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## An Argonant from Iowa Saw Them at Salt Lake City.

HE PREDICTED TROUBLE WITH MORMONS

BEGINNINGS OF POLYGAMY

Extract from the Diary of Captain Benson, Who Saw a Mormon Celebration Two Years After Utah's Settlement.

The following is an extract from the diary of Captain John H. Benson, who went overland to California in '49 with a party from Wapello, Ia. :

"Monday, July 23, 1849.-One of Flack's oxen left to die. Had to double team in crossing over summit. It is one mile heavy hauling. After passing over summit it is very steep, having to lock both wheels; rough road, crossing a creek several times. Road bad. At about noon we came into the valley of the Great Salt lake in sight of the city of the Great Salt lake. Passed through the city; crossed over Jordan and camped one mile west of the city.

with them. After dinner the flag bear-ers all marched out and the different companies all formed, the band in front, and "Tuesday, July 24 .- This was a high day marched again to the bower, singing the In the city. They were celebrating the second anniversary of the entrance of Brigham None with us could be compared. We are the real friends of Joseph, the bright and Young into the valley. Cannonading comglorious morning star.' As they marched they were sainted by the cannon. Then they all marched under the bower and then commenced early in the morning. They had one flagstaff 100 feet high and one fifty feet high. The music and marching commenced at 7:30 neurod with the toasts. I shall only notice one, as it seemed to be the general spirit of them all. It was as fol-lows: "Martin Van Buren. May he be sicked across lots by cripples, winked at by o'clock. Taere were twenty-four young men all dressed in white bearing twenty-four beautiful banners with inscriptions-number of their ward and other inscriptions, as folblind men, niobled to death by young ducks and carried to hell through a keyhole by a lows: 'Ward I, United We Stand;' 'Ward and carried to hell through a keyhold by a bumble bee.' after which there was great cheering. While the singing and toasting was going on, I left. Several balls were anticipated at night. I am informed and creditably, too, I think, by William Fairiy of Mont Rose, Ia., who has a father-in-law in the city and put up with him for several days on his way to California, that the spiritual wife scheme is tolerated and practiced. He told me bis father-in-law and himself went 8, Christian Kingdom," etc. Next came twenty-four young ladies all dressed in white with seven white roses about their heads, with two small banners. The first had the inscription, 'Zion of the Lord:' the second. 'Hall to the Chief!' Then followed twentyfour old men; they called them silver greys and a considerable company besides. In front was the brass band. As they marched around the bower, the band playing, cannon and small arms were fired to the tune. marched under the bower 8:30 o'clock. While the band played front of the stand, the banners borne All by the twenty-four young men were stuck in the sideposts of the aisle, meeting in the middle. The tweaty-four young men were seated together on the right and the ladies on the left; the sliver-grays in front with staff in hand, with ribbon on top. All joined in singing a song, the chorus of which rau 'We are the true born sons of Zion, we are the real friends of Joseph.' The bower is, I think, 150 yards by 50 yards. Program of the exercises was as follows: Prayer. Next, music by the band. Twenty four young man music by the band. Twenty-four young me presented the deciaration of independence of the United States to President Young. It A few bengaline gowns have the ruffles and edges bound with inch wide satin ribbon. the United States to President Young. It was read by the clork. Then they gave three cheers, 'May it live?' Music. It was they announced that Dr. — was to address the meeting, but was slow. The clork read a bymn to be sung by the twenty-four young ladies. They rose and same charmingly. Song read by the clerk to be sing by the twenty-four young men; chorus, 'We are the true born sons of Zion, the real friends of Jasenb the bright and glogious morning "Tiger" cloth is used as a trimming, as bands of the skin of this animai ward used Joseph, the bright and glorious mornin riar.' Speech was read to the twenty-fou gray-headed fathers. They all rose with siff in hand. The speech was in substance of the settlement of this place two years ago, President Young entered the valley and accomplished the greatest achievement that could have been accomplished by man. Went on to describe the perileus settling of the valley. Said, 'Let us prove to the United Estates that when they drove us from among

them, they drove the bravest of their sons as great as their odor is agreeable, and they and their warmest friends,' etc. Several cheers given by President Young and folwear admirably. lowed by the company, standing, and saying, 'Holy Lord!' Holy Lord!' Music 'Holy Lord!' Holy Lord!' Music by the band. Song read to the twenty-four silver grays; chorus, 'Precious liberty!' John Young, in his speech, said the mantle had failen off Joseph and fallen on Brigham's shoulders, as from Elijah to Elisha. He spoke in strong terms of liberty, and said, 'D-n the man that should try to rob us of our liberty!' After should try to rob us of our envious spite by speaking, President Young was called for. He took the stand and said: "Two years ago today, at 4 o'clock, I entered the valley. He spoke of liberty. He is by all ouds the smart-est who spoke. He is a man of commanding presence and impressed me as being a great man. If he should live to be an old man and this community should grow, I predict that the government will have trouble with these

for double the number. It was estimated that from 6,000 to 8,000 took dinner. I should

think that 200 emigrants took dinner

chorus : 'We are the true born sons of Zion.

