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A REMINISCENCE.

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GENERAL A. S. JOHNSTON IN UTAH.

A Trip to Tintic and Some Gossipy Items Regarding It—A Dreary Waste Interesting—Nature and Other Places.

On the way to Eureka, Tintic, via the Union Pacific railway, one passes within a stone's throw of a place which, insignificant as it seems at this time to be, brings up a reminiscence around which cluster some of the most important events in the nation's history—some that do not occupy an inferior position when placed in the category of the world's developments of wonders. This place is Camp Floyd.

Many of our publicists hold, and with good reason, that the apex of the struggle between the North and the South was reached on the bloody field of Shiloh; that from that point on the fortunes of the Confederacy steadily waned, whereas up to that time they had almost as steadily advanced. Victory thus meant a final triumph for the victorious side, and the fighting was carried on with a persistency, skill and determination showing that something of the spirit of the occasion and a realization of the consequence of failure pervaded the entire forces, from the supreme officers to the humblest privates on either side. Two graduates of the same military institute, each with a magnificent army, were fighting the most momentous duel our race had witnessed since the time when the "little corporal," after defeating the great commander of the British, was overthrown by the fresh recruits under Blucher. The fate of Europe, with the certainty of absolute despotism being general if the issue had been different to what it was in one case, the perpetuity of the Union of sovereign states in its entirety a certainty or a blasted hope was the other. That there is a divinity that doth shape our ends was made so strikingly manifest in both cases that the blindest might see and the dullest comprehend; both Napoleon Bonaparte and Albert Sidney Johnston were victorious upon their respective fields until near the close of the day, and thus for something utterly unforeseen up to such time were soon to dictate such terms of peace as they saw fit. But it was not so to be. The "Corsican parvenu" spent the remainder of his days in exile and the Confederate chieftain never left the field that was apparently his own alive. Step by step he had driven Grant back toward the river for some five miles until destruction or surrender seemed to be the choice left the great northerner. But he was no hand to surrender and was not born to be destroyed. With a bullet hole in his leg from which the life blood was flowing fast the soldiered Scot would not stop long enough to apply a tourniquet, so fixed was his eye upon the field and so determined his purpose to conclude matters with Grant then and there. His strength finally gave way and he fell to rise no more. The next morning the river was lined with gunboats, overwhelming reinforcements had arrived and the southerners were driven from the scene. It requires something of a strain upon the imagination to conjure up such a picture as the conquerer of Grant, and one of the greatest military geniuses the world ever produced loafing around the frog pond fronting all that is left of Camp Floyd, and for several months in succession; but that is what he did. It is enough to make one exclaim with the poet:

> Upon what slender threads
> Hang continuing things!

There are but few landmarks of the old military post left. The pleasant little village of Fairfield, firmly entrenched in shade trees and shrubbery, stands on the other side of the stream from where the fort was, just as it did in that day and constituting a veritable oasis in what is really the southwestern corner of the great American desert. It is near the center of Cedar Valley (so called perhaps because there are no cedars to fill northeast of it a few miles and nestling at the foot of the hills is the quite-thriving village of Cedar Fort, where there are no fortifications), while eighteen miles from there one sees a little north of west from the latter is the infantile but already terrified mining camp of Mercur. It is easily picked out even by the verest "tenderfoot," because the few houses there are of new timber, thus presenting a striking contrast to the dull and monotonous natural surroundings. It is about three miles from the main line of the Union Pacific, but a spur to make short connection is half completed and will soon be in running order; meanwhile there are two modes of getting thereon—an alleged stage with four miserable horses plies regularly, the most plies today the system of locomotion furnished by nature.

A laborious step climb of a mile or so brings one to the summit of a ridge and the train then runs for a spell downhill into Rush valley (white there are no trees, and even by the train, a grand swing is here made and the course is then almost due north over a long stretch of country that even a jackass rabbit is thoroughly homesick). Tradition has it that a band of Digger Indians, whose depredations were so notorious that even soldiers and traders prompted the country when the signs appeared, once infested this region so the tribe is now extinct, this may be true. There is a railway station midway at it and somebody seems to "live" there, perhaps it would be better to say that somebody is gradually accumulating a overlasting emptiness there. The whole scene from Lehi Junction to Eureka is none what on the westward pull with a steady upward trend, downhill for a spell then more gradually and for a greater distance uphill. I suppose all the causes combined by like sort of thing have many causes as far from apparentness as the footing of the owner's imagination will permit. In accordance with the prevailing rule of nomenclature I mentally christened one of them Sycamore valley, another Chrysanthemum gulch, and so on, thus actually creating diversion where otherwise there was nothing to excite the fancy or lubricate the wheels of thought.

At last the train comes to a station about a mile from the range of mountains constituting Tintic mining district. Eureka is hidden from view in a great gulch to the northeast; directly abreast is Mammoth, a prosperous looking camp of goodly proportions; in the next gulch to the south and also in full view is another good-sized camp known as Silver city, and still farther south that also out of sight is Diamond city. Altogether these camps contain over 5,000 people, the first named having more than half. At this point the track forms an acute triangle and the train takes upon itself a switchback movement, proceeding in reverse order and in a serpentine course to Eureka, which is reached in a few minutes. Those who have never visited it before are apt to be surprised at its proportions and the general appearance of activity presented. It contains fully 1,000 houses, the majority of course not very pretentious but some of them quite commodious and well appearing structures. All but perhaps half a dozen are of lumber and in places are bunched together like tenements on a block. A fire would do quite a large business while it lasted, which wouldn't be long. The streets are devoid of regularity, as usually the case in mining camps and necessarily the buildings following the configuration of the canyon, which is nothing wide anywhere. Hoisting works and smelters of mills are numerous on either side, representing such peculiar names as Bullion, Beck & Champion, Centennial Eureka and so on; climbing up to either of them is very exhilarating exercise—so I am told. At an altitude of 7,000 feet a person with weak lungs can doubtless enjoy the climb more thoroughly if he performs it by proxy. Both the Union Pacific and Rio Grande Western run right into the heart of the camp; there is no more business than either could do without crowding, but that doesn't figure in the issue and of course the people are not going to complain.

