



WRITTEN BY HISTORIC HANDS.

Letters by Washington, Lafayette and Benedict Arnold.

Three original letters, one by Washington, one by Lafayette, and one by Benedict Arnold...

They are the property of Thomas Morgan, who secured them from General Morgan, of Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

The writing of Washington and Arnold is very plain, while that of Lafayette is very difficult to decipher.

Washington's letter is to Colonel George Morgan at Princeton. It says: Mr. —: I received your favor of the 9th inst. by Captain Dodge.

The Arnold letter reads as follows: (Benedict Arnold to the Continental Board of War.)

A captain and fifty men should be left at Kiskadees, on the Mississippi, 110 miles above the Ohio, to secure the pass.

The letter from Lafayette is as follows: (Lafayette to Col. Morgan.)

PARIS, February the 10. The enclosed, my dear General, is a vocabulary which the Empress of Russia has requested me to have filled up with Indian names...

THRUSH AND THE SNAIL.

How the Intelligent Bird Managed to Break the Shell.

"It is I think well to record the following observations of the intelligence of the thrush," says John Hoskyns-Abraham in a letter to Nature.

On the spot I found a remarkably big stone embedded in the path and round it were scattered bits of small shell. The bird had eaten the snail.

Dr. Clyde Davis, dentist, Richards Bldg.

Old Civil Engineer Dies. St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 22.—Colonel J. B. Moulton, one of the most prominent civil engineers in the West, died here yesterday, aged 87 years.

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MACEO THE PATRIOT.

STORIES OF HIS EFFORTS TO FREE HIS NATIVE CUBA.

Some Facts About the Personality of the Leader of the Revolutionists—An Adventure in the Little War—A Narrow Escape.

Now that Antonio Maceo is dead, everybody is inquiring what manner of man he was, of what he was, of what he was, of what he was...

There are not a half-dozen men in America who have known Maceo personally. Two of these, envious of Cubans, are Manuel M. Coronado, the editor of the Havana paper La Discusion...



The Skaters.

No summer song was e'er more sweet Than that clear music which our feet Sent ringing to the winter's night!

We felt the rushing wind go by, As round some bend with quickening stride We swept, and heard the pine-boughs sigh

That leaned across the frozen tide; Until the ever-broadening stream Stretched straight before to meet the bay,

That in the magic moonlight lay In silver silence, all a-dream!

And when at last we homeward turned, With eager, yet reluctant feet, Our pulses glowed, our faces burned,

And life felt buoyant, strong and sweet! Within the house one beacon-light Its vigil kept; within the grate The fire burned low—the hour was late—

But health's best sleep was ours that night! —Charles Gordon Rogers, in Outing.

father is a friend of the Spanish authorities in Havana, young Antonio suffered only deportation to Spain.



GEN. MACEO.

had entertained him at his house, and had learned to have a great respect for his personality. It was about five years ago, when Maceo was visiting prominent Cubans in Havana, that Mr. Coronado saw him almost daily.

After the peace or pact of San Juan, as it is sometimes called, which closed the war of 1878, there was what is termed by the Cubans "the little war."



GEORGE Q. CANNON.

The Political Head of the Mormon Church. The political head of the Mormon Church, George Q. Cannon, was the subject of a special letter.

Telephone Used in Teaching Deaf Mutes. The medical officer of one of the leading deaf and dumb institutions of England, writing to the London Lancet, says: "I have obtained material aid from the seeming improbable source of a loud-speaking telephone in the treatment of my patients."

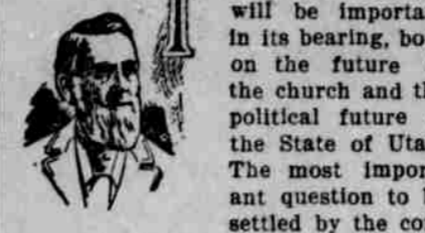
Universal history, the history of what man has accomplished in this world, is at bottom the history of the great men who have worked here.—Carlyle

ROW AMONG SAINTS.

FOLLOWERS OF BRIGHAM YOUNG IN A POLITICAL TANGLE.

George Q. Cannon Aspires to Be the Head of the Church—It is Likely That He Will Seize the Reins at the First Opportunity.

Special Letter. THE semi-annual conference of the Mormon Church will be important in its bearing, both on the future of the church and the political future of the State of Utah.



ference is that affecting the status of Apostle Moses Thatcher, who was dropped from the quorum of twelve apostles at the last conference without any reason for the action being given.

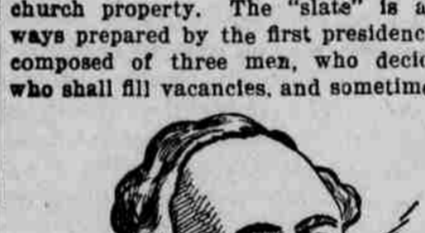
The rivalry has been of many years' standing, but it came to a climax last spring, when the heads of the church decided to issue an address setting forth their attitude in politics.

Mr. Thatcher had been one of the nominees for United States senator the year before, and he and B. H. Roberts, another high officer in the church and candidate for congressman, ascribed their defeat to the interference of the first presidency of the church in political matters.

Consequently, when Mr. Thatcher was asked to sign the political manifesto of the last conference, he regarded it as an anti-democratic document, and declined to do so on the ground that no man should be compelled to sign the "counsel" of any church official in any political matter.

An election of officers in the Mormon church is a farce. That is seen at every conference. It is intended to deceive. The only reason any formal election is held is in the fact that the church must elect officers at every conference in order to hold its large church property.

CLARENCE EDDY HONORED. The Noted Organist a Member of the St. Cecilia Society. (Chicago Letter.)



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INEQUALITY OF THE LIMBS. By actual measurement of fifty skeletons, the right arm and left leg have been found to be longer in twenty-three, the left arm and right leg in six, the limbs on the right longer than those of the left in four, and in the remainder the inequality of the limbs was varied.

Every American warship has an outfit of over 150 flags.

preme in the church. Before that time he was a prominent figure, but was overshadowed by his leader, John Taylor was a simple, stubborn man but George Q. Cannon found no difficulty in bending him at will.

Lorenzo Snow, the next in succession for president, would be as pliable as his two predecessors. He is very feeble and very devout. He has few ambitions for himself, and thus could be brought to consent to policies that would be represented as best for the church.

But with the accession of Franklin D. Richards the power of Mr. Cannon would wane. Mr. Richards has two sons, as astute and ambitious as Mr. Cannon, both prominent in the democratic party, and one a senatorial candidate.

That he will accept such conditions is not believed by men acquainted with his character. His ambition for his



WILFORD WOODRUFF.

(President of Mormon Church, 89 Years Old.)

family and for himself and his vast business interests in the state, which can be helped by power in the church, must suffer from inaction. So it is supposed that Mr. Thatcher will be expelled from the apostles, for he would be the most potent opponent of a change in the line of succession.

The effect of such action on the future politics of Utah can only be guessed. It is believed that once in full control Mr. Cannon would assert the right of the church to control the Mormon people in politics, as it has controlled them in the past, and once more the church and state would flourish in Utah.

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