told mo his father-in-law and himself went to President Young and he has seven wives.

was told by another man that he went to

Pratt's, one of the twelve, and he saw six women he took to by his wives. Also,

Fairly said some young women wished him

to convey them away from the city for fear the should be called to be spiritual wives."

The writer of the above long since joined the great majority of the "men of '49." He, however, lived to see the beginning of the

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fulfilment of his prophecy: "The govern ment will have trouble with these people." Exastis A. Benson.

HONEY FOR THE LADIES.

with bands of fur.

wear.

and skirts.

six years ago.

the season's costumes.

All the skirts are cut bias and trimmed

Ombre velvet ribbons trim some very

Narrow bands of fur, an inch in width and

ss, will be worn as a pining on cloth bodice.

There are many new fancy striped glace

ilks, and these are to be a great feature in

Miss Rocks (an heiress)-Do you really and

ruly love me Count? Count Poppenheimer -Lofe you schveet greature? I analyze you

quaint French gowns intended for street

season, but offer no special novelty at present. Cashmeres are much less worn at present than other woolens. Mossy chenille trimmings in novel effects are just opened to view. They are as stylish and as becoming as feather trimmings, and not nearly so expensive.

Cheviots are worn later than usual this

Braiding in floral, Grecian, arabesque, or purely conventional designs, is still very pop-ular, being quite as much used as in the first season of its introduction. Spots of long astrakhan wool are seen on

soft woolens, as also, tine, lines, and various effects of wavy patterns and cross-wise bars, slanting stripes and moons. Rings formed of three thin hoops of gold

wire set with a single precious stone, a ruby, diamond, or pearl, are the Christmas presents the swagger girl is praying for now. people. Dinner was then announced. The twenty-four flags of the different wards marched out, each taking station according There is no noteworthy change in bodices. The tendence of all gowns is to princess ef-fect. The bodice, as a separate part of the to the number of the ward. They formed in couples, ladies and gentlemen. In the rear strangers were invited to join in the march to gown, is oftener nispensed with than shown. Among the dressy fabrics of the season must be mentioned Sudan lace, a material resembling guipure. It comes in very elegant the dinner table. All marched in order to the table of their own ward. The table was shades, and is generally worn over a colored spread with the greatest pienty and in taste and quality was not to be excelled. They were kind and free. I believe enough was left silk skirt.

Neat dresses are made of dablia, bronze brown, moss-green and other colored cloths, finished with braiding in black or matching the shade of the gown with a narrow roll of feather trimming at all the edges.

There is no use trying to drive unless have the Innisfallon driving coat of Irish tweed or Harris plaid with the smell of the peat in its warp and woof. It is light and warm, easily adjusted, and as English as a bad fitting boot.

Shot velvets are very fashionable this sea-son, and they will be worn all winter. Some of the shades are exquisite and full of har-monious colors, turquoise blue, shot with sil-ver, brown with gold, fawn with Venetian red, cream or pine green; etc. The circular skirt which has no seams ex-

cept the one in the back, and which is cut almost exactly as one would shape a very deep cape, is a favorite model for dresses of heavy German broadcloth and similar weighty wool textiles, made without a foundation skirt.

For evening wear the most popular selec ion is the dressed kid four-button glove, which comes now in all the light and delicate snades of yellow, blue, pink and lavender. The sleeves of new evening gowns are long, which does away with the necessity of the long wrinkled glove.

For calling and theatre wear the pearl white glove, with heavy black suitching on the back, is the universal choice, no matter how severely tailor made the gown may be. These gloves have large black or glit buttons and probably more four button gloves are sold than any other.

A favorite model in sleeves is tight to the elbow, the upper part full and banded around the arm above that joint, though not infre-quently below it. The band is damaly two or three inches wide. The lex-o'-mutton style still appears upon some of the hand-somest gowns sent from Paris.