A trip of this kind comes nearer reminding a person of the things of life than anything else I know of. By the time he disembarks he will have so appetite like a nonconveniency and all ordinary discomforts and disengagements first shrink and then disappear entirely in the presence of the yearning for variety and sensation sensation. It is well that it is so if everybody either for some kind of duty that the exterior did. I am not entirely satisfied but at all events with that peculiar development of sensibility which causes one to find fault with and bemoan everything he comes in contact with in order to show to others how much better and bigger things he has been accustomed to, not any. But there are times when a select portion of others were relief to the mind than the provender case to the stomach, and this was such an occasion. There was one decidedly fresh case and one altogether attractive feature to the meal; the first was the price as cited, and the other the beauty of a waitress who did the executing, which at a venture of the value of the identification of so much as a second's remorse. But let that pass.

There are some other things I would like to say, but will say them some other time. If you will spare me a few of the more, would like to mention the employes of the Union Pacific system. Having been in their company quite certainly for the past few months at different places and under varying circumstances, I am essentially best witness to the fact that without exception they are affable and accommodating, meeting the company's patrons as comfortable as circumstances will allow.

TOMMY CATON.

School Board Matters.

The board of education held a regular session last night, all of the members being present. Considerable routine business was transacted and several important matters received attention.

It was decided to enlarge the heating capacity of the Bryant school building, to plaster the basement of the Jackson school building and fit up an additional class room therein, to modify the heaters so as to allow the schools in their possession to be used for any purpose without an order from the board; to file a communication from the action of the city saying that a way be set apart for the school children to visit their examination now being held, to lop and trim the shade trees on school sites.

In the matter of the claims against the contractors of the Emerson, Roosevelt and Uintah school buildings, the attorneys of the board advised that the board bring suit of interpleader in the district court and compel the different claimants to litigate their claims against each other. Filed.

Appropriations were made aggregating $25,152.23, after which the board adjourned for one week.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

Anton Klutsch Seriously Wounded Last Evening—His Condition Today.

Anton Klutsch, an old man, met with a frightful mishap last evening between 4 and 5 o'clock. Mr. Klutsch is a widower and resides at No. 155 north Third West street.

The old gentleman had been out in the mountains with another man after a load of wood. They had taken a shotgun with them with which to kill game. While near the corner of Second West and South Temple streets on their return home the team was stopped to allow the other man to get off the wagon. Klutsch took the gun while his companion stepped to the ground. By some means not explained it appears that the hammer came in contact with one of the wheels and the loading piece was discharged. The contents of the one barrel lodged in Klutsch's left thigh producing a most serious and painful wound.

The old man was hurriedly conveyed to his home and Dr. Widnor was sent for and is now caring for the patient whose condition today was as easy as could be expected under the circumstances.

Students' Society.

The Students' Society will meet this evening. The program is as follows:

Lecture with practical experiments.....
..... Mr. Charles Farrell ..... Dr. Talmage
Saxophone Solo..... Albert Sweeny
Song..... Miss Lettie Davis and
..... Mrs. Hannah Keeling

Public cordially invited.

CARL RAPSON,
President.

Breaking Into a Mail Box.

Andrew Anderson, an eleven year-old boy was arrested at the post office last night about 8 o'clock by a police officer on the serious charge of robbing the United States mail. It appears that he had forcibly broken into George M. Scott's letter box. The little chap had one letter in his possession which he had torn open. It contained no money however, and was probably the only one taken. Andrew was as stoid and uncommunicative as an old offender and passed the night in the city jail.

AS TO MISS KAREN.

Something About Her Awful Experience in the Franklin Avenue Den.

Readers of the News will remember the sensational story concerning Miss Billie Karen, the young daughter of City Marshal Karen of Lehi, and the awful experience she had in a notorious den on Franklin avenue before she was rescued by the police. This morning the News received the following communication by mail from Lehi which is self-explanatory:

I would like to say to all of my friends, and especially to those whom I have told that my parents were untrue to me, that it is a mistake, as I was sick and delirious when I said such a thing as that. I did not realize then that their consent and care were for my good and I would like it understood that I love and respect my parents, and since I have met with such an accident, I know it will not be the so overwhelming issue. I would like it understood that my parents did not drive me away from home. When I left home I went to stay my aunt, and from there I went to stay with a Mrs. Nolan at Salt Lake City, and after my friends reading these such slow people, gave their consent for me to play a week or so, thinking it was all for the best. It is too give a word of advice to all of my girl friends and warn them to always obey and and take their parents' counsel, for they may never be lifted away in one of these awful moments. I think I have said sufficient to convince the people that my misfortune was caused through disobedience to my parents, before closing I would like it thoroughly understood to every one who may read this piece that my parents were always good and kind to me.

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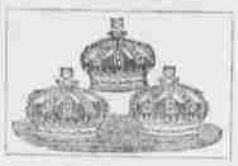

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