

Around the World....

Rev. Dr. Morn's Journals on His Tour Around the World, Written Specially and Exclusively for the Herald.

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Having become acquainted with Salt Lake City, we again turn westward—eager to reach the Golden Gate. Crossing Nevada is as uninteresting, as the lack of vegetation is complete. Sand dunes greet the eye at every turn, compared with which the sand hills of Nebraska, covered with verdant pasturage, are a paradise. Hundreds of miles may be traveled in this dreary, forsaken waste without sighting a living creature, other than the section crew and operators who are here as hermits, making it possible for a railroad to tie the Atlantic and Pacific together in bonds of steel. But this barrenness is not to last always. With the eyes of faith, I can see the east densely populated and the young men and maidens covenanting to begin life together for better or for worse. With brave hearts, and a strong desire to have a home of their own, they press on beyond Pike's Peak and the Rockies to this land where one may become monarch of all he surveys. The pioneer is a hero upon whom the Most High rests, for Omnipotence is proud of the brave, and a splendid carpet will be prepared by Him and spread over the land upon which the united hearts may find a domicile, and the cattle, horses and sheep find that for which their hunger craves. It has ever been thus. Old maps of Nebraska place Box Butte county in the Great American Desert, but today, that county supplies the east with cattle second to none, and has within its borders a people unsurpassed anywhere for those sterling qualities which are the personification of genuine worth. Therefore, applying the stricture of faith to Nevada, I can see its renaissance.

After weary hours of sameness in landscape, a treat is offered as the train enters the Sierra Nevada mountains. The transformation is like unto leaving a penitentiary for an art gallery. The Sierras, covered with a dense growth of pines, shrubbery, etc., are more beautiful than the Rockies though less awe inspiring. If the Rockies are more colossal, the Sierras are more symmetrical.

The Rockies stand as Titans, giant guardians of the heavens, while the Sierras are thankful for the opportunity of looking down upon the peaceful Pacific, and of hiding behind a veil of mist wherever the ocean madly beats the shore, lashing the rocks with white caps which have no breakers to check their course.

No one need be told that California is reached. It cannot keep the secret, and tells that it is king of the West by using a language decidedly its own.

Ordinary adjectives are useless in preparing a distant reader to properly comprehend California. To state that this state has the largest apple orchard in the world is not sufficient to convey an exact idea of its vastness. But the wonders of the state being so unlike those found elsewhere, one is handicapped in his every attempt to make comparisons. Maine is not a small state. But for the sake of comparison let us use it:

Add to Maine the states of New Hampshire, Vermont, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and New York, and those states combined could be covered by California, and there would be enough of California unused to make a playground for all the children of Utah.

With a climate that approximates the ideal, California, with its splendid soil, has little to be desired. Only one genuine snow storm is on record, the date being December 31, 1882, the snow piled up to the enormous height of three inches and lasted scarcely one day. Where oranges and lemons are harvested in February and March it is evident that even a freeze would be disastrous.

This large state is noted for doing things on a large scale, for instance: A squash has been on exhibition weighing 283 pounds, having a diameter of four feet. A sweet potato weighing over forty-four pounds is the pride of Fresno. An Irish potato measured forty-six inches in length and weighed thirteen pounds.

Los Angeles county produced a corn-stalk measuring thirty-six feet in height. Orange county has a watermelon weighing 150 pounds, and is 3 feet 6 inches long, and 4 feet 9 inches in circumference.

A nugget of gold, the largest ever found in the United States, came from Calaveras county, and weighed 195 pounds, valued at \$43,534.00.

To state that the people live well here is to state the case mildly. My diagnosis causes me to assert that the poorest live in luxury. The average annual income of every farmer in one county is \$3,000.00. With such an income nothing is too distant to be secured, and money will buy almost anything except happiness. From this port vessels sail for the four corners of the earth, and bring back whatever the industrious merchantmen think the Californian may relish.

Yesterday I visited the "Coptic," passenger vessel bound for Yokohama and Hong Kong. It is more than 400 feet long, and second only in size to the vessel upon which I am to sail from Vancouver, British Columbia, for Yokohama.

