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SEVENTING' HALL LECTURES. - Yesterday evening Elder George A. Smith delivered a most interesting lecture in the Seventies' Hall, on the Ancient History of this Continent. After some preliminary remarks he entered

upon the history of the Jaredites, who were led here by the brother of Jared, stating that they were on this continent for at least thirty generations, a period with them of 1890 years. They landed on the west coast of Mexico, and they called North America the land of Moron. They called North America the land of Moron. They never settled in South America, though they went there on hunting excursions. If their ratio of increase was the same as that of the slaves in the Southern States from 1810 to 1860, their population must have reached as large a figure as that of China at the present day. Their destruction was effected by internecine war about 250 years before Christ.

internecine war about 250 years before Christ. The next race of people who appear in the his-tory of this continent reached it by two ways. Lehi and those with him leit Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of Zedekiah, took a southfirst year of the reign of Zedekian, took a south-easterly direction until they reached the Per-sian Gulf, built a ship, and crossed the ocean, landing on the west coast of Chili, near the place where Valparaiso now stands. After a time they seperated, a portion of them who de-sired to live righteously going over the moun-tains and settling in Bolivia. Under the name Nephites, they remained there upwards of 300 Nephites, they remained there upwards of 300 years, when they were so severely pressed by the decendents of those from whom their fath-ers had parted, who were called Lamanites, that they found it necessary to abandon the country. They went north and settled in New Granada; but in going north they found a peo-ple calling themselves the people of Zarahemia, who had no written language, but from tradi-tion it was learned that their father, Mulek, had also come from Jerusalem, having traveled north from that city until he reached the Black Sea, where he built a ship, and, after passing through the Dardanelle, down the Meditterran-ean and the Straits of Gabralter, he reached this continent from the east and lanced not far from where the City of Carthagena now stands, near the Magdalena river, called in the Book of Mormon the Sidon, which empties into the Carribbean sea.

These two peoples united and elected Mosiah a Nephite, their King; and with him Corian-tumr, the last man of the Jaredites, remained nine months, so that the destruction of that race happened near the time of the uniting of these two communities. A portion of the Nephites returned to their former homes, and were allowed to remain by the Lamanites; but after three generations the Lamanites taxed and op-pressed them sorely. They were discovered by messengers sent from the land of Zarahemla to seek for them; and uniting once more with their brethren the Nephites they became one nation. At this time, about 150 years before Christ, the Lamanites were twice as numerous as the Nephites and the people of Zarahemia together. The lecturer referred to the Book of Judges in the Bible, and said he used to wonder at the Israelites changing from righteousness and prosperity to wickedness so speedily. It was the same with the Nephites. The great destruction and terrible convulsions of nature on this Continent, which attended the death of the Savior, were referred to, and his appearing on this Continent, which resulted in the conversion of the Nephites and Lamanites, who lived in peace, union and prosperity for 20 years afterwards. Then they had become very numerous and rich, and they had grown corrupt. Part dis-sented from the rest and took the old name of Lamanites. These occupied the southern part of the Continent. They drove the Nephites out of Zarahemia, and the Isthmus of Darien be-came the dividing line between the two powers, and remained so for a great many years. Both nations had grown very wicked and blood-thirsty, and were powerful. The Lamanites invaded the north and were driven back; and the Nephites fortified the isthmus to resist further invasions. Mormon, the Nephite general, through whose skill they had obtained this success, strongly urged them not to pursue an ag-gressive war, but to stand on the defensive only; but his advice was unheeded, and he re-signed his command. Then the Nephites inva-ded the Lamanites south and sustained an overwhelming defeat. After this Mormon again assumed command, but the Nephites were gradually driven north, and at last were totally destroyed near the hill of Cumorah in the State of New York, about 400 years after Christ. The lecturer traced the future of the Lamanites, as they became split up into roving bands, from which sprang tribes; and showed that the diversity in people and language among the aborigines on this continent is not more than exists among the nations of the Caucasian race to-day, remoning that the aborigines, from the Esquimant north to the Straits of Magellan are all descended from one people. TAEATRICAL -There was much gratification experienced in witnessing the performance of the "Stranger" on Tuesday evening. Mr. Couldock has not a reputation to make, for years ago he was recognized as a "star" among "stars' and his impersonation of the "Stranger" was but an exposition of his well known abilities. Miss Couldock is a young actress of great abili-ty, whose natural and faithful impersonations make her very popular where she appears. Her Mrs, Haller was very fine. Mr. Graham's Peter was a great feature of the evening. He played the character with much comic power; and by him and Mr. Margetts, whe makes an excellent Solomon, the audience were kept in a state of the utmost good humor. Messrs. McKenzie, Lindsay, Hardie and Mathem Miss Colebrook Lindsay, Hardie and Maiben, Miss Colebrook and Miss Alexander were all good in their roles. Miss Nunn sang and was encored; and the "Lost Child" excited the risibles without stint. Mr. Margetts' burlesqing, as the bereaved "pari-ent," was most excellent. To-night the "Merchant of Venice" will be presented, Mr. Couldock appearing as Shylock, a part in which his reputation stands very high, Miss Couldock appears as Portia. It is not often that a provincial audience has the pleasure of witnessing these two leading characters in the bands of com as will be the case this evening. Mr. McKenzie plays Antonio, and the play is strongly cast. It is followed by the most amusing farce. "A Kiss in the Dark.

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Gor IN.-Lieut. W. W. Bell and a party of cavalry, who accompanied Capt. Bates and his party last summer, as an escort on their surveying expedition, got in on Tuesday, bearing the marks of several month's camping and traveling in the mountains and wild regions where the survey caused them to be. The party which they accompanied is still out, the cavalry having returned when their protection was no longer needed.

Shearman and Thatcher, of Logan, Cache Valley, want to trade for stock.

WITHEREAS, by the resignation of Joseph S. W Murdock, a vacancy has occurred in the Office of Representative in the Legislature of the Territory of Utab, for the County of

Wassteh. Therefore, it is ordered that a Special Election be held on the Second Monday in December next, in the said county of Wasatch, for the purpose of choosing one Representative to the Legislative Assembly. Buch Election shall be held at the same pre-cincts, and be governed in all respects by the

same regulations, as other elections, In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the great seal of the Territory of Utab, this 7th day of November. A.D. 1867. CHARLES DURKEE, Governor. d14581-1d.