

WORLD'S FAIR MATTERS.

Commissioner Emery and Secretary

McNamee in Visit Chicago.

Last evening a meeting of the World's Fair commissioners for Utah was held at the commission rooms.

Detailed instructions were issued to the executive commissioners and secretary in regard to their complicated visit to Chicago. They were instructed to take full possession of the grounds assigned to Utah, collect data in regard to the buildings and attend to a number of detailed work.

The executive commissioner is to make a full report to the commission on his return. It was decided that the check of the several departments should be apportioned among 15, and each department should commence its interview.

Quite a lot of matters detailed were considered, and the commission adjourned subject to call.

The World's Fair office has been supplied with a large amount of literature for the agricultural department, and the exposition, which will be given among the farming population of the Territory soon.

Secretary McDonald has quite a supply of material on the agricultural city of Salt Lake.

A letter has been received from a member of the fair committee who has been examining the plan for borrowing \$50,000 with the understanding that the next legislature will appropriate that amount, suggests that we have a private loan in our name for the purpose of raising another \$50,000, to be expended on Utah's exhibit at the World's Fair.

Gaining Exercises at Filmore.

The closing exercises of the Millard Academy were held May 20, in the State house, which for the past six months has been utilized for military classes. Brother J. E. Hinman has been principal for the last four years, and his labors have been crowned with marked success. This was exemplified by the extent of work accomplished by the students during the year.

It would be difficult to mention any one study in particular, for all showed the mark of a master's pains-taking supervision. Professor Hinman was born in the Northern Indiana, and recently appointed by Brother E. S. Hinckley, to whom he gives an honored place of pride. The latter's work department was well represented.

The Misses Hinman and Cooper, and the beautiful specimens arranged for inspection clearly proved that the original and successful collection of the institution during the academic year just past, and doubtless many more would have done or but that some of our sister schools had very similar collections.

The students of young men attending our seats of learning and leading in the district cities, together with the young men in our State, in that to which they devote themselves, prove beyond a doubt, that their capacity for learning is fully equal to that of those who in the same facilities are engaged in the same studies.

The fine weather of the past week has brought out dainty spring in all her varied beauty, and although the vegetation is not yet well developed as yet, as in some parts of the country, the literary prospect that we shall have a most abundant supply by the time June comes.

The crops are looking well and we have every prospect of a plentiful harvest, with the exception of the barley, which we late in the day have informed somewhat, which is due to the fact that it has been sown in different fields, but the time drawing near, when losses will damage all the farmers' time and effort, and free trade will be laid on the shelf for a time, and the mower, and hay fork occupy the mind and hands of men instead.

M. A. Y. G.

Morgan Stake Conference.

The quarterly conference of Morgan Stake was held at the Stake House, Morgan City, on the 13th and 14th inst. Present on the stand on the first day Apostle F. D. Richards, George Reynolds, the Presidency of the Stake and members of the High Council, John Seaman, of Ogden, and Ezra T. Clark, of Farmington.

Apostle Richards reported as to the condition of the church and various institutions as being in a very prosperous condition. The Saints are doing their duty except in the matter of supporting the Academy school.

Elder Reynolds gave a most interesting report on Sunday school work, the benefit of primary schools and the order of the priesthood.

Apostle Richards occupied most of the afternoon with his report, the mission and life of our Savior, charity and forgiveness.

The general and local authorities were present and unanimously sustained him.

A list of Stake and Sunday school superintendents were present and approved.

The meetings of Monday, as well as those of Sunday, were well attended. The speakers were Ezra T. Clark, John Haven, John Seaman and Apostle Richards. The subjects spoken of were the Sabbath, the importance of keeping it holy, preparation for the various duties of life, and other important subjects.

Confidence was expressed for three years.

A. F. PEANOR, Clerk.

At the Auction auction.

At a beautiful Wimberly village the old custom of lighting a bonfire night in winter is still carried out. The purpose was to guide belated travelers. The fire, just as the Stephen prairie fire, however, who is lighting the bonfire, — London, England.

COURSES TO BE AVOIDED.

"Come to the lion, because Some Things We Did Not Know Before." "Yes, he's a friendly old chap," said the lion keeper. "He was born in captivity at Hartman's Zoo in Bridgeport, Conn., and he'll let you get a good, safe scratch him if you like."

The stranger tried the experiment cautiously, and the lion seemed pleased.

"Now, hell let your hand through the bars again, and as the keeper's word of command, the well trained animal gave it a gentle lick with his tongue."

"Wow! Great Scott!" exclaimed the owner of the hand, as he jerked it out and looked at it carefully. If a piece of sandwich had been applied to it vigorously it would have looked and felt about the same. "Last thing did you say? His tongue is covered with hair?"

"Well," said the keeper, with a good natured grin at the success of his practical joke, "you just about right. A lion's tongue is covered with strong horny little hooks. The palm is the scientific name for them—and they all point backward. When he licks hard he can scrape the meat and cartilage off the bones of a tough horse quicker than you could with a sharp knife."

"I suppose you have to feed a lion as old as this one on what the others would regard as dainties?" said the visitor.

"Yes," answered the keeper, "as a general thing a lion won't eat at all or kill out anything in the fresh meat line. The whole cat tribe has a low sense of taste. You have often seen a cat lick herself, hasn't you? She gets handfuls of hair off her mouth without minding it at all. Consider what discomfort one half pinches in the mouth of a human being whose sense of taste is definitely developed."

"This old fellow's claws are pretty well worn down," said the visitor. "I suppose by constant use on the floor and walls of his cage."

"He has one claw, not worn down at all," answered the keeper, "but I'll bet you can't detect it."

The visitor looked at all the paws and could see nothing but well worn claws. "Where is it?" he asked.

"At the end of the tail," said the keeper.

"Oh, how," remarked the visitor, "no more jokes on me today, thank you."

The keeper put his hand between the legs, caught the patient animal under the front by the tail and showed the visitor a sort of horny hook concealed among the long hairs at the end of it. "What use it serves," he added, "naturalists don't know. Some say it is used to help him grip things when he is climbing trees. Next time you look at any books on lions, notice how the old American exaggerated this hook on the tails of lions surmounted upon their fangs or maces." — New York Tribune.

Courtesy of Other State.

A full grown sea otter is from four to five feet long and perhaps a foot wide. Its skin is soft and sensitive so that if he loses his hold from the nose and head and without cutting it lengthwise at all, he pulls the skin down over the body, the hair being so short that this is not a difficult job. It is then stretched even smooth laid flat 9 feet long, 9 inches wide at one end and 10 at the other end. Each end of this board is tapered to a point. Another board exactly the same size is then inserted and the skin is stretched a foot or even more inches longer than its original length.

A third board, half the length of the other, is wedged in and the skin tightly nailed at the ends to hold it in place. If any flesh adheres to the skin it is then cut off, and the hide is cured and dried in this condition. In a few days it is taken off the boards and turned far side out, when it is ready for market.—OCT. Salt Francisco Chronicle.

A High Tension.

A remarkable piece of engineering work is the tunnel of the Panama Canal railroad through an Andean mountain peak at Chilca, Peru. It is at an elevation of 600 feet above the perpetual snow line, and is 3,827 feet long. It is the highest railroad tunnel in the world, and is located in the highest inhabited region in the world. The elevation of the tunnel is 13,422 feet above the sea level, nearly 3,000 feet higher than the hotel on the top of Pike's peak. — Philadelphia Ledger.

Way Negro On Bear Hunt.

The romance of a negro's black skin is supposed to be the conversion of the sun's light into heat. The heat thus generated remains in the skin and gives pleasure to the desire for sunbathing.

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