

longs to the "spurge" family (order, Euphorbiaceae; name, as near as I can tell without examining the seed, which is not developed in the specimen handed me—Euphorbia Fendleri.)

It is found native in southern Colorado and southward. I know nothing of the efficacy of this plant, but many species of the order are valuable for their medicinal properties. Many species of this order abound in anacrid and poisonous milky juice; in many, however, the leaves are used for food.

W. H. CHAMBERLIN.

THE MODERN VIKING SHIP.

One of the most interesting exhibits from foreign lands represented at the World's Fair will be the Norwegian viking ship now nearing our shores. It is an exact reproduction of the class of vessels which were used by the Scandinavians a thousand years ago or more and by means of which they spread terror along the coasts of Europe for centuries.

In 1880 in the village of Glogstad near Sandefjord in Norway an excavation was made and the remains of a viking ship were found wonderfully well preserved. It was only of moderate size, but it gave a clear idea of the kind of vessels their ships were, and it was carefully removed to Christiania where it is looked upon as one of the most valuable specimens of antique art.

The craft sent to the Fair was built with this ship as a pattern. It is 77 feet long, 16 feet in the beam and 6 feet from gunwale to base of keel. Her rudder is at the right side, as in all the old vessels. There used to be the "steerboard," whence the modern "starboard" side. She pulls sixteen oars to the side and each oar is eighteen feet long. Her mast is fifty feet tall and the lugsail yard twenty-six feet. The shields which ornament the sides at each oarlock are three feet in diameter and are painted black and yellow alternately. She is of solid oak throughout.

The crew was selected from a list of 280 volunteers, 80 of whom were chosen to brave the Atlantic in the curious vessel, under the command of Captain Magnus Andersen. The ship carries the ancient standard of the vikings, the American flag at the bow and the Norwegian colors at the stern.

JOINT BUILDING MUDDLE.

The joint city and county building committee met in Mayor Baskin's office late yesterday afternoon, all the members being present except Wantland.

The following statement of sub-contracts was presented by Contractor Bowman and filed:

Diamond, Kyne and Castle Stone company, stone at \$3 per ton.....	9,000
Houlahan, Griffith & Morris, setting cut stone, bricklaying, etc.....	\$99,000
Houlahan, Griffith & Morris, extras.....	500
Columbia Iron and Steel Works, steel beams at \$3.80 per 100 pounds.....	13,450
Stewart Iron Works, ornamental stairs, etc.....	9,000
John A. Smith, plastering, etc.....	17,359
T. F. Osborne, hollow tiles, etc.....	16,452
J. W. Farrell & Co., plumbing, etc.....	5,000
Schoppe & Co., galvanized iron.....	5,100
J. Meyer, painting and polishing.....	
Leudi & Balro, stone carving, \$1.25 and \$1.50 per foot.....	
Mutual Safe and Lock company, vault	

doors.....	1,550
Parker & Depew, mill work.....	26,874
Forman, Ford & Co., plate glass.....	6,800
Utah Stove and Hardware company, hardware.....	2,500
Utah Stove and Hardware company, mantels at \$60 each.....	
R. M. Steel & Co., basement joists, roof timbers, etc.....	

Selec man Cahoon expressed his dissatisfaction with the statement as it did not comply with the resolution requiring Mr. Bowman to give a detailed account of all amounts owing by him to the various sub-contractors. Mr. Bowman was allowed until next meeting to comply with the request.

The architect submitted the following estimates for the month of May:

Carpenter work.....	\$ 443 23
Stone cutting.....	2,479 03
Steel beams.....	2,500 00
Iron anchors.....	623 84
Iron work.....	41 40
Nails and bolts.....	61 96
Lumber.....	1,887 27
Stone.....	1,400 00
Brick work, etc.....	1,519 00
Stone setting, etc.....	1,003 00

Total.....\$11,792 32

Loofbourov offered the following in connection therewith, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the 13th estimate of \$11,792.32, made by Moheim, Bird & Prouefoot, and this day presented to this committee, be approved, and that this committee recommend to the city and county that each appropriate their half of said amount, less ten per cent; and that the appropriations so made be paid to Hon. R. N. Baskin, to be distributed by him upon such orders as have been previously given by J. H. Bowman, contractor, and as apportioned by the segregated estimates accompanying said thirteenth estimate.

