

made an affecting address, in which he spoke of the singular ways of Providence, by which a man of Mr. Blaine's age, when at the zenith of his possibilities, should be taken, while those of an advanced age and little usefulness are left. Resolutions of affectionate regard were passed favoring the interment of the remains in Augusta.

THE EPITAPH.

ST. PAUL, Jan. 30.—Both houses of the Minnesota legislature met in joint session this afternoon. The joint committee reported a set of resolutions eulogistic of Mr. Blaine, tendering the sympathy of the people of Minnesota to the bereaved family with the sentiment, "He needs no epitaph but his name." After addresses by Ignatius Donnelly and others the resolution was unanimously adopted and both houses adjourned as a further token of respect.

UTAH JUNKETERS.

The following is from the San Francisco *Chronicle* of Sunday last and will be read with interest by the constituents of the sight-seeing councilmen:

The members of the City Council and city officials of Salt Lake City, who are on a business and junketing tour of the Pacific States, arrived on the Portland train from the Pacific Northwest yesterday morning, and devoted the day and evening to a study of the beauties and attractions of San Francisco. The Salt Lake officials left their homes on the 22nd inst., and since that date have been enjoying themselves in Portland, Tacoma and Seattle.

The visiting officials are: Councilman Eli A. Folland, J. A. Helms, F. A. Horn, A. M. Kelly, J. L. Lawson, C. F. Loofbrouw, P. J. Moran and E. E. Rich, C. L. Haines, chairman of the board of public works; A. F. Doremus, city engineer; D. L. Hines, supervisor of streets; Christopher Diehl, assessor and collector of water rates; F. J. Leonard, collector of city and county taxes; J. H. Bowman, contractor, and George Olsen, superintendent of the new city and county building. The success of the trip thus far is due to the efforts of Councilman E. E. Rich, who is manager of the party, and a very busy personage in consequence.

The visiting officials were received upon their arrival at the foot of Market street by a committee of the board of supervisors, consisting of Supervisors Day, Montgomery and Reis. They were taken direct to the Palace Hotel where they were regaled with a sumptuous breakfast in the grillom, after which they started out on a sightseeing expedition. The principal object of their visit to the coast is to study the underground electric conduit system with a view to placing a similar system in operation in Salt Lake City; also the matter of fireproof buildings, streets and sewers. They had ample time to study municipal architecture during the morning as they were shown through the City Hall. The new McAllister street wing, now in course of completion, in which the free library is to be located when finished, was carefully inspected by the visiting officials. The immense

iron girders which support the roof attracted particular attention, and all declared that they eclipsed everything of the kind they had ever seen. Mayor Eliott received them all in his office, and they were afterward shown the workings of the various departments of the city government.

J. H. Bowman was the most interested of the Salt Lake contingent during the visit to the new city hall. Salt Lake City is now constructing a massive five-story municipal building, of which Mr. Bowman is the contractor, and he expects to incorporate many ideas in Salt Lake's new structure which he is picking up on his trip.

Before entering the city hall the visitors climbed into the tower and obtained a lasting impression of the beauties of San Francisco's hills from the birdseye view thus obtained.

A pleasant hour was spent in the United States mint.

Subsequently the party was escorted to the Clay street pier, where, thanks to the kindness of Dr. Lawlor, quarantine officer, the tug Governor Perkins was in waiting to take them for a trip around the bay. Dr. Lawlor accompanied the visitors, as did also H. W. Adams, traveling freight and passenger agent of the Texas and Pacific and Missouri Pacific railways, who enjoy a personal acquaintance with the visiting contingent from the Mormon metropolis. The little tug cruised up the bay, around Angel island, across the Golden Gate and then back to the Union Iron works, where a glance at the Monterey was had.

The party was landed at the Clay street wharf at 5 o'clock, and every visitor declared that he had never spent a more pleasant day in his life.

The Salt Lake junketers are traveling in the Pullman or La Grande. According to their itinerary they will leave San Francisco on Monday for Los Angeles and San Diego, after which they will return home by way of Sacramento. They expect to conclude their trip by the middle of next month.

Thus far the pleasure of the trip has been marred by but one accident. Councilman A. H. Kelley missed the train at Ogden and was unable to overtake the party until he reached Pocatello, Idaho. Mr. Rich subsequently received a telegram from Senator Barrett of Idaho, in which he conveyed the intelligence that Mr. Kelly had to work a hand car the entire distance of 153 miles to make connections. Mr. Kelly now undergoes mental torture every time one of the party says anything that suggests that the facts in the case are known to someone besides himself.

Under escort of the committee of the board of supervisors the visitors spent an enjoyable hour at the Mechanics' Fair last evening. They admired the citrus display and everything in the California preliminary World's Fair exhibit. After hastily seeing all the attractions at the Pavilion the visitors were escorted to the Maison Riché, where they enjoyed an elaborate banquet with the supervisors and San Francisco city officials. Toasts were offered and responded to, and the beauties of Salt Lake and San Francisco were praised until a late hour. It was intended to show the sights of Chinatown to the visiting

officials, but as it was late when the banquet broke up this was deferred until this evening. Today the party will visit the Cliff and Suto Heights in response to an invitation from Adolph Suto.

The *Call* of Sunday has, among other things, this to say of the Salt Lake officials:

President Loofbrouw stated that this was his first visit to San Francisco, and it was also the initial trip to the majority of the party to the Pacific Coast. Salt Lake, he said, was spending a great deal of money for public works, and the object of this trip was mainly to see that the money was spent for honest improvements, and that could only be done by comparing the public works of their city with others and having the defects remedied before it was too late. The public works of Salt Lake now under construction or in contemplation are to be permanent, and the failures and successes of others would give them many ideas and perhaps point out many defects in their plans.

This delegation also is seeing about drawing the relations between the Pacific Coast and the middle West closer. The citizens along the Pacific should stand for the common good, and it would be to the mutual advantage of San Francisco and Salt Lake if there were nearer commercial and social relations.

The Salt Lake delegation were hardly given time for dinner when they were again taken in tow by the entertaining committee. A visit to the State Citrus Fair was first in order and about three hours were spent among the displays of fruit.

Chinatown was next in order, after a light luncheon, and the high seats in the theater down to the opium joints below the ground were visited.

Today the visiting officials of the Mormon city will be driven through the residence portion of the city out to Golden Gate Park and on to the Cliff House.

NOTES.

THE ONLY known trust that does not make it warm for the consumer is the coal combine.

THE THREATENED advent of the hoop-skirt introduces a new doubt into the propriety of bicycle-riding for ladies.

A gentleman from the Mongolian mountains reports discovery of tin on Pine Creek, N. M., that assays 3½ per cent, and states that quite a number of prospectors are there.

Coyotes are usually bold through hunger in the neighborhood of Pioche, Nevada. Three of them recently chased a dog through a smelter, ceasing their pursuit when within twenty feet of the watchman.

It was said by the people about Yuma, Arizona, that the Standard Oil company has entered into the enterprise of desert reclamation and that their surveyors have run lines for the canal towards the river country.

There is a pine tree near Donner lake, Cal., that is eighteen years old and only eighteen inches in height. It grows, however, from a small