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## THE TEMPLE BLOCK, THE MECCA FOR TOURISTS.

HE mecca of tourists journey. ing through the western empire is Salt Lake and the spot to which all tourists harry from the depots, is the Temple block. several hundred travelers from cities

all over the globe are passing in and out through the gate of the wall daily at the present time, for the "teurist" season is now in full swing, while all visitors do not put their names on the registers kept for that porpose in the Bureau of Information building each day is seeing in the neighborhood of 100 names added to the thousands on back pages. As soon so a party of a half dozen or so strangers calls in at the office they are shown the buildings by guides who explain everything of interest and answer the hundred and one questions asked by the curlous outsider.

The tourist from far-off point or foreign clime no longer holds the belief that Mormons wear horns, and are a people wholly unlike themselves. The one unpleasant feature is the direct result of antagonistic press which spreads fearful stories through the east that Mormons are dangerous beings; treacherous beings; beings without decency or respect for anything that is decent and good and clean. Once in a long while some believer in this nonsense accompanies a party through the grounds and at the end of hisor her visit forgets timidity and realizing the absurdity of these stories. confesses that the trip has been a most instructive and delightful one. One nervous little woman was in a party some time ago. She watched the attache of the information bureau closely, holding her two children close to her. She whispered to her boy, who was more restless than his little sister, that he must not leave go of her "We are in the Tomple hand. grounds," she explained impressively. if you were to get out of my sight goodness only knows what might happen to you." Before that little nervous woman left the grounds later in the day she had to fairly plead with her youngster to go with her as he was having no end of fun romping with several Mormon children. The sight of the little tots rolling on the grass and laughing in happy unison conquered the mother's fears completely.

"We're playin' frogs" pleaded her minus the notions.



son, "I'm the trog. Please let me stay ; and be a frog mamma.'

HAD QUEER IDEAS. "I don't want anyone to talk to me about Mormons being vicious," said the little woman with emphasis on every word, "I'd be ashamed to tell what ideas I have held. There, there, sonny; you can come back some day and play froggie," she added trying to comfort the little fellow who would not be comforted. Every tourist who visits the Temple grounds has some expression of appreciation for their guide's kindness and willingness to make their trip instructive and the tourists who come to Salt Lake with queer notions about the Mormons in their heads leave the grounds and city

"It's simply wonderful," said che evidently well-read man yesterday, "I have heard how the first band worked its way over the plains and mountains and then to hear that organ and go through these buildings and go over the city is certainly a lesson-its simply wonderful."

FIRST IMPRESSIONS. The stranger's curiosity is sharpened by his first glimpse of the old wall surrounding the grounds. He glances around, half timidly as he passes through the South Temple street gates and finds himself standing in front of the bureau of information building. In here he goes and the real treat of the whole trip is becoming a reality. He is no sooner across the portal than a guide is at his service. There is liter-

ature galore, presenting uncolored, unblased information about the Mormon religion, Utah, Salt Lake and all that might appeal to the stranger. Comfortable chairs, tables and desks are at his disposal. He can read, write "home" to the folks from the shadow of the temple" as one traveler told the old

temple" as one traveler told the old folks he was adding or examine pictures and curios aboa, the room. If he de-sires-and a majority of tourists do-he can write his name in the daily register; there', a space for his name, address and some short remark. Many interesting comments are writ-ten in the last column. "Most inter-esting:" "Vory instructive;" "Greatly surprised," and similar sentences are common, occasionall, the remarks are evidences that foolish notions regard-ing the Mormons came to an end with-in the four wells of the temple block. The registers in the bureau of infor-

Meet Me Face to Face

What do you think of these prices?

eau's registers.

## SAMPLE VISITORS.

states in the Union and a foreign country or two are not represented in the names. When one of the books was opened with intentional careless-ness a few days ago the pages for July 13 were exposed. One of the first names on these was that of Nels Pe-terson, Copenhagen, Denmark. A few lines below Richmond Hill of Canada had registered. H. G. Miskin of Lon-don England has been another visit. England, has

