

of the citizens with a love of music, poetry and art, and relieved the monotony of the intensely practical. In the bowels of the mountains, where the miners delve for riches that are but as grass is the practical; but above them all, towering towards that ever beautifully blue sky, is the poetical and artistic. The miner, with his pick, strikes the auriferous rock a telling blow and the soul thereof travels along through space until it finds a resting place among the mountain flora, where in silent sweetness it remains until a disciple of Erato strays that way, and capturing the prize, transforms it into sweet, light musical verse, which reaches even the soul of the horny-handed miner, who is ignorant that the first sweet strains were fashioned by his blow.

It is because of the harmonious blending of the practical, the poetic and the artistic, of brawn and brain, that Utah will prove herself the most beautifully and fascinatingly brilliant of all her sister states.

I had not intended tripping along at such a pace, but Utah is my pet State.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES ST. MORRIS.

### HONOR TO A MISSIONARY.

WEST WEBER, Feb. 19, 1896.

"Cast thy bread upon the water and it shall return after many days" is a scriptural saying and a very true one. It was exemplified last Friday evening when the Ogden Home Dramatic club presented the sterling drama *Better Than Gold* in our large amusement hall, which was filled in every part, for the benefit of Elder Wm. Purrington, who leaves on the 22nd inst., having been called on a mission to Great Britain. Some ten or twelve years ago this company was organized in Ogden, and at that time Brother Purrington, though not living there, was invited to be one of its members, and took an active part on several occasions in getting up plays for the benefit of members when called on missions. So when he received notice about two months ago to be ready on the above date for a mission, the old members who were still living in Ogden expressed their desire to play for his benefit. Though the company has not been before the public for five years, those who had seen them on previous occasions found they had lost none of their former reputation, for it is doubtful if there has been a company play in our hall for the last three years that has given more general satisfaction. On Monday night, the 17th inst., they played in Mound Fort and tomorrow night they play in Fifth ward in Ogden City. The proceeds of both, as well as the one given in our ward, will go for the benefit of Brother Purrington.

At the close of our meeting Sunday afternoon, it was announced that on Tuesday evening, at 6 o'clock, a party would be given in the meeting house, consisting of songs, recitations and short speeches. This was also in honor of the above mentioned missionary. Our meeting house was filled in every part, and the program was rendered in a most excellent manner. At the close of the program picnic was passed round and when all had eaten until satisfied

the people repaired to the hall where dancing was indulged in until midnight. A nice sum was realized, which was handed over to Brother Purrington to help him on his way.

For the last few weeks measles has been very prevalent among the children and some grown people have not escaped. The day schools have been closed for nearly two weeks, but some of them have again commenced.

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### MEXICAN RAILWAY.

Deming is at last again in the railroad swim, says a late issue of the *Santa Fe New Mexican*. Major Kirkland and E. C. Faurot, well known capitalists of Lima, Ohio, accompanied by Morris R. Locke, have just returned from the City of Mexico where the necessary papers were executed and the contract closed that insures the building of 100 miles of railroad from Deming south along the eastern slope of the Sierra Madre. It will be constructed by an Ohio syndicate, and the Mexican government has granted them a subsidy of \$15,000 a mile. The road will follow the line of the John W. Young proposed road to Palomas, will pass by Lake Guzman and by the 400,000 acre cattle ranch of George B. Hearst. It will keep as close as possible to the rich mining district of the Sierra Madre.

In addition to the foregoing statement the *Two Republics*, published in the City of Mexico, gives details of the scheme, which carries with it all the rights of the original concession. The new line starts from Trevino, on the Monterey and Mexican Gulf road, and runs to Sierra Mojade; and from a point in Chihuahua to a point to be chosen on the Pacific coast; also from a point between the stations of Cadereyta Jimenez and Monte Morelia, on the Monterey and Mexican Gulf, to a point on the Bravo, between Laredo and Guerrero, with privilege of bridging and from a point between Litorea and Valleguan, on the Monterey and Mexican Gulf railway, to the mining towns of San Carlos and San Nicolas, with rights to extend to Laguna Madre and Soto la Marina. The new company is said to be a strong one, with an abundance of capital behind it to push the big enterprise through. Gen. Trevino will be the first president and Lic. de la Garza will serve as the general attorney and solicitor for the company. It is understood that work will be commenced actively in a short time. A guarantee of \$20,000 has been placed with the government against failure to carry out the contract. The Gulf, Rio Grande and Pacific Railroad of Mexico will probably be its name.

The section of road going south from Deming and touching the Mormon colonies in Mexico will be the first portion constructed. It is expected by the end of 1896 at least 250 miles of the road will have been built by the Rio Grande improvement and construction company. The total length of the road will be over 1,000 miles. The contract for the first hundred miles from Deming has been closed.

From all that can be learned at the present time, it is probable that this scheme will bring into existence the long talked of Mexican railway into

the rich mining districts of the Sierra Madre, by way of the Mormon colonies in Mexico. According to the *Mexican Herald*, which gives similar details to those in the papers already named, the new company includes Gen. Geronimo Trevino, Lic. Emeterio de la Garza and B. C. Faurot, three of the capitalists connected with the original scheme for a road.

### THE EUROPEAN MISSION.

[Millennial Star, Feb. 6.]

**Arrivals**—The following named Elders for the British mission arrived in Liverpool, per American Line Steamship *Penland*, on January 31; Herbert Horsley, of Soda Springs, Idaho; John W. Crawford and Edwin D. Harrison, of Logan, Utah; Walter E. Maddison, of Providence, Utah; Hyrum P. Frodsham, of Rockland, Idaho; Benj. R. Brough, of Randolph, Utah; J. W. Grace, Thomas Bailey and G. W. McCune, of Nephi, Utah. Accompanying them was Mrs. Lena Jenkins and Miss Lena M. Jenkins, of Logan, who came on a visit to Great Britain. All well.

**Releases and Appointments**.—The following named Elders have been honorably released to return home February 14, 1896:

George A. Finlayson and George Scott, traveling Elders in the Scottish conference.

Alma Johnson, traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.

Henry O. Baddeley, traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

William Taylor and James Tucker, traveling Elders in the Cheltenham conference.

William C. Martell, from presiding over the Welsh conference.

Elder John D. Peters has been appointed to preside over the Welsh conference.

Elder Herbert Horsley has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Birmingham conference.

Elders John W. Crawford and Walter E. Maddison have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Sheffield conference.

Elder Edwin D. Harrison has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Newcastle conference.

Elders Hyrum P. Frodsham and G. W. McCune have been appointed to labor as traveling Elders in the Norwich conference.

Elder Benjamin R. Brough has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Manchester conference.

Elder J. W. Grace has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference.

Elder Thomas Bailey has been appointed to labor as traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference.

A band of Oregon horses, in transit to Kentucky, a few days ago, says the *Hayley Times*, was taken from the cars at Shoshone, Idaho, and the animals sold for 50 cents apiece.

Caleb Woods dropped dead on the street in Forest Grove, Ore., recently. He was 90 years old last month and was around with his usual vigor up to the time of his death. He was father of the late ex-Governor Woods, who was governor of Utah more than 20 years ago.