It was sad to see mothers weeping as good byes to children and friends were said prior to the moment of departure. Many a person was covered with flowers brought to the wharf by loving hands. It caused me to think of my own case as I will be boarding the steel twin-screw palace, the "Empress of Japan," and have no one to whom a parting good bye can be spoken and receive back friendly tokens of sympathy and kindness as the plunge into the mists of a fourteen day voyage is made. But we make the voyage practically alone as we are in a measure the architects of our own fortune. I took two snapshots at the "Coptic," one while on board, and one facing the prow. She sailed out of the Golden Gate with a bone in her teeth, that is she faced a heavy sea, a storm in fact, greeted her appearance in deep water, and as I now write, I can imagine her out battling with the waves which dash across her decks, making her passengers wonder whether it will be theirs to sink or swim. Doubtless some of the "Coptic's" passengers are reminded of the words of Samuel Taylor Coleridge:

"And now the storm-blast came and he was tyrannous and strong;
He struck with his o'ertaking wings,
And chased us South along.

With sloping masts and dipping prow,
The ship drove fast, loud roared the blast,
And southward aye we fled."

Scarcely had the "Coptic" gone to sea, when the "America Morn" arrived bearing many marks of a rough voyage. After leaving Yokohama she was caught in the grasp of one of the worst typhoons with which a ship of this line ever contended and weathered. Her decks were partly demolished, her hospital having been almost carried away by the hard pounding waves. One person was killed, and others were bruised until restoration by the use of arnica was not to be considered. In such a storm only the most seasoned sailors escape sea sickness.

The Southern Pacific R. R. lands all its eastern and northern passengers at Oakland pier where a ferry boat is taken to cross San Francisco bay, and passengers are landed at the foot of Market Street, San Francisco. The ride across the bay was a sufficient journey to make a few very much indispensed.

This earth is large, but not so large but that one will meet acquaintances wherever he goes. At Denver the first persons I saw on leaving the train, were two of the latest married of Alliance. On entering Salt Lake City, I had not risen to leave the car when just before my anxious eyes were two Alliance people, having left the single state less than a week before. I had not been in San Francisco a day until I met Mr. E. S. Jackson and bride on Market street, near the Palace hotel. Mrs. Jackson was armed with a kodak, while he was smoothing the way for her across that king of all streets in the city. It was my privilege to entertain her, or rather be entertained by her, while Mr. Jackson sallied forth to the hotel for his overcoat which his more thoughtful better half thought he would need before the day's tour was ended.

Speaking of hotels reminds me that a word on the subject may be in place. The Palace hotel is probably the best structure of the kind in the world, having been built at a cost of \$7,000,000.00. It presents a spectacle of splendor like unto the fabled "Palace of the Gods."

I am acquainted in a measure with hostilities in nearly all of the large cities from Boston to San Francisco but I assure you that I must place those of this city in a class to themselves and far in the lead of their nearest rivals.

When good oranges can be purchased for 60 cents per hundred and other things proportionately low, one understands the secret of hotel excellence.

Among the many points of interest to tourists is Chinatown. Orientalism here reaches its zenith in America. The Chinese quarters embrace about twelve blocks in the heart of the city, and are visited by every sight-seer, desiring to acquaint himself with Chinese life.

E. C. HORN.

(Continued next week.)

School Report.

To the Board of Education and Patrons of Alliance Schools:

Find herewith appended a partial report for month ending Oct. 24, 1902:

Number of pupils enrolled this month	684
Number of boys enrolled this month	315
Number of girls enrolled this month	369
Number enrolled in October, 1901	635
Number enrolled in October, 1900	556
Total number enrolled this year to date	706
Average number pupils in daily attendance	595.46
Average number pupils in daily attendance 1901	563.15
Average number pupils in daily attendance 1900	499.15
Number of tardies this month	41
Number of tardies in 1901	24
Number of tardies in 1900	107
Per cent. of daily attendance this month	93.61
Per cent. of daily attendance 1901	93.22
Per cent. of daily attendance 1900	93.31
Per cent. of punctuality this month	99.83
Per cent. of punctuality 1901	99.90
Per cent. of punctuality 1900	99.46
Neither absent nor tardy this month	253
Neither absent nor tardy 1901	274
Neither absent nor tardy 1900	218

The banner is this month accorded the Third grade, it being the only grade perfect in punctuality.

The per cent. of attendance for this month was considerably lowered from what it would have been had it not been for the races. We hope the next report will show a higher per cent. of attendance.

