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THE FIRST RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

Five Thousand People Crowd into Festival Hall to Hear the Gospel Expounded—The Apollo Club, Five Hundred Strong, Furnishes the Music—Attendance for the Past Week.

CHICAGO, June 27.—"We all believe in an American Sabbath as a day of rest, a day of pure social enjoyment and a day of worship. The world's fair is in itself a great church and it needs no religious service to make it right to open the gates on Sunday. The services in this place to-day will be carried on in the same spirit as they would be in a regular ordained house of God, excepting that no collection will be taken up."

Referring to the first sermon within the gates of the exposition on Sunday with these words, Rev. Dr. Thomas, facing an audience of 5,000 persons in Festival hall yesterday afternoon, called the attention of his hearers to the text taken from John xvii. 21: "That they all may be one; as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee; that they may be one in us; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

The hymn "Bethany" and a benediction dismissed the audience. If later on religious services prove attractive the musical feature will be improved upon, as there was no instrumental music except from a piano, upon which Professor Tomlins performed and directed the work of the chorus. No one has been selected to preach next Sunday, but a number of local ministers will be extended an invitation and preachers visiting the fair will be asked in time to deliver sermons.

The attendance at the fair last week, although good, did not average as large as that of the week before. The attendance for the week ending June 17 was 723,796, an average of about 103,400 daily. For the week ending Saturday the attendance was 703,300, a daily average of over 100,000.

MAHOMMEDAN SERVICES.

Bloody Scenes Attending the Celebration of the Prophet's Birthday at the Fair.

CHICAGO, June 27.—Strange sights were witnessed in Midway Plaisance yesterday morning. The Mohammedans in the queer street began the celebration of the birthday of the "True Prophet," and the manner of it filled the spectators with wonder and at times with horror. The Mohammedan Christmas brings penance and prayer, in addition to feasting and making merry. The day had been brightened by the sun but a few minutes when the guards and early risers in Midway were attracted to the Algerian village by a mighty hub-bub. All the dancing girls and the native attendants of the bazaars were congregated in the restaurant, and they were attired in their most gorgeous costumes. Two lamps were brought into the room by a couple of black men and slaughtered in the presence of the fire company, while the worshippers sang a quaint song and sank to the floor in prayer. A brazier full of live coals stood just outside the door of the cafe. The blood of the lambs was caught in earthen dishes and placed near the brazier.

After a half hour, during which nearly all of the villagers remained prostrate on the floor, the women gathered about the vessels. One after another the girls approached the dishes of blood and dipped her hands in the warm, red fluid. Some of the women ran to the nearest wall and placed their blood-smear hands against the wood-work so as to leave the impression of their fingers outlined in red. Then they rushed back to the brazier and thrusting their hands into the live coals, ran with a handful to the blood marks on the woodwork and actually burned away the red stains with the fire held in their bare hands. A few of them showed that they suffered pain, but the majority of them did not seem to mind it at all. This peculiar ceremony occupied the best part of an hour and was intended to typify the cleansing of the blood by fire after death.

The greater part of the forenoon was occupied by women in penance and self-torture. Three of them picked up live coals and drew them across their bare bosoms. So severely did one of them burn herself that the odor of penance could be detected for ten minutes afterward. Other women threw themselves on their faces or knees on the hard floor. One woman ran swiftly at the walls of her room and hurled herself headforemost against it, so seriously injuring herself that she was taken to the hospital.

Drowned White Bathing.

SEBASTIA, Mo., June 27.—While bathing in Flat creek yesterday afternoon Elmer Fleming, aged 17 years, son of the general yardmaster of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas road at Paxson, was seized with cramps and drowned.

Court Martial in the Victoria Disaster.

LONDON, June 27.—It is understood that Rear Admiral Markham will be court-martialed with the officers of the Camperdown, as that vessel carried his flag as second in command of the squadron when she collided with the Victoria.

VOLCANOES ON THE SUN.

What Professor Schaeberle of the Lick Observatory Says of the Last Eclipse.

New York, June 27.—Professor Schaeberle of the Lick observatory arrived here yesterday on the Pacific mail steamer City of Paris. He has just returned from a trip taken for the sake of proving a theory which he had about the cause of the corona of the sun as it appears during a total eclipse, and he had the satisfaction of knowing that his former beliefs had been substantiated. Further than this he had taken the largest photographs which have ever been taken of an eclipse of the sun, and had secured details of the formation of the corona which are more full than any which have hitherto been secured. Professor Schaeberle's theory, which he went to South America to prove by the eclipse of the sun April 16, is that the beautiful corona which appears every time there is a total eclipse of the sun is caused by the fact that the sun is covered with immense volcanoes, which continually belch forth great masses of molten material, which the sun draws back to it with a speed which can not be realized. He believes that he has settled the question, and if so he has done a good deal for science.