Appended to the estimate is the following table:

Total contract price.....	\$ 398,916.27
Amount previously paid.....	202,881.12
Thirteenth estimate.....	11,792.32
Total amount or cost to date.....	217,680.44
Balance on contract.....	181,235.83

T. F. Osborne, of Portland, who has the contract for furnishing the hollow tiling for the building at a cost of \$17,359, presented his bill endorsed by Contractor Bowman, authorizing the committee to make payments to him in accordance with the architects' estimates.

The committee learned on inquiry that this material would not be needed for some months yet and consequently refused to act on the matter at the present and ordered it filed.

THE ALABAMA MOBS.]

Elder J. G. Kimball, president of the Southern States mission, sends from Logan the following interesting communication regarding the recent mobbing of Elders in Alabama, and also the instructions under which the missionaries are proceeding. He says: On reaching Logan on Friday evening, I received a letter direct from the office at Chattanooga, dated May 27th, which explains in detail the dispatch received from Atlanta, Ga., stating that four Elders had been mobbed, and perhaps killed. The telegram was partially correct, as the following report explains:

"Two mobs were organized during the last ten days. The first mob was organized in Smith county, Tenn. The Elders were impressed to leave their

quarters as evening approached, and in doing so the mob were unable to find them, so dispersed without carrying out their wicked plans.

"The second mob, however, were more successful. Elders Miller and LeBaron had been filling appointments at a small burg on the line between Etowah and St. Clair counties, and had received a warning not to hold any more meetings. Some time after this they were passing that way, and the postmaster, an old friend of the Elders, persuaded them, contrary to their feelings, and in opposition to counsel given, "to make an appointment at the above place. They consented, and about one hundred people congregated together, and a meeting was held. Next morning a messenger hurriedly approached the post office and stated that a mob was organized, about one hundred strong.

"The postmaster instructed the Elders to remain at the house. He gathered around him five of his friends, and went down the road a short distance, prepared to defend the Elders. The mob was met by these staunch friends, and a refusal made to comply with the demands to give the Elders up. The two parties wrangled and parleyed for some time, and seeing that the friends were determined, a compromise was reached. The Elders, agreeable to the demands of the mob, promised to vacate, which they did, and were soon out of danger."

Demonstrations of the above kind are quite common in isolated localities in the Southern States at this season of the year owing to revivals and protracted meetings. The people are kindly disposed and very hospitable. Ministers or clergymen, so called, awaken feelings of bitterness, and the poor ignorant people think they are doing God's service.

We have continually counseled—and have also written a circular letter of instructions to the same effect, and mailed one to every Elder in the mission—the missionaries to at once, and without delay, when warned by a representative of a city, village, neighborhood, or county, to leave and not return unless invited or instructed to do so by the president of the conference; also, to avoid debates, unless challenged; to not argue except with kindness and love, and above all to respect others' opinions.

We further advise all to use the months of July and August in visiting the Saints and remaining closely among their friends. No Elder is permitted to travel alone. At the office in Chattanooga we receive a report from each conference once a week. The presidents of conferences receive a report once a week from each pair of Elders. We have, also, a correct post-office address of each Elder throughout the mission.

A strict watch is kept as to the health of missionaries, and if sick they are either transferred to healthier localities, or at once released. Our authority and power reaches no further. We regret very much that such reports are circulated and parents' hearts almost broken, for it causes a fear to creep into the minds of our people and a prejudice is thus engendered against the southern people.

The Elders have the faith enjoyed by our fathers and are heroes. They