

lived to set foot on his native shore, and died, or was murdered by the savages. ]

In several parts of Mr. Wilder's narrative he touches on the subject of converting to Christianity the Jews of the interior world, and in a note to one of his last chapters, he appears to have formed the design, if he should live to reach his native town of Boston, to prepare himself as a missionary, and return to the people he had left.

I have given but a sketch of some of the prominent parts of this wondrous narrative. The papers are greatly disordered, and as soon as my leisure will permit, I intend preparing them for the press. The work, including maps and drawings, will probably occupy a volume of some three hundred pages. In the meantime the curious may have an opportunity of examining the singular manuscript by calling on me.

As wonderful as the narrative appears to be, to me it has the stamp of authenticity.

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On another page of the same issue in which the foregoing appeared (DESERET NEWS, Feb. 21st, 1852) Dr. Willard Richards, editor and publisher of the NEWS, made the following comments:

#### INTERNAL REGIONS.

We give the "News from the Internal Regions," as we do other stories, just as we received, and for what it is worth. Some curiosities in Wilder's narrative suggest a few queries, concerning some of which we have not the historical facts before us. Does the history of Mungo Park give any more definite account of his death by drowning, than the narrative of Jonathan Wilder? If it does, who knows that Wilder's statements are false? Who knew that Ptolemy's system of astronomy was false, before Copernicus arose? And if Copernicus has proved Ptolemy's system false, is it not possible that some late philosopher may yet prove some portions of Copernicus false?

If the earth is a solid body, growing more and more dense to its center, if what use is that center? Has God formed anything in vain? If, as some suppose, the earth is a living animal, why does she not beget her like? Then, if the earth were solid, and more solid towards its center than its surface, would not animals on the earth be more solid at their center than their circumference; instead of being strongly ribbed near the surface, so as to support the greatest pressure, leaving a cavity in the center capable of active operation? Might not even the opossum understand this? Do not our globe makers understand that a hollow globe is preferable to a solid? If not, why do they make them hollow? And shall miniature globes, the works of men's hands, be made on a wiser plan than the great original globe?

If it is contended that the earth must be solid, to secure and make fast the north and south poles, that are sticking out at opposite sides, like an axle-tree, or pivot, on which the earth turns round, on what boxes or hooks do these poles or pivots hang or rest? Is it the same hook the philosopher hung his scales on to weigh the sun? If so, where shall we get the other hook?

If the earth is hollow, would not that destroy gravitation? What is gravitation? Who will be so kind as to define its causality? Until the causality of gravitation is defined, who knows but that gravitation fixed at the center of a crust, 50 or 100 miles thick, composing an earth, would have just as good an effect, for all practical purposes, for those living on its surface, as to have it fixed at the center of a solid? And with a hollow earth, and gravity at the center of the crust, might not the inner inhabitants enjoy all the gravitating blessings of the outer? If not, why not? But if they should, how could they get light? How did the brother of Jared get light in his barge? Might not the internal inhabitants get light in the same way, or according to Wilder's story? And if the internal inhabitants don't like popular gravitation, why may they not use the pattern of Jared's platform?

An ancient prophet suggests that a portion of ancient Israel went off into the north country, and the Lord shut them in: into what? Was not Cain to be a fugitive and vagabond in the earth? We have heard of wonderful things in the land of Ham, and terrible things by the Red Sea; are these some of them, or whence originated the prophecy or tradition in Wilder's narrative, that in 5829 year of creation, a great prophet shall arise on the earth, &c., which was literally fulfilled in the mission of Joseph Smith? We are willing to confess our ignorance; will some able historian or philosopher, or astronomer answer the above queries in as brief a space as possible?

Has Mr. Broadnag ever published Wilder's narrative as he proposed? If so, where can it be had? Will some friend send us a copy? Has Sir John Franklin passed in at the North Pole? Is he now exploring the Internal Region? If so, when will he come back?

#### OGDEN ITEMS.

Prospecting has commenced in the hills and cañons adjacent to the city.

Thirty-nine cars of oranges came in from the West last night and went east over the Union Pacific.

Tomorrow evening a dance will be given in the First ward meeting house for the benefit of the Sunday school.

Michael Drozdowitz, proprietor of a second hand store on Twenty-fourth street, yesterday assigned in favor of H. C. Wardleigh.

Fifty thousand pounds of armor plate for the battleship Oregon was transferred from the Union Pacific to the Southern Pacific and will be shipped west today.

Eugene Borel, the man who killed Lewis here last February, was brought up from the penitentiary yesterday in order that he might have a talk with his attorneys. He goes back today.

The Young Men's Democratic club are preparing to attend the reception of Governor West in a body. A rate of one fare for the round trip has been given by the railroads, but it is thought still better rates will be secured. A large delegation will go from here.

The building for the new artificial ice factory, situated just north of the union depot, is about completed. Part of the machinery has arrived and is being put in place. The balance will arrive in a few days. The plant will be in operation in about thirty days.

Yesterday was warm and pleasant up to about noon, when it commenced to rain and kept it up for two hours, after which it turned off quite cold and disagreeable, spoiling a great deal of the fun of May day. In the evening the Calendonians gave a concert and ball in the Lester Park pavilion. Some twenty-five came up from Salt Lake to join in the festivities.

The board of trade directors yesterday afternoon held a session to discuss matters of general public interest. A complete collection of ores, agricultural and manufacturing products of Utah was decided upon. These articles to be on exhibition permanently. The board of trade will use the rooms formerly occupied by the chamber of commerce in the City hall building.

A man riding a bicycle yesterday afternoon ran against a boy on Grant avenue, opposite the central fire station. One of the handles of the cycle struck the boy just above the left eye, knocking him down and cutting a bad gash from which blood flowed freely. The firemen with their horses, engine, hose carts, etc., were out in front of their hall having their photographs taken, and the boy and the cyclist were both watching the performance so intently they did not see each other, which was the cause of the accident. The boy was taken home, and although badly bruised is not seriously hurt.

OGDEN, May 2.—It was expected that the bids for the erection of the Southern Pacific shops at this place would have been opened yesterday, but as they are not all in they will not be closed until noon today and then they will be sent to San Francisco to be opened, so that it will probably be several days before the result is known as to who the lucky bidders are. As soon as the contracts are awarded and signed work will commence immediately. The buildings will be located a short distance west of the city, across the Weber river. The site for the Rio Grande Western shops is at the old iron works, two blocks north of the union passenger depot. Work will also commence on them soon.

#### NOTES.

The question of putting in a system of waterworks is being agitated at Kaysville, Davis county.

Pocastello, Idaho, has a local organization known as the Annanias club. The roll book numbers many well known names.

The Cheyenne Leader's popular teacher contest seems to have attracted the attention of the school children in nearly every town in the state.

A large amount of land between Idaho Falls and Blackfoot is being broken, says the Idaho Register. It will not be many years before large fields of grain will be seen all along the