The deft mingling of brilliant colors is seen to great advantage in some of the shaggy Russian plaids and stripes. Some have wide bars in autumn-leaf melange on very dark grounds, others have medium-wide stripes in rather light shades, framed by narrow has in green, gold, Russian rod, olive, blue, etc. Cow-slip yellow satin makes a very beautil evening toilet, as under electric or gas it turns to a pale, charming, shining Unlike some of the tints of yellow,

14. wever, this particular shade must be care-liy considered, as only a brilliant brunette or a very fair blonge could safely yenture on it

One of the small annovances of life occa sionally is the attempt to draw an obstinate glass cork. Immersion in hot water for some minutes is sometimes efficacious, but far from always. A sure method is to lock a bu-reau drawer, the a cord to handle or key, holding the other end firmly and over this taut cord run rapidly the neck of the obsti-Russia leather gloves are certainly excel-lent for every day wear. Their durability is

nate bottle. In less than two minutes the glass will be too hot to touch and will have SOCIABILITY AMONG BIRDS. expanded all around the refractory stopper What a year it is for scarlet! You see a bit of the brilliant color fluttering from inside the smart tailor coat or bodice, in the plaitings of the sitk bodice. You see it in hats,

and sometimes on daring maids in jackets, and now we are to have it in the traditional Red Riding Hood caps of scarlet the most vivid and cloth the finest quality.

A quaint hoverty is a white gown with a yoke and frills of black French lace. The yoke is joined to the gown beneath black beadings threaded through with lavender riobon. The sleeves are white, and very full to the elbow, finished there with a broad full rafile of black lace, from beneath which a long, close sleeve of black extends to the

hand, where full, narrow ruffles tinish it. The new wraps are either extremely long coats or mantels that reach to the knees. long There are also some long driving coats of fleecy soft camel's hair in motted pattern richly trimmed with furs in harmonizing colors. The coat may be of black, so that it can worn with any dresss, or it may be in colors like granite or tan, to harmonize or contenst with the gown, as the wearer fancies. The newest color this season in coats is corn lower blue -a darker, more becoming shade than the cadet blue of a few years ago.

#### ABOUT WOMEN.

#### Kate Field gives rather a clever definition of plagiarism when she calls it a lack of saill in effacing coincidents.

Lady Somerset, the English temperance reformer, remarked in an address in Chicago he other ovening that the name of Fran-E. Williard is a watchword in many English iomes.

Mrs. Margaret Deland, whose "John Ward, Preacher," and "Florida Days" gave her high rank among American literary people, did not take up authorship until after her arriage in 1880.

It is aunounced that Mrs. Potter Palmer will drive the last nail in the woman's build-ing at the World's fair. If she does it she will refute a popular tradition concerning her sex's ability to "throw a stone, snarpen a lead pencil, or drive a nail." Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has founded

an asyium for newsboys in Drury lane, Lon-ion, in memory of her dead son, Lionel, the original of Little Lord Fauntleroy. It is called Lionel's riome, and Mrs. Burnett will devote toi ts maintenance a generous portion of her income Julia Ward Howe presided with

great dignity and simplicity at the meeting in St. Paul of the Association for the Ad-vancement of Women, and at the conclusion of one of the sessions she created much enthusiasm by reciting her famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic." Mrs. Howe is now 73 years old, her hair is gray, her broad fore-head wrinxled and her face marked by the touch of time; but for all that her age rests

lightly upon her. Her blue eyes are keen and bright and her voice softly modulated. Among the curious discoveries in connection with the recent census of England, says the New York Tribune, is the extraordinary superiority of the number of women to that of men. The excess of the former over the latter amounts to more than \$99,000, fivelatter amounts to more than \$55,000, hve-sixths of which is composed of widows. On the other hand the number of widowers is remarkable small. From this it would ap-pear that women survive matrimony far bet-ter than men, a fact which will be readily understood and appreciated in its true light by all long-suffering, patient and enduring beneficts.

medicis. In claporating the idea that she is under he direct guidance and influence of the pirit of Mary Queen of Scots, Lady Caithess, new high priestess of theosophy, has ad the oratory of her Landsome home in Paris transformed into r sanctuary for the

queen. A portrait of the unfortunate Mary, repicting her in all the splendor of her fatal beauty, stands in the canopied niche where the altar used to be, and a hidden iampsheds a dim light around it. It is here that Lady Calthuess repairs, in her moments of astral inspiration, to evoke the spirit of the departed queen.

That is Said to Be the Reason of Their Gathering in Flocks.

EVEN THE SOLEMN OWL L'KES COMP NY.

A Close Observer of the Feathered World Gives His Reasons for This Theory of the Flocking of Birds.