This is the first time that accurate or satisfactory information has been printed about what Professor Schaeberle really accomplished.

WHOLE FAMILY POISONED.

Seven Members Very Ill and One Dead so Far Reported.

OMAHA, Neb., June 27.—Seven members of the family of Conrad Lehnig, a tailor, have suffered since last Thursday night from a mysterious poisoning. One daughter died last evening. On Thursday one daughter was graduated from the high school and in preparing for this event the ordinary routine of the household was upset and no regular meals prepared. After returning from the graduation exercises in the evening, the family partook freely of a luncheon, one feature of which was a salad composed of lettuce, vinegar and lard. Shortly after eating of this all were taken ill with pains in the stomach and vomiting, but medical aid was not procured until late Friday night. The physicians in charge are unable to determine whether it was mineral or vegetable poison, and say it will require a chemical analysis, if even that will tell.

Many Mohammedans Killed.

RANGOON, June 27.—The British magistrate here refused to allow a cow to be sacrificed in the Mahomedan temple in honor of the birthday of Mahomed. This the Moslems resented and proceeded with the ceremony. British police and soldiers were called out to disperse them and after a number of charges twenty Mahomedans were killed and many wounded.

The American Derby.

CHICAGO, June 27.—The great \$50,000 American derby was won by Boundless, a four to one shot. Leonard second, Clifford third. Time, 2:36, the best on record. Fully \$800,000 changed hands on the result of the race. The report first sent out that Don Alonzo won grew out of the confusion attending the great race.

New Chinese Treaty Probable.

LONDON, June 27.—A dispatch from Shanghai to the Standard says: Li Hung Chang, the Chinese premier, has intimated that a new treaty between China and the United States will be necessary in view of the present immigration question. Probably the new ministry will be charged with the task.

A Prominent Citizen Suicides.

QUINCY, Ill., June 27.—E. H. Todd, nephew and partner of E. M. Miller in the omnibus and tally-ho manufacturing business and one of the most prominent citizens of Quincy, committed suicide yesterday by blowing out his brains in his bachelor apartments in the Newcomb hotel.

Died While Taking a Bath.

MENDON, Mo., June 27.—J. J. Reid, a livaryman about 45 years old, was found dead in his stable by his son. Near him was a pail of water and his clothing. He evidently had been taking a bath. A post mortem was held which revealed a heart-clot which doubtless caused his death.

A couple have just been married at Mitchell, Ind., after having been married, divorced, married to other parties and divorced again.

THE MARKETS.

Kansas City Grain. Prices were quoted as follows: No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.40; No. 3 hard wheat, \$1.35; No. 4 hard wheat, \$1.30; No. 1 mixed wheat, \$1.45; No. 2 red wheat, \$1.35; No. 3 red wheat, \$1.30; No. 4 red wheat, \$1.25. CORN—Was firm because of very small offerings. Demand moderate. Receipts were 28 cars, a year ago 87. No. 2 mixed corn sold at 34c; No. 3 mixed, 33c; No. 4 mixed, 32c; No. 5 mixed, 31c; No. 6 mixed, 30c; No. 7 mixed, 29c; No. 8 mixed, 28c. SHIPPERS bid 38c for No. 2 corn, and paid 49c for No. 2 corn and 47c for No. 3 corn. OATS—Sold very low at unchanged prices. The market was weak, offerings are increasing again. Receipts 14 cars, a year ago 10 cars. Cash prices: No. 2 mixed, 29c; No. 3 mixed, 28c; No. 4 mixed, 27c; No. 5 mixed, 26c; No. 6 mixed, 25c; No. 7 mixed, 24c; No. 8 mixed, 23c. HAY—Receipts 11 cars, market weak. Timothy, choice to fancy, \$9.50; good, \$8.50; clover mixed, \$8.50; timothy, fair to good, \$8.50; clover, good to choice, \$8.50; common, \$8.00.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 27.—Cattle—Receipts since Saturday, 4,000; calves, 900; sheep, 1,200. Market steady for natives was steady. Texas active, good steers shipped to the higher, common weak to the lower, cows steady to the lower. Dressed beef and shipping steers, \$3.25 to \$4.00; Texas and Indian cows, \$2.00 to \$2.50. HOGS—Receipts since Saturday, 4,500; shipped Saturday, 1,500. The market was active and 10 to 12c lower than Saturday's close, closing strong. Prices ranged from \$4.50 to \$5.75 per 100 lbs according to quality. SHEEP—Receipts since Saturday, 1,500; shipped Saturday, 500. The market was steady and declining.

polled 400 and his opponent 403. The populists elected only their marshals. Even though defeated, progressists can be grateful for the breaking of old party lines, and the reforming of parties in people's and plutocratic parties.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean forgets self long enough to declare that, "It becoming more and more plain, New York bankers are taking advantage of the demand for gold to drive sharp bargain with the government."

