

Correspondence.

HORSE TALK.

What we want, and how to get it.

King Richard III. of bloody memory, when he got into a tight place, offered, according to Shakespeare, his kingdom for a horse. This shows how useful that animal is sometimes to the human family. Now, with me, it is the horse for the kingdom. We can only have railroads for the plains, and only a few of them, as the cost is great; and there has not been a single instance of an old railroad having a young one, they do not breed, except debts; therefore the great necessity to provide locomotion for the nation, to till the soil, to gather our grain, to hunt stock, draw our carriages and buggies, take us to the city, take us to and from meeting—we do but little in these mountains but what the horse can have a hand in.

It is not my purpose here, to eulogize the horse; but to ask our people to think of this subject as it is. These mountains are every day filling with people, and stock does not come from the States in freight or emigrant trains as in days past; but, on the contrary, all want teams; and if we do not go to improving our horses, we will have to harness the cow or saddle the ox. To avoid such a result we must take care of what we have and not let them winter kill. Now is the time to build stables. "Well," says one, "I am not able to build a barn!" But you do not need a barn. In most localities there are stones in the way; take them and lay them up in a wall eight or nine feet high by ten, sixteen or whatever dimensions you want for present use. If you have shingles, roof with straw. Keep the horses dry and clean, feed and water regularly. One hour spent with your horses in the morning prepares them for use and makes them fit to be seen by your neighbors. In the evening, before going to bed, step in the stable and make the horse a bed of straw or hay that he has picked over, and by this means you will save much currying and make manure for land. I can take ten acres of land and a span of horses, keep them up, and the manure that they make, well applied on the land, will increase the crops so as to raise more than will keep the horses next year.

I have said nothing about the pleasure of driving a good horse! Who is so deficient in taste as not to want at least one of those beautiful friends to mankind? I answer, we all want them—every man, woman and child.

H. J. F.

MANTI CITY, October 30, 1899.

Editor *Deseret News*:—By order No. 1 of W. B. Pace, Brigadier General commanding the Military District of Sanpete, the 27th, 28th and 29th days of October were appointed for the mustering of the forces in the above named District.

At 10 o'clock a. m., on Thursday the 27th inst., the regiments under the respective commands of Colonels Allred and Beach, were on the muster ground at Camp Hyde, and received the hearty congratulations of the General for their promptitude in responding to the call for muster.

The following distinguished officers from Utah County honored the muster with their presence, and took an active part in the various evolutions: General A. K. Thurber, Col. W. Chipman, Col. L. S. Wood, Lieut. Col. D. Kinsey, Maj. Driggs and Captain John Wimmer.

The weather was very genial, and our parade ground could not have been easily surpassed; there was almost an entire absence of dust, owing to its grassy character, and it was unbroken as bowling green.

President Hyde was on duty in camp and gave instructions to the men as to their duties in a civil, military, and religious capacity.

Whatever might have been the verdict of a thorough disciplinarian, from the schools of Europe or the United States, as to the status of our citizen soldiers in a military point of view, there could be but one decision as to their high physical and moral condition; and I hazard no risk in judgment when I say that with due attention to drill, more effective soldiers never took the field.

The time was occupied in Company, Regimental and Brigade movements, which were pronounced satisfactory by the General and his staff.

No incident occurred to mar the general peace; and if as much harmony subsists between officers and men throughout the Territory as was here exhibited, it will require little effort, whether in peace or war to bring the "boys" to the scratch.

On the evening of the 29th, a complimentary ball was given to the officers by Col. W. Fox, who succeeded Colonel Beach in the command of the 2d regiment of Infantry.

Yours truly,
WM. T. REID.

The London Academy says: The flying dragon, St. George's enemy, long thought mythical, but which, like some other ancient matters, accounts of which have been handed down by tradition, and for generations have been thought fabulous, has been discovered to have a real existence. The British Museum has lately received the fossil remains of a flying dragon, measuring upwards of four feet from tip to tip of the expanded wings. The bones of the head, wings, legs, tail, and great part of the trunk, with the ribs, blade bones, and collar bones are embedded in dark, fine shale from Lyme-Regis, on the Dorsetshire coast. The head is large in proportion to the trunk, and the tail is as long as the rest of the body; it is extended in a straight stiff line, the vertebral bones being surrounded and bound together by bundles of fine long needle-shaped bones; it is supposed to have served to keep outstretched, or to maintain, a large expanse of the flying membrane or parachute which extended from the tips of the wings to the feet, and spread along the tail, composed of the hind limbs and tail, after the fashion of certain bats.

The fossil, as now restored, will be described and figured in the volume of the Monographs of the Paleontographical Society, for the present year, by Professor Owens.

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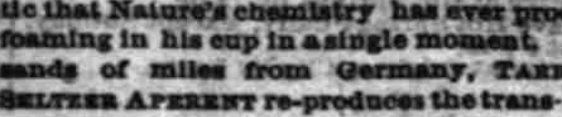
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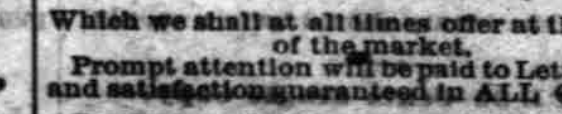
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