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Not even the owl is as much of a hermit as he appears. The little fellow that all summer long has slept by day in the hollow apple tr. e and hooted by night from the adjacent tree-tops has a taste for company, and when two meet their hooting gives way to a varied range of lowly murmured chatterings very different from the conventional cries of all owidom. Keep a petone (and they are easily tamed) and you will find them not only as wise as they look, but not averse to rough and tumple fun. But a few days ago in my wanderings, I reached the bank of a river, long after sundown, and pitched my little tent by the fitful light of a green wood camp-fire. Ejacliations were not smothered, but explosive, and the whole strange scene brought not one but three little red owls to the front. They were not afraid, and discussed my companion, the dog, and myself vigorously. They enjoyed the novelty, and all through the night their tremulous tones broke the stillness of the dense, dark woods, I dreamed of huge flocks of owls, such as no man over saw, and was roused at dawn by a great rushing of wings that seemed dangerously close at hand. It was a flock of blackbirds.

I have already said that birds are social. and whatever may have been the con-ditions at the dawn of bird-life, their gatherings now are purely pleasureable. I do not think any advantage to the individual hot blink any advantage to the individual can come of it, other than satisfying social impulses. Let us go back of the formation of these huge flocks and give a moment's notice to another phase of a bird's exist-ence. This, from a recent paper, covers the whole ground: "Most birds, we are told, 'pair once for all, till either one or the other dies." Dr. Brehm, the author of 'Hird Life.' is of filed with admiration for 'Bird Life,' is so filled with admiration for their exemplary family life as to be led to declare enthusiastically that 'real genuine marriage can only be found among birds."" The initial point of flocking is there, that of mating; later the family keep largely together; toward the close of the summer the families of a neighborhood unite, and urged by the approaching autumn, the birds of a whole river valley will merge into some two or three great flocks and in such close

two or three great flocks and in such close comparisonship migrate; or wander to and tro from one feeding ground to another. When did birds begin to flock? This has often been asked, but never can be told. A close study of this habit, as of many other bird-ways, points to the conclusion that it is a survival of a much more fixed one. There is now a vast deal of irregularity about it. Cortainly the red-winged blackbirds, which form our largest flocks are not all gathered form our largest flocks, are not all gathered in, and single ones, pairs, and half a dozen gether remain all winter scattered up and down the river valley. It is true of every other flocking bird. The majority keep up the old custom, but so many stand aloof in every instance that it might almost be said the custom is dying out.

It is sad to think that birds have seen their est days, and what we now have left us as the chief charm of our outings is but a ling-aring remnant of the great concourse that not only filled the valley, but made glad the uttermost parts and neglected no nooks or corners of the land. Making due allow-ance for travelers' exagorations, it is still evident that we have, ex-cept of English sparrows, not one-half of the birds of some two centuries ago. Even though the flock of red wings may sometimes reach well into the thousands, I have positive knowledge of much larger flocks than ever Wilson or Audubon chanced upon. In 1723 a flock of these birds appeared one September afternoop on the Crosswicks meadows "that shut out the sun and caused great concern among the farmers, who feared, if they came to the fields, every green growth would be laid waste." Blackbirds hen were feared and for many years after, by reason of their numbers, and, seemingly when in such flocks they were far more bold than ever as individuals. Why do they congregate in such numbers i

It has been suggested that in carly autumn their food was to be found only in limited localities, and they naturally drifted there, moved, one and all, by the same cause. Ir other words, the upland fields, the spring-holes, the grassy nooks in old field corners, where they nested, offered nothing but shelter, and to stay longer than during sommer meant to starve. The fact that scattered birds do frequent the nesting places contra-dicts this, and the food found in the meadows is not greatly different, and often too maoy gather in one spot for all to be fed. ever the bird, there seems to be nothing gained by flocking, and much is lost. It appears to be an inherited instinct that once

safeguard and delight is now doubtless i source of pleasure, but directly disadvan tageous. We are accustomed to look upon certain species of birds as flocking in autumn and that others never do so. I am convinced that

all were gregarious originally, but changes of environment have caused it to be relin quished; but it is astonishing to find that here are few birds can not be found at least "in loose companies," as it is commonly worded. In September the bluebirds oc

casionally fly in pretty compact flocks of fifty to 100 individuals; and a company of twenty or thirty is a common occurrence. The common king-bird is another well-known species that flocks to some extent, and a third is the Baltimore world. Thave seen the finales and the young oriole. I have seen the females and the young of the preceding summer in flocks of certainly 100 individuals, and when on the wing they kept so well together as to merit being classed as a flock, rather than a semi-independent gathering. It is evident that such close asso

ciation as in the case of red-wings, of bob-o-links, of rusty grakles, and other birds could not occur if there was no power of communication and no predetermination as to movement.

