

UTAH JOURNEY OF FATHER ESCALANTE

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that rivers entered the ocean and that animals roamed the unexplored territory. Moreover, all that remained to be examined of the interior of Africa was a certain area of known breadth and length.

But the first explorers of America

erally knew nothing, absolutely nothing of the lands they were entering. The Spaniards who penetrated the northern wilds of what is now known as the "Great Basin" had no information on the extent and vastness of the

When ascending a mountain they did not know but from its summit the south sea might be seen or a vision of the "Great Northern Mystery" be purchased them. It was not only an

explored land they were entering
a land absolutely unknown and
perhaps peopled by races of men and
animals unlike anything ever seen or
dreamed of.
For all they knew, they might en-
counter interminable deserts of burn-
ing sand or rushing rivers of impos-
sible width. They might reach the

of hills of mountains of unscalable heights or lakes of burning pitch. They might chance upon whole rivers of boiling waters, gigantic forests, canyons of horrent depths, snake infested marshes or volcanoes vomiting fire

their days were days of marvels, of
 appearing and disappearing wonders,
 transcendent possibilities, and the
 things and strange people al-
 ready discovered prepared them
 for the wonderful and the extraordi-
 nary. It was as if a passage to the
 planet Mars was being opened and the
 first adventures to the stellar regions

BLAZING A TRAIL.
When that heroic franciscan, Father Marcos of Nizza entered Arizona and New Mexico in 1539 he blazed the way for that more remarkable of all explorers, Francisco Vasquez de Coronado, who

Francisco Vasquez de Coronado who accomplished the most wonderful exploring expedition ever undertaken on the American continent. After Coronado returned to Mexico City, Don Antonio de Espejo organized his famous expedition, gave New Mexico its name and arriving at Acoma saw, first the white men, the astounding "snake

ONATE'S COLONY.

Then in 1596, Juan de Onate led a colony from the City of Mexico to settle the New Mexico and Christianize the nomadic tribes of the then romantic land. Eight years after planting his colony, he set out, accompanied by Father Escobar, for the Zuni and Mo-

towns on the Chiquito Colorado. They then explored the Colorado and its lands, following the Colorado to its mouth and claiming the newly discovered regions for the king of Spain. On Jan. 25, 1605, feast of the conversion of St. Paul, they raised the Cross, the emblem of Christianity, at the mouth of the Gila and placed New

Returning from his great explorations Onate built the city of Santa Fe, and assigned so far as he could the tribes and the whole extent of the region he had explored to the care of the

on he had explored to the care of the Franciscan fathers. This wonderful missionary order of the Catholic Church established missions all over the Southwest and, in 30 years, converted the faith 60,000 souls including those of the Moqui and Zuni nations. These Spanish fathers were men of great heart and steady purpose. Every man of the mission was a soldier of the cross.

them was educated, fitted and trained for the accomplishment of one great object, the christianizing and civilizing of the savage hordes around them. If the recognition of a common bond of humanity which unites the races of the earth and the units of the race be one of the noblest principles known to mankind; if to establish

Among men a knowledge of our common humanity, to remove the barriers which ignorance, prejudice and narrow conceptions of the dignity of life have erected, constitute greatness of soul. When these heroic priests, 30 of whom surrendered their lives for love of their savage brothers of the desert and the mountain reached the plane of great-

But these brave and saintly men did not limit their time and talents to christianizing, educating and teaching useful arts and husbandry to their "heathen" converts. Many of them opened up unexplored regions and

the trails of unknown lands. Of these was Francisco Garces, who crossed the California desert, covering hundreds of miles without a companion, and, relying upon Indians to show him the way, he wished or was obliged to go. Of these also were the Franciscan priests, Silvestre Velez de Escalante and Atanasio Dominguez

They explored portions of Colorado, entered Utah and, on Aug. 23—first white men—looked upon the placid

ters of Utah lake. They charted a newly explored land, described the tribes they had visited, the botany of the country, named rivers and mountains and bequeathed to us an accurate map of the country as it was then. They did more. On their return to Santa Fe in January, 1776, they wrote a history of their expedition, which

ried them to the Grand canyon of Arizona, and to the Zuni and Hopi villages. They described Salt Lake, gave the names of the tribes living on its shores, and left to the people of Utah today an invaluable treatise on the habits and manners of the Indians around Utah and Salt lakes.

The fête which the Knights of Columbus are celebrating today—and which is being held in the city of Columbus, Ohio—intend to make an annual event—commemorates the arrival of the adventurous priests at Utah lake, 132 years ago. Now that the religious asperities of other days are disappearing, and religious intolerance fleeing before the enlightening

ent and education of our country; when men are separating themselves from the heritage of prejudices which made liberality of thought and justice to each other an impossibility, we may look hopefully forward to the near future when admiration for daring enterprise and gratitude for heroic recovery will raise a monument to

TODAY'S WEATHER.

Barometric conditions promise cloudy weather for tonight and tomorrow, but not necessarily rain. The mercury mounted to 90 degrees late yesterday afternoon, and today, it ought to be fully as high.

Low barometric pressure extends along the plateau and over the Ohio river, and under the series of

ney and upper lake region this morning. Over the Rocky mountain slope, Missouri valley, Gulf and north Atlantic states the barometric pressure is high. This distribution of air pressure has caused fair weather west of the Mississippi valley, and showers and thunderstorms over portions of Minnesota, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Alabama and Texas.

ina and lower lake region. No heavy infall is reported. The temperature ranges are generally unimportant.

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