Edward Webster, a young preacher from Chicago, pleaded guilty and was

THE CAVERN OF GOLD.

As the train swept round a curve and we looked from our seats in the smoking-car at the lights towering above it, Col. B. waved his cigar toward the snow-capped mountains of the Sierra Nevada. "There is many a secret still buried in those grim old giant's breasts. There are still a thousand stories to be told of them and those that have tried to wrest their riches from them."

"And this preface, colonel?" meekly suggested the writer. "Means a story, of course," said the colonel, who is an old forty-niner and a man known among his compeers as integrity itself. "A story that rivals any Haggard ever told or Jules Verne dreamed of. In 1871 I had abandoned an unsuccessful search for fortune in the mining camps and begun the practice of law, when one day a man named Bellow came into my office.

"He had been an old chum of mine in the old gold-hunting days, and I had known him to be an unusually straightforward upright chap for those lawless times, but that day he told me a story that made me wonder if he was a rogue with some scheme to work or the insanest man out of an asylum. He prefaced this story by showing me half a dozen nuggets of gold that fairly took away my breath. They were splendid fellows, the smallest of them weighing at least four ounces and, what is more, they were nearly pure metal.

"Beauties, ain't they?" said Bellow; then looking to see that the door was fast locked, half whispered: "And I know where tens of thousands of 'em can be found." He searched his pockets and produced something wrapped in a rag, which, being unfolded, exhibited to my amazed eyes a bracelet—a man's in size—of beaten gold. This I held while he told his story.

"Do you remember where, close to the old Jessie May mine, we found the lost river? The stream, you know, ain't never in sight but, if you listen at a little place torn in the side of a hill, you can hear the sound of a river rushing over the rocks down below, and how you can feel the very spray of the water if you hold your hand in a little ways."

"Well, one day me and a man named Scroggin had climbed that hill after a deer we were following, and when the deer was killed we got to quarreling over whose shot had killed him. All at once Scroggin struck out at me and sent me flying down the hill, and my foot caught in a root just over the hole where the lost river was heard, and in I went. I thought I was gone, for I fell plump into the water, and an angry stream it was, too, running over rocks and with a channel almost too small for it but I only knew this from the bumps and thumps I got as I was carried on, for it was as dark as Egypt.

"Why my brains weren't knocked out twenty times I can't say, but after a while the river got to a free bed and I was able to swim a little. I struck out for the right-hand bank, and pretty soon I was able to crawl out of the water. I rested here for a while considering what I was to do for I was the worst lost man I had heard of; but it did no good to sit still, so I began to feel around and stumbled along the bank, guided by the water's murmur, until I reckon I had gone nearly half a mile; then the river seemed to plunge deeper into the earth and the roof of the cavern grew so low I could not follow it, but some distance off I saw a point of light like a star, and going to this found it a hole in the side of the mountain, and I crept out.

"Well, I've visited the cavern several times since carrying torches, and I've seen some things I ain't going to tell you of now, but I want a partner in the business, for reasons you'll see later, and knowing I could depend on you to act square with me, B. I looked you up. I'm going to make your fortune, a man. Why, Monte Christo will be small fry compared to you and me when we've got our treasure out."

"We arranged to visit the cavern the following day, and started early on horseback. We had made some seven or eight miles when all at once we felt the earth tremble violently, and Bellow's pony fell to his knees. But there was no harm done, and an earthquake is too common an event in this country for much to be made of it, so though we felt two more distinct shocks before we reached our destination, little was said about it.

