

not heat iron or strike nail on Good Friday, in memory of the nails used in the Crucifixion; and that beautiful old custom of "rushbearing" or strewing the church with flowers on its patron saint's day survives only in this idyllic and wholly pastoral region.

The lake district maidens are huge of frame and fair of form and face, splendid "Jael Dences" all, brave almost to forwardness in their free, fine spirit and fearless, unconscious ways. I think they are the most outspoken maids of undoubted virtue I ever knew. Returning one evening with a statesman and several of his family from a day's labor at charcoal burning on Wesdale Fell, at which I had assisted, the 'statesman father, noticing that his daughter and myself were chatting gayly together, jocularly teased her with:

"Look oot o' thyssel, Betty, or thoo'll ga sonsy wi' th' gradley writin' man!" "Ho'd't noise on the, fadder, will te!" she answered him quickly. Then she stepped squarely in the mountain path beside me and looking me through and through with her honest eyes of gray, said almost solemnly: "I'd tak yon (one, him) as t' stans, fadder—if t' ha' naither!"

I told her quickly as I could, and rather bluntly I am afraid, that I was not in a position to carry so much of value out of the lake country. The "fadder" thought it all a great go, and gurglingly rallied her with, "He ga th' a fair sneck-possett, Betty!" (literally the drink of one turned from one's door; the "cold shoulder.") But the girl just trudged along, measuredly and unabashed, the meanwhile saying quietly, and more to herself than to us, "Aweel, aweel! t' fair an'er he gaet! But ma't's nat' clean Ned o' Kesick. (Perhaps, after all, he is not what he seems.) What God's left oot we cannot o' put in e'en t' gradley writin' man!" And with this comforting reflection to all we came into the pleasant dale below and to the welcome evening meal, the best of friends together.

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TIMOTHY AT THE FAIR.

CHICAGO, July 15th. — The weather has been quite warm for the past week, and the attendance at the World's Fair has diminished considerably; quite a number of people have been overcome with the heat. A spell of warm weather is anticipated; possibly it will last until the middle of August, hence I would advise Utah people not to come down at least until after the 15th of August. The interest in Utah exhibits has not diminished in the least, in fact more people have inquired about Utah and her resources than ever before. A number of placards have been hung up in the Utah building, calling attention to exhibits in the general buildings; this has had a very beneficial result. Many people go and hunt up some of the special exhibits who would not have known them had not their attention been specially called to them by this means.

The number of people attending the fair from Utah has fallen off considerably in the last two weeks. This is attributed more to the hot weather than any other cause. A number of people are here from Utah studying special features of the fair. Professor Millspaugh, of Salt Lake City, is here

giving attention to the educational features. Quite a number of other prominent educators have been here and have devoted a great deal of time to the educational department, besides attending most of the lectures that have been delivered on educational subjects. The World's Fair is now recognized as one of the greatest promoters of education that has ever been devised. The feature is growing every day. Almost every visitor carries his pencil and note book, and notes things of special interest which he will make use of later on. A gentleman told me recently that in three days he learned more about Utah than he ever knew before; that his opinions and ideas were changed entirely, and he was thinking seriously of moving to the Territory as he had become convinced that it was a land of great resources. This was so clearly demonstrated by our exhibits that it would not admit of any question. He said it was scarcely necessary to argue the question of Utah's great advantages or the possibilities of the future. A simple investigation of the exhibits that Utah places in the exposition was sufficient in his opinion to convince the most skeptical individual on this point.

Agriculture seems to attract more attention than anything else at the present time. This is due probably to the fact that the mining interests are depressed on account of the unstable condition of silver. A great many farmers in the East are looking out for some convenient and suitable place where they can go and build themselves homes, and they are becoming very favorably impressed with Utah, the more they investigate the subject, and I am convinced that in the near future Utah will have a large addition to her farming population.

Several of the representatives of leading eastern states made a tour of the exposition grounds recently, and they are decidedly of the opinion that the Utah World's Fair Commission is deserving of great credit for the showing they have made. One of the gentlemen said, so I understand, that in his opinion, taken as a whole, Utah had made an exhibit that was calculated to do the Territory more good than any of the western states. In his opinion everything was very systematically arranged, and while the display might not be so elaborate as some of the other states, the story of the resources of the Territory was told in a more simple and direct manner than could be gathered from any other state exhibit. The visitor, he said, could easily determine just what Utah was good for by going through her exhibits.

The West and South are here clamoring for immigrants. The southern states are doing all in their power to induce people to migrate to their respective commonwealths, and western states are doing the same, and all of the representatives from the South and West are confidently expecting large additions to the populations of their respective states within the next year, as a direct result of their efforts to advertise their states at the World's Fair. A party of newspaper men was recently discussing this feature of the Exposition, and one of them declared that if a single state, West or South, could secure five hundred families as a direct result of their exhibit at the

World's Fair, they would be more than repaid for the expense they had been to. Considerably less than this number, I am satisfied, will pay Utah for the effort she has made, as every family adds to the wealth and population of the commonwealth considerably more than one would suppose. They help to lessen the burden of taxation by increasing the number of people who pay taxes. They are of great help to the community because they have to live, and have to buy the necessities of life from the merchant and producer. In fact, the saying that in numbers there is strength is in no way better illustrated than by the increase of population in states.

The railroads are preparing for a heavy travel from the West this fall. I learned from a leading railroad man the other day that there was a good prospect for lower rates in the near future. Some think that rates will be very low indeed. Some of the big eastern roads have already smashed rates; the rate from Indianapolis has been reduced from \$8 round-trip to \$4.50, and a lower rate even than that is looked for.

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THE FAR NORTH

SWEDEN.

There is no more small pox in Gothenburg.

S. E. Olofsson, of Vestervik, Sweden, committed suicide in Copenhagen.

Roenneholm brick works, near Eslof, were burned down the other day.

The crown princess will again leave Stockholm in the fall for a southern climate.

Daniel Zachrisson, of Grubbensgader, Stockholm, committed suicide by hanging himself.

Ninty-six petitions from conscripts who wanted to emigrate were discussed at the last meeting of the cabinet.

The aldermen of Stockholm have granted 370,000 crowns to the insane asylum at Kungsholmen.

K. J. Gnstafrson, a teacher in a school at Sodermalm, Stockholm, has disappeared mysteriously.

Princess Stephanie, of Austria, has left Sweden, after having declared her high pleasure with the visit.

Aug. Anderson, of Hammarsvall, the parish of Delsbo, committed suicide by hanging himself.

Alfred Nordstrom, a prominent wholesale merchant, has been forced to make an assignment.

A shoemaker, named Holmlund, of Hjo, emigrated to America last year, leaving many angry creditors. A couple of weeks ago he sent home money to pay every one of them.

The philosophical faculty of the University of Upsala, has decided to confer the degree of doctor of philosophy upon Prof. O. Olson, the president of Augustana college, and Rev. C. A. Swensson the president of Bethany college.

Mrs. Ellen Hartman, the famous actress, who some years ago eloped with Count Reinhold von Rosen, has returned to Stockholm and will probably (in the fall) reappear on the stage of the Royal Dramatic theater. Mrs. Hartman is at present staying at a summer resort