have been acquainted with the events they recorded, since it is other than would it be possible for any writer to give evidence of such intimate knowledge with the ancient topography of the country as they do. And the conclusion is strengthened with every new discovery. Additional researches may furnish proof for the unbelieving of a miracle against it, which proofs of Christianity are desired. For centuries the archaeological researches of the Romans, Greek and other denominations have worked in the theory of the holy sepulchre. Hundreds of pilgrims have been fooled, kissed the sacred marble slabs, and performed their devotions. The priests have told them that the sepulchre which they kiss was genuine, because their fathers before them had done so, and so on indefinitely. If the fathers have deceived and with unscrupulous motives behind, they dared reliance in the minds of the pilgrims. Year after year, perhaps only during this week, this holy week, "pounding money, for story has been repeated to the thousands gathered from many lands. As about Jerusalem, however, is uncovered in hundreds more probable and all this tedious devotion has been wasted on a lying fancy, the priests and the people being deceived together, while the "infidelity" book of the church has been a silent spectator, quietly receiving the revenue to be derived from the pilgrimage and failing to undeceive the ignorant worshipers. What then upon the claims of the churches represented in Jerusalem a discovery proving beyond a doubt that the place where the holy sepulchre now is located never was outside the ancient wall, and consequently must be given up as a sacred place, is easily foreseen. Doubtless, in finding that the "infallible" church was mistaken in this matter would question the foundation of faith in other respects. Recently the head of the Roman church announced that true science and true religion never conflicted. At present a great fuss seems imminent between science and Roman tradition, and in such a conflict science will not be crushed.

But the prominent Palestine finds have been given lately is interesting for other reasons. It indicates that the day of its restoration is fast approaching. Soon by land it is being excavated from oblivion. The dark curse is lifting and its hills and valleys once more are becoming known to the world. There is a resurrection in it. The country is now fertile, as of old, and blessed with a climate in which thousands of invalids yearly drink health and strength. With good government and a sturdy people it would bloom—as assuredly—it promised land," and it seems to be nearing its redemption exactly.

WEALTH AND HAPPINESS.

"Does wealth bring happiness?" is a question that always is answered in the negative; yet people strive for wealth just the same, as they strive for striking size, many of them caring little whom or what they crowd down in the struggle, so long as their own ends are attained. As to the cause for this, Chauncey M. Depew says it is mainly for the power it gives, and not for the happiness it brings." Most people love to exercise control over their fellows, to be thought superior to their neighbors in some particular. Regarding the experience of a wealthy man, Mr. Depew says—and he should know, for he is wealthy, and at the same time is regarded as being one of the most cheerful of the moneyed men of the country—that "anything with large wealth does not enjoy it. He is in perpetual anxiety for fear that he may lose it, and is perpetually jealous because he has not as much as the man next door. Jay Gould was less satisfied when he died than when he began, like all the rest of us. Men who make enormous fortunes—I have known every one in this country who has made an enormous fortune—men who make enormous fortunes have, growing with their accumulations, anxiety of others. The man who is making an enormous amount of money can be made wretched for weeks by the thought of what another man has made. He gets to think that all the money in the world ought to belong to him."

All the statements that can be made against the shiftlessness which usually attends the possession of great wealth will not stop some people seeking to accumulate property. Instead to the discussion of the relation of wealth to happiness, however, there is a suggestion in Mr. Depew's words to many people who are not and never will be wealthy, but who are unhappy in moderate circumstances from the views some tend to place for the rich man's amusement. They will point to every some other across the possession of that which belongs to him. Every thing that other people have—except their fellows—is better than their own; cause they wish to possess it and deprive other people thereof. Such individuals are no more in love with themselves. They fancy they should enjoy certain privileges that are denied to others. It is their lack of love for other people that makes them unhappy. The desire to possess qualities is legitimate, but the inclination to make others feels similar possessed a wrong—is a source of unhappiness. Where men live in one others enjoy privileges and blessings that may be shared in common, they have a key to happiness, whether they dwell in Heaven or are the lot to more modest circumstances.

DESERET NEWS readers are attaching considerable importance to the statement that Mr. Thomas Taylor, of Cedar City, who has been interesting the Dingsos in the project for a railway to this city, which has received mention in the News several times, "represents the Mormon Church, and is himself one of the Twelve Apostles." This status is wholly an error, as Mr. Taylor neither represents the Church nor holds official position in it. He is a long time resident of Utah, and is largely interested in coal and iron properties in Iron county. His enterprise is entirely a business proposition in which there is no Church interest, either for or against. However favorably the project for railway connection with southern California may be looked upon generally by the people, the Church manages and influences as such are being directed in other ways than railroad building, and find ample field for purely Church work.

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