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EVENING NEWS.

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The Spauldin Story.

Editors Deseret News:

The Spauldin story so often exploded and so often revived I am somewhat familiar with and have been since about the year 1824 or 1825. In 1828 my father, with his family, moved from New York State to what is now West Springfield, Erie County, Pennsylvania, about four miles from the village of Salem, now Connesut, in Ashtabula County, Ohio, where "the mound builders" had made their mark. A superannuated Presbyterian preacher, Solomon Spauldin by name, had written a romance on a few mounds at the above named village, pretending that the ten tribes crossed from the eastern hemisphere via Behring Straits to this continent, and that said mounds were built by a portion of them, to bury the dead after some hard fighting. The novel, as I was told by those who had heard it read, referred to them as idolaters and not otherwise religious.

I think Spauldin had removed to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, prior to my information of his tale on the mounds. In 1832 Elders Orson Hyde and Samuel H. Smith preached a few times in our neighborhood and baptized three persons, among them Erastus Rudd, in whose house much of the romance was formerly written, and from whom I received much of my information. In 1833 a large branch of the Church was raised up in our township, but no talk of the Spauldin romance being connected with the Book of Mormon until about 1834 or 1835, when Henry Lake began to claim that Sidney Rigdon, Joseph Smith's counselor had made the latter from the former, while it has often been proven that Sidney Rigdon never had any acquaintance with or even knew said Spauldin or even heard of him, and at the time, in public print, averred that until one Doctor Philander Hurlbut, well known to the writer of this article, who had been cut off the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for adultery, published said false statement, he had never heard of the romance of its author, and demanded the proof. To this day it has not been forthcoming.

Previous to the publication of E. D. Howe's book (virtually the adulterer Hurlbutt's) which went in his name as everybody understood because of Hurlbutt's reputation, the said Doctor, who was not a doctor or anything else but an ignoramus, but so named by his parents because he was the seventh son, went to Pittsburg with the avowed intention of obtaining the romance to publish in Howe's (Hurlbutt's) book. He returned and the book was published minus the romance. The statement was that the novel could not be found.

Thus the story went the rounds until the year 1839 or 1840, when a relative of Mrs. Spauldin, now Mrs. Davidson, wrote her, asking certain questions, among others what became of the "Manuscript Found", this being the title of the tale. Mrs. Davidson, former widow of Solomon Spauldin, wrote for answer, that this same Doctor Hurlbutt came to her house and got it with the promise of publishing it in his book, and of a consideration and the return of the manuscript. Subsequently she said he wrote her that it did not read as they expected and they should not publish it, but never returned it or any consideration. Some day it will probably be found among E. D. Howe's or Hurlbutts' "old letters." Mrs. Davidson's letter will be found in files of Quincy papers and the Times and Seasons published in Nauvoo at the time.

DANIEL TYLER.

Gold in California.

HOW IT IS FOUND AND WHAT IT COSTS.

Mr. Prentice Mulford delivered a lecture on "Mines and Mining in California," before the Manhattan Liberal Club, recently. He began by saying: "Gold and silver have I none, but such as I have give I unto thee." The prevailing impression that gold mining has ceased in California is erroneous, said the lecturer, for $20,000,000 in gold bullion was produced last year. The producing area is from 300 to 400 miles long and from 80 to 100 miles wide. The auriferous gravel is found in the channels of live and dead rivers, the extinct river beds running at right angles to the living rivers. The gold occurs in quartz originally, and by the action of the elements the quartz decomposes and the gold is washed out, lodging in gulches, forming dry diggings, or in the beds of creeks and rivers forming wet diggings. The process of digging gold is illustrated every rainy day in the streets, when the soil is washed away, leaving pins, needles and other small objects in the crevices of the flagging. The earliest method was extremely simple. The miner, provided with butcher knives, poked into the crevices and niches for nuggets. The second method was more complicated and troublesome. The dirt was shoveled into a pan, which was given a rotary motion as water was added. The romance of gold hunting vanishes when on a hot day the miner is obliged to handle a heavy pan of mud, his arms and legs acting with the muscular effort required, and his back boiling under the blazing sun. The surface of the ground was usually at an angle of 45 degrees, and everything had to be secured. It being desirable to wash the greatest amount of dirt with the least possible labor, the cradle or rocker was invented. Mr. Mulford then exhibited a miniature pasteboard cradle, and illustrated the process of rocking out the gold. After rocking came sluicing. The dirt is shoveled into the upper end of the inclined sluiceway, through which water is running, and the gold settles into the ripples made by slats in the bottom. So fine does some of the gold become that it settles in the most minute particles into the wood of the sluiceways. When these become worn out they are burned and the ashes panned over. An old Californian on hearing the Moses account of the golden calf, said that he did not doubt Moses pan away, that Aaron advised the Israelites to make a calf of gold, and that Moses, pretending to be wroth, on his return, threw the calf into the fire. "But don't you suppose," he added with a chuckle, "that he and Aaron came together that night to pan over the ashes?" Mr. Mulford, in closing his lecture, described hydraulic and quartz mining, and said: "I might add that it takes a mine to run a mine, and it sometimes takes all that's mine and all that's yours to manage a mine."

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Morgan county, daily.....3 40 p m
North—Davis county, daily.....11 40 a m
Weber county, daily.....3 40 p m
Ogden, semi-daily 11 40 a m & 3 40 p m
Alta, daily.....3 20
Parley's Park, Big Cottonwood and Wanship, Mondays, Fridays.....7 00 a m
Ties, daily.....3 40 p m
Corinne and Kelton, daily..11 40 a m
Idaho and Montana, daily...3 40 p m
Boise City and Idaho City, daily.....11 40 a m
West—Nevada, California, Oregon, etc.....11 40 a m
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Sanpete and Sevier counties, daily, except Monday....5 50 p m
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Morgan county, daily.....6 30 a m
North—Davis county, daily.....6 30 a m
Weber county, daily.....6 30 a m
Ogden, semi-daily 3 30 p m & 6 30 a m
Cache and Box Elder counties, daily.....6 30 a m
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Idaho and Montana, daily..6 30 a m
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