"Before we entered the cavern Bellow produced half a dozen torches, some provisions, a light canoe, and some other things he had hidden in the bushes close to the hole where we entered. This was hardly large enough to admit us, but we squeezed through, and lighting our torches made our way to where the river entered the low-roofed channel Bellow had spoken of. The canoe was placed in the water, a lantern lighted, and we got in, but lay quite flat in the bottom of the boat, as it was impossible to sit upright. A shove sent the canoe into the middle of the stream, the current caught it and sent it whirling along. There were several minutes of this strange journeying when the roof lifted all at once and we sat up.

and lighting the torches walked forward among the rocks with which the floor of the vast cavern was lined. All at once I found myself in the midst of a city of overturned houses. They were not huts, but rather p e tentious structures of stone, and around them lay the skeletons of the people whose dwelling they had been. Bellow gave me no time to examine these, but led on to the largest building of the collection, which numbered several hundreds. This I knew to be a temple from the style of architecture, which resembled somewhat the temples of India. This was in ruins like the rest, but was still in a measure upright.

"We entered, stumbling over several skeletons all with golden ornaments about their necks legs and wrists; but I had no eyes for these, for before me lay an image on its face, which the dim light of the torches showed me to be of massive gold from the top of its ugly head to the feet. The thing must have weighed nearly a ton, and scattered about were scores of other images, all of the same precious metal and representing various birds and animals, while the largest one was that of a man or woman. I can't remember now which. The altar, which measured about four feet square, was of gold also, and further inspection showed me that the very walls of the temple were of the same.

"It was gold, gold everywhere! I was actually dizzy at the sight, but Bellow led me out to the ancient bed of a stream just outside the city, where I saw nuggets of gold as thick as pebbles in a brook some of them—I am telling you the solemn truth—as large as my head. I got down on my knees to examine them and I know them to be beyond a doubt nearly pure gold.

"The getting of the gold above the ground was not the only difficulty, for we would then have to convey it from the spot. One breath of our secret and we would have been mobbed.

"I was thinking of this when without warning I was thrown down on my face. I staggered to my feet and looked about me. Bellow lay near me, insensible; for, falling as I had done he had struck his head against a rock, and I caught him by the arm, screaming:

"Get up man and run for your life! The mountain is coming in two, I believe!" For a horrible rending grinding sound was to be heard deep in the bowels of the earth, the rocks about us shook, and as I shouted to my companion I saw an awe-striking sight.

"The bed of the ancient river split like a pine shingle right down the middle, and I saw a mighty gush of water thrown fully twenty feet into the air. Bellow staggered to his feet, and as he did so the torrent caught us whirling us still clinging together, down the slope to the other stream. The canoe swung round on the crest of the wave, but I caught at it ere it could be swept away and steadied it and myself against a big rock. Bellow seized it also and together we succeeded in getting out of the torrent sweeping down to join the river, that seemed as if it too, were lashed by an unseen hand.

"Then came another shock, and for a moment the stream actually appeared to be tilted up on one end and to flow backward. This settled it. I sprang into the canoe and Bellow followed. The current was against us but I paddled with might and main. I had a horrible sensation of being caught like a rat in a trap, and that the rocky roof above us was descending.

"When we reached the dip in the roof Bellow lay down, but by means of pushing against the wall I sent the canoe flying along. There was a constant pealing as of thunder in the air, and every now and then would come a crash, as of enormous rocks being thrown down, but in sheer desperation I shoved on.

"When at last we saw the blessed light shining in at our entrance I gave a shout of joy and fairly hauled Bellow through it into the welcome day. As for my poor companion, he seemed crushed. Some inkling of the truth had come to him even then, though I was so full of escaping that I gave no thought as to the probable consequence of the earthquake. We spent the night at the mining camp, and next morning Bellow proposed our return to the cavern. I was still too shaken to go, but he insisted that he must go, so he did, while I waited for him at the entrance. In about two hours he returned, and I saw at once that he was nearly out of his mind.

"I can't find it," he said. "I can't find it. Oh, the gold, the pretty, yellow gold! Oh, I must find it! I am rich, rich, rich! Do you hear? I am the richest man in the world!" I tried to get out of him what he had seen, but he could not compose himself sufficiently to tell me, and I soon saw that he was insane.

"After some days I ventured into the cavern, but as soon as I saw the river that had borne us to the submerged city I knew that we had set foot in it for the last time. The river was completely choked up by heaps of rocks, and from a stream of 20 feet wide had become a shallow lake, extending some distance and with a small rivulet making its way at one end into the bowels of the earth by some impenetrable shaft. The entire aspect of that subterranean country had been altered, and by subsequent measurement I ascertained that where the ruined city had been now rested thousands of tons of earth and rocks.

"Perhaps the disappointment of losing so fabulous a fortune would have sunk deeper with me had it not been for the warning poor Bellow's despair was. He went quite mad, and took to lingering about the entrance to his lost Eldorado, guarding it as fiercely as a starving dog a bone, until one day he disappeared. What his fate was I never learned. —Philadelphia Times.

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