mation building are as interesting to a Salt Laker as a Salt Laker is to the stranger. Notables, world famed men and women, have listened to the big organ: admired the dome-shaped roo. of the tabernacle and spires of the tem-ple; listened to the pin drop in the first building and heard the second organ in the Assembly hall and left their names and appreciative scribbles on the bur-cau's registers. tor from across the seas and others were Frank Sajorrez of St. Georgen. Austria: David Gowens of Wales and Edward Francis of Paris. The states represented, in many instances by as many as a dözen persons, were Illi-nois. Michigan, Colorado, California, Ohio, Kausas, Washington, New York, Oregon, North Carolina, Tennessee- and Arkansas. And this daily record is the rule during the summer months, not the exception. Alaska had been represent-ed a day or two before. Amy E. Tadd of Colon, Panama, was a visitor May 15. Germany is represented almost every day, while England has a son or daughter seeing Salt Lake nearly every day. Kimura Yoshita, M. D., of Tokio, Japan, was a visitor some few days ago.

ago. RENDEZVOUS OF NATIONALITIES. It can be seen that the little parties

which are going through the temple ground buildings constantly often com-

prise travelers who are thousands of miles from their homes. Residents of the most out-of-way places join the sight sec\_ from Park City. The brown skinned anpanese listens to the explan-atory remarks of the guide with as much interest as his while brother. The temple block is the gainering point for all mationalities. Tourists come and tourists go and the guides never tire of furnishing strangerss with such infor-mation as they desire. The guides are well equipped to give accurate information as they are worked in the Church and ar anxious to do whatever they can to make the tourist's visit in this city pleasant. The words of appreciation and surprise and often the confession of former misunderstanding, are nil the rewards asked, or taken. Old gray-haired men are just as active as the younger need in feading the tourists from one bunding to another. The pic-ture of Elder William R. Lee was taken just as he was starting out from the ture of Elder William R. Lee was taken just as he was starting out from the bureau of information building with a party. In the general anxiety to catch a snapshot of a "real, live Mornon," the members of the party lined up along side of the "News" man. Elder Miller was telling what a "dyed-in-the-wool" Mormon he is as a bail dozen bulbs were pressed. He has been act-ing as guide through the Temple grounds since his return from a two and a half years' mission in Missouri and Texas, "You see I was down in the "show me" country, so I am well fitted to be a guide." he explained, laughingly, as he lead his party to-wards the tabernacle. SOME SNAPSHOTS

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NATIONAL PATRIOTISM A FEATURE OF EARLY PIONEER DAY PARADES 



for you to buy, not only for your present requirements, but in anticipation of your future wants. Oh, yes, we know some stores advertise cut prices all the year round-"lose money all the time"-in business for fun,

etc., etc. Note the reductions carefully. WE DON'T DO IT THAT WAY !

Twice a year, and for a few weeks each time, we hold sales and we can afford it. When are you going to meet me Face to Face?





many memories to the minds of the old settlers of this state, and the very absence this year of any special exercises commemorative of the entrance into this valley of the sturdy and devoted band whose efforts resulted in the magnificent state surrounding their descendants, serves to emphasize to them the recollection of the rousing times they had in days of yore on the recurrence of this notable day.

On one such occasion was there a program of especial interest. It was after the people who first came into the valley had been here seven years -a long time, as measured by the standard of hardships through which they had passed-and worthy of the best that was to be had in the way of spontaneous display of state and army, the navy, the flag-the Consti-

fore the Fourth of July, Independence day, had received the honor of the celebration, and this time-in 1854, all energies were directed toward the suitable observance of the twentyfourth, then as now, known as Pioneer day.

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state loved their country, for the idea

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Enthusiasm and patriotism were the predominating characteristics of this celebration. The American flag was the flag unfurled, even as it had been when, upon the entrance of the pioneers, the stars and stripes were planted on Ensign peak. The picture at the top of this article, illus-

tution-the nation's pride, the pride of the pioneers. Many residents of this city will remember the celebration that day, and will recognize the copy of the original program, presented to the "News'

by courtesy of William Eddington of this city who was first assistant marshal of the day. In telling about the occurrence, the old gentleman's eyes lighted up and his voice grew strong with enthusiasm at the memories of those stirring days.

Mr. Eddington was the chief mover Mr. Eddington was the chief mover in the celebration, and his suggestion that the main features of it be repre-sented by children was promptly ac-cepted by President Young. The flag float used on that occasion is repre-sented in the cut, the lettering on the banners, etc., having been executed by expert gilders in H. M. service in Portsmouth Dock Yard, England.



