FOR SOUTH AFRICAN GOLD.

A Party of Pacific Coast Miners Organize for the Dark Continent.

They Will Look for Gold on the Livingstone Route North and West of Manchestland.

The desire for gold leads men to enter upon the most perilous and uncertain expeditions, sometimes productive of great results and sometimes ending in dismal failure. The failures if not forgotten are given little heed to and the successes are held up as beacon lights to encourage the wealth seekers to further efforts. The most recent mining expedition of magnitude is that which is now forming on the Pacific coast to penetrate for the precious metal that region of which Dr. Livingstone first brought news to the civilized world. It is now announced that on the 1st of June a party of forty miners, prospectors, metallurgists and assayers, with an artist, photographer, correspondent, typewriter and other attaches, will leave for Central Africa on a mining expedition, starting from San Francisco, and going via this city to New York, whence they will sail for Europe. The promoters of the party propose to unearth enough of the hidden treasure which is reported to abound in the Dark Continent to make them all independently rich for life, but in the event that it may take some little prospecting, hard and hard work to accomplish their purpose they have laid their plans for a trip which will cover three years.

A. R. Hammond, a mining man who has been prospecting through the Pacific states and territories for twenty-five years, is the head of the expedition. He had advices from a friend in Africa, which, he thinks, need only to be followed to net him and all who accompany him more gold than they can carry off. During the past few weeks he has been busy organizing an African expedition and it is now complete and ready to start. Mr. Hammond has named his company the South African Prospecting and Exploring Expedition. Until its departure, on the 1st of next month, headquarters will be at 218 Leavenworth street, San Francisco.

"All of the party are practical miners and mining men, with the exception of a few young men. Prominent men who have been permitted to join the expedition," says Mr. Hammond. "You you can see the we are going on in fine style. It will be the best equipped expedition that ever went into Africa. Every member of the party must take at least $500 after his fare is paid with which to provide his own equipments and implements, and one member of the party has as much as $40,000 to back the enterprise. We are going to Africa to engage in mining on a large scale, and we are going to make or fizzle of the enterprise. We will carry all our saddles and mining implements with us from San Francisco, together with a fifteen-ton mill, which we propose to set up at whatever place we find profitable mining. Our animals and all the appurtenances of the expedition will be in waiting for us on our arrival, and as soon as we arrive on the soil of the big continent we will start out without delay.

"We will first proceed to Bahrs, 1,800 miles north of Cape Town on the west coast, and then to Fort Salisbury, 500 miles in the interior on the edge of Matabele. The richest are the world has ever known has been recently discovered there, and we will do a little prospecting in that neighborhood. The king of Matabele is now dead, and Sir John Willoughby holds the natives in subjugation, so that we fear no trouble. However, we shall go heavily armed, for we propose to explore a region where no white man has ever trod. That is the district to the north and west of Matabele. We will go at least 500 miles unless some unforeseen incident prevents us." J. C. Simons will be the assayer of the party and Richard Lewis will be the geologist. They will join the party in New York.

Emery Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of the Emery Stake of Zion was held in Ferron ward, May 5th and 7th, 1894. Present on the stand, Elder Heber J. Grant, of the Council of the Apostles, the Stake presidency and many of the Bishops and leading officers of the Stake.

Conference convened at 10 a.m., President Larsen presiding. After the usual opening exercises, President Larsen gave a clear and comprehensive report of the condition of the Stake. The presidency had visited all the wards but three since our last conference; Stake organization was completed, and peace and good will generally prevailed; the Saints seem to be avoiding law suits and all kinds of litigation; financially, the Stake is embarrassed, but the health of the people is good and no one seems to be without food.

Elder Grant then addressed the meeting. He gave some statistics from the *Juvenile Instructor*, showing the enormous waste of money in the United States for intoxicants and warned the Saints against the use of what God had forbidden. Providence has placed within our reach the means to make us happy if rightly utilized. We are complaining of hard times but they will continue to grow worse unless we change our manner of living. The support of home industries was then urged forcibly upon the people. The speaker gave several practical illustrations showing that prudence prevents us from using homemade articles. "Faith without works is dead," hence we should be practical.

At 2 p. m. the Sacrament was administered by the Priesthood of Ferron, Castle Dale and Huntington, and testimony meeting followed.

Elder Grant occupied the remainder of the meeting. He read from Doctrine and Covenants, pages 276 and 624, concerning tithing. He spoke on the Word of Wisdom, the need of humility and prayer, education, etc.

Second day's session. Bros. F. Cowan, of Ferron; Wm. G. Posey, of Huntington, and H. P. Hammond, of Moroni, reported their wards as in fairly prosperous condition, and expressed joy in attending meetings. Elder John Curtis, a recently returned missionary, spoke quite interestingly on the subject.

Brother Grant then continued his instructive discourse on living types, and showed the folly of faith-building. In the afternoon President Heber J. Grant, of the Stake presidency, made some encouraging remarks. Elder Grant spoke against card playing and round dancing, and expressed many of the sentiments of the Gospel. President Larsen made closing remarks, exhorting the Saints to diligence in serving the Lord.

The weather was fine, and the meetings well attended. The Ferron choir furnished excellent singing, under the direction of Prof. Thomas.

A. E. Walz, Stake Clerk.

Iron County Notes.

(Special.)

Captain Eli Pary and Gomer Owen will leave on Tuesday for Montana, where they will cut up a $75,000 bonanza for Frank Pilcher.

Quite a big enterprise in the way of fencing land is being carried on in the valley three miles west of Cedar, which works but very little for a man and Andrew Carr are also fencing the William Dooley estate, S. A. Higbee, C. F. Jones and T. Jed Jones are enclosing another tract of over two thousand acres, 320 of which are under cultivation, which are being planted with trees according to law. A short distance north Bishop Curry and Andrew Carr are also fencing some estates. Dikes are being laid out to water these lands, and before long they will be transformed from a desert waste into beautiful and productive farms. T. Jed Jones has cleared sixty-five acres of sage brush this year with his new brush breaker, which works like a steam. The owners of land out on the desert feel much encouraged over the fact that L. H. Lilly could find good water on his claim at a depth of only 37 feet.

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