There are a few boys who will persist in staying out of school, and the parents of those boys should be more active in looking after them, that is if they care to have the boys in school, as the teacher cannot devote her time to looking after one or two boys to the manifest detriment of the rest of the room.

Parents are asked to co-operate with the teachers rather than criticize if the best results are to be obtained.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. BARTZ, Supt.

WANTED—By a colored lady, a place to work out of city. Reference. 10-7-31.

CANTON CELLINGS.

John Moravek and sons came in a few days ago with a car load of yearling steers, which they shipped to South Omaha. All were white-faces and a nice bunch.

It is reported that only one candidate has been in this part of the county on an election tour—by the name of J. W. Baumgardner.

Miss Bessie Shetler began her school in the D. A. Paul district last Monday. This is Miss Bessie's first school and we think she will make a good teacher.

Grandpa Hickey, of Gretna, is visiting with his son, John, and his daughter, Mrs. James Novatney, of Canton. Mr. Hickey will leave for his home in a few days.

Joe Varley and family, who have been visiting in and around Alliance for some time, passed through here on their way to their new home in Sioux county, near Harrison. They stopped over and took luncheon on the ranch of ye scribe.

Mrs. Jacob Shetler and granddaughter, Mabel Shetler, of Lawn, were guests at the Broshar home Sunday and attended Sunday school at Canton.

The latest non-de-plume in literary circles at Canton is the name of a new paper, which is to be edited in about two weeks by a lady and gentleman—writers of great literary talent, to be called the Canton Squeezee.

BOX BUTTE BOUNDERS.

J. W. Baumgardner visited the school in district No. 14 last Friday.

Mrs. A. S. Gerdes started Wednesday for Superior, where she will visit for a week with old friends.

The Fairview Aid met with Miss Della Wilson Wednesday.

Cattle to Winter.

Wanted, cattle or horses to winter at my ranch twenty miles northeast of Alliance. Plenty of hay, range and water. Address me at Rushville, or A. J. Gilbert, Moomaw, Neb. WALTER R. KENT.

Cattle Wanted to Winter.

I desire to take in about 150 head of cattle to winter at my place, four miles southeast of Lawn. Good range, plenty of hay and water. Jos. KAFER, Lawn, Neb.

NOTICE—Hereafter no goods are to be charged to the Brockett saloon except on my order.—H. C. ARMSTRONG. Dated October 28, 1902.

See Mrs. Regan's new line of cloaks. Cash paid for hides.—CLOUGH & COLINS.

R. F. Hanson,

Alliance, Neb.

YOU MUST ADMIT

That the following prices are the lowest ever offered in the same quality of goods.

Owing to the lateness of the season and the enormous stock of Ladies and Children's Cloaks we have on hand, we quote you these prices.

READ THEM!

Cloaks.

- Ladies Black Kersey, 19-inch, heavy satin-lined and satin-faced, for **\$8.95**
- Black and Tan Kersey, nicely trimmed, for **5.85**
- Castor Brown and Black Kersey 27-inch Coat, saten-lined, velvet-trimmed, **7.50**
- Black Castor and Brown 45-inch coat, a bargain for \$13.50; we sell at **9.95**
- 19-inch Coats that sold for 7.50 and 10.00 last fall; now **3.50**
- Children's Jackets for \$1.75.

We have a full line of Monte Carlo and all latest novelties in Cloaks at very reasonable prices.

Don't fail to see our line before you buy..

Calico and Percale.

- Best American Print Calico, 5c per yard.
- Percale, you generally pay 12 1-2c for, we sell for 10c.

We also carry a full line of all the latest Novelty Suiting, Dress Goods, Etc. . . .

Shoes.

Having decided to close out the entire line of shoes, we quote you prices that will set you thinking.

Read Them!

- Ladies' Welts, military heel, heavy sole shoe, worth 3.50, now **1.98**
- Ladies Genuine Hand Turned Shoe, flexible sole, selling at 3.50, for **1.98**
- Ladies Fine Shoes, beveled sole, military heel, selling at 2.50, now **1.54**
- Children's School Shoes, 8 to 2½, selling at 1.50 and 1.75, now for **1.19**
- Infants Shoes, 1 to 4½, 19c.

Ranchmen!

While in town, don't fail to call on us. We will save you from 10 to 20 per cent on Fall Dry Goods.

R. F. Hanson,

Alliance, Neb.