have yet to see a large flock of birds witho guards perched in commanding outlooks, and know from experience how difficult it is to outwit these sentincls. It has often been my afternoo...'s amusement to try to plunge into the midst of a thousand feeding blackoirds, and I never succeeded. I have reversed the conditions more than once, and being con cealed, have have them pass within an arm's reach, and then I took notes of them as fast as

possible. That they talked faster than they ato was evident, and my disguise never wa affective for long. They always suspected effective for long. They always suspected that something was wrong; communicated their suspicions and now the mystery —one and all rise from the ground as one body. Not always, but so frequently that a telegraphic signal is evidently that a telegraphic signal is evidently theirs that informs a thousand, it may be at the same moment. Without this power this possession of rudimentary language, a flock of birds would be at the mercy of over memy and they are lagion.

vory enemy, and they are legion. Flocks of birds so enhance every landacane that it is a source of regret that they are less and less a common feature of our country ramples. They mark the return of Let it be borne in mind that I am writing of a single locality, the Atlantic seaboard of the middle states; and of this region I am disposed to make the statement that man has so modified the land that bird life is rapidly

losing its one time characteristic features. | breaking up and the scattering of mated pairs over the country. This is doubtless a gradual process, for 1 find the birds, as the nesting season draws near, gathering about their favorite summer homes, often a dozen or more, and in some way there is a drawing of lots, and the particular spots are reoccupied. For nine successive summers a pair of red-wings built at the base of t button-bush, and year after year more and more nests were made until every spot was occupied for many a rod spot was occupied for many and, and, around. In August the clan gathered, and, as a little flock that seemed scattered by day but reassembled at sunset, these birds were a feature of the meadow for two weeks or more; then they disappeared i never saw them unite with a passing flock, but this is what they did. Suggestive as is overy flock of birds, we really know but little about them. No naturalist has yet fathomed the mystery of birdlife, and bird-slaughter has accomplished noth-ing. But no class of animals afford so much pleasure wherevor we ramble. How-ever fixed the determination to observe a snake, a lizard or a fish, lot a bird come near and how quickly we turn to it! If it is a thrush, in early June, or a Carolina wron at any season, and it breaks forth in song, what power have we to turn a deaf ear? Though the problem at our feet may be almost solved, the rhythmic rush of a thousand wings overhead will draw us away; earth and its creeping creatures will pass from our minds that moment the heavans are darkened by a flock of birds.

### EDUCATIONAL.

The Dantsh college at Elknorn, Ia., reports an attendance of 110.

Miss Ella Smith bequeathed property val-ued at \$150,000 to the public library at Portland, Ore.

The University of Wooster (Ohio) will not hereafter participate in intercollegiate athletic contests.

The late Charles Pratt left a farm of 700 acres in Long Island to be devoted to the teaching of agriculture,

Portland (Ore.) citizens have subscribed \$50,000 for an endowment fund to the Portland Library association.

A world's conference on university extension, to meet at Chicago in 1893, has been called by the American society for the extension of university teaching.

The Educational association of Louisville, Ky., has appointed a committee to arrange for university extension courses, and a large meeting will be held at an early date to organize a society for this purpose.

The Chamberlain observatory, near Den-ver, Col., is described by Prof. Howe, its director, in the October Sidereal Messenger. The building has cost \$250,000. A twentyinch Clark equatorial is to be set up.

During the past year the Cambridge University extension of England has awarded certificates to more than a thousand women and about 400 men; while to 39 women and IS men, the vice-chancellor's certificate has been awarded.

Uncle Silas-I have often felt the need of Silas - I have from inter the hash of yes, an education, Marthy. Aunt Marthy-Yes, Silas, so have I. It wasn't so easy to get an education in our days as it is now. Uncle-Silas-That's so, Marthy. Ef I only had an education, how easy I could read the lottery circulars that them lottery folks send me.

Pomona (Cal.)Congregational college isibilant at the official announcement by President Summer that three Boston men, do not want their names made public. whogiven \$75,000 as an endowment for the new college. Two more endowments of \$60,000 are soon expected. The money is to be devoted to new buildings and furnishing the chemical library.

One of the unique schools of the United States is the Wharton school of linance and economy of the University of Pennsylvania. The school was established only a few years since, but its work has so rapidly advanced and the demand on its resources so constant, in growth that it has been necessary to more than double the number of professors and instructors within two years.