

ANNUAL FESTA OF INDIANS AT TAOS

Peculiar Ceremonies and Customs of That Tribe of Pueblos.

Taos, N. M. Aug. 10.—The ancient Indian village, Pueblo de Taos, is one of the most curious and interesting places on earth.

There are two great pyramid houses, one five and the other seven stories high, occupied by the entire tribe, numbering more than 400 souls. These two pueblo structures are considered the most perfect examples of early Indian architecture. Although known to have been occupied continuously for more than 500 years, they show not the slightest sign of decay, but on the contrary, are in a perfect state of preservation.

The Indians who have lived here for generations are simple, quiet, and peaceable, and in a small way, they are superstitious, believing in all kinds of signs and workings of supernatural powers.

Although the Indians were taught the Catholic religion by the Spaniards and now use the Mexican language more freely than their own, the priests of whom there are several, are all French, and a jolly lot they are.

Dances constitute an important feature in all of their festival ceremonies, or of prayer to the Almighty Chief.

Of festival days there are many, the most important being the Feast of San Geronimo, celebrated on the 30th of September every year.

Many Tribes Assemble

Utes, Navajos, Apaches and Mexicans from hundreds of miles around assemble at Taos two or three days in advance of the patron saint's festival.

In the afternoon dances by hideously painted, clowning and mirth-making are followed by attempts to climb the pole, which is at last accomplished, and amid the yells of the onlookers the sheep, fruit and goods are thrown to the ground and carried off, and St. Jerome is supposed to rejoice in the happy conclusion of the festival in his honor.

The Indian maiden is not prone to rush into beauty contests. Occasionally, however, a real beauty is found among the Taos women. It is well known that all savages are averse to having their pictures taken, but quite recently a strolling photographer unobserved and unsuspected "snapped" the belle of the pueblo just as she was descending the perpendicular stairway leading from an upper tier of the wonderfully constructed pyramid house. The training of Indians could not get the unconscious grace and ease of pose shown in the free and untrammelled figure descending the stairway. Fortunately it was for Mr. Photographer that the beauty and her friends were ignorant of his diabolical act.

Pioneers at Taos.

Two and a half miles away is Fernandez de Taos a Mexican town quaintly built around a large plaza. Few Americans are there now, but an illustrious pioneer has called Taos home. Colonel Kit Carson lived and is buried there. Governor Charles Bent was assassinated there February 17, 1847, during the Pueblo insurrection. Colonel Ceran St. Vrain, Judge Beaubien and many others lived there at one time or another. The first newspaper west of the Missouri river was published at Taos in 1837.

In the early morning of this St. Jerome's day a black-robed Indian makes a recitation from the top of one of the pueblo buildings to the assembled multitude below.

In the place stands a pine tree pole, fifty feet in height, and from a cross piece near the top dangles a live sheep. Besides the sheep a garland of such fruit and vegetables as the valley produces, together with a basket of bread and grain hangs from the pole.

The bell in the little adobe chapel sounds and a few of the Indians in to mass. After the devotional exercises are concluded, a procession is formed and marches to the race track, which is a quarter of a mile in length. The runners, of whom there are fifty are naked except for a breech cloth and are painted no two alike.

Races for Two Hours.

Fifty other runners to contest with these arrive from the pueblo across the dividing stream. Two runners from each side dart down the track. No sooner do they reach the goal than two others start off, and thus for two hours the races continue in relays of twos. The victorious side is given the privilege of eating here and there both pueblos for the ensuing year.

DID NOT SELECT NEW SECRETARY

Santa Fe, N. M., August 12.—A meeting of the territorial cattle sanitary board was held Saturday afternoon in the parlor of the Hotel Palace. All but one of the members were in attendance. Those present were E. G. Rusten, of Las Vegas, president; Charles L. Ballard, of Roswell; E. R. Manning, of Maxwell City; Geo. W. Baker, of Polson, and W. C. McDonald, of Carrizozo. Secretary Will C. Barnes was also present. Victor Culbertson, of Fierro, was the only absentee.

Only routine business was transacted at the special session. Secretary Barnes tendered his resignation some time ago, to take effect this month, and the question of a successor was discussed, but no definite action was taken. Two or three candidates for the position, it is said, are being considered, but their names could not be learned.

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BUSY TIMES AT GROGRANDE MINES

Camp Is Seeing Busiest Days in Its Entire History.

Grogrande, N. M., Aug. 12.—The week has, perhaps, been the most active ever witnessed in this camp. The smelter management is working steadily on its sampler and has it all but complete. Several carpenters and other special workmen are busy putting the finishing touches to the various parts of the smelter. Special fire protection is being installed with hose hangers and hose all ready for connection. The railroad track along the ore bins is being laid, the assay office is being entirely remodeled and everything from one end to the other put in first class working condition.

Up among the mining properties the work is being pushed as never before. The Monte Carlo people are putting up a number of buildings including a boarding house, office and shop. A dozen or more men are now at work and the new shaft will be pushed as rapidly as men can do it. A party of stockholders and others interested in this property came in last evening and have been out looking over the property.

Mr. Blair of the Cuprite, also has a party of investors here and is showing them over the camp and the Cuprite in particular. This property seems to hold its own and is looking better each day.

Many Visitors.

The Turquoise company is putting out the finest body of ore this week in its history and it now looks as though it had a good thing sure.

The Electric company has just received word that its car of placer machinery from Joplin, Mo., has been shipped and as soon as it arrives the Electric will be as busy as a hornet in summer time.

An unusual number of visitors were seen in the camp the past few days and the Sacramento hotel seems to be doing the business of its short history. The merchants and business men about town, too, are beginning to step lively and are smiling out of the corners of their eyes.

The best posted mining men in the camp are beginning to get in shape to do business and advise all of their friends to get in the band wagon while there is yet time.

The social life of the camp is just at this time at low ebb. It's too hot for outings, picnics or lawn parties and besides a number of the 400 are out of town spending their vacations in the north and east.

Mr. and Mrs. Crouch have just sold their home cottage and have taken up their temporary quarters in one of the cottages on the Boulevard. The family, including Mr. and Mrs. Crouch and Miss Myrtle, are to leave for Los Angeles in about thirty days, where they will make their future home.

The past week has been the warmest period of the season and at the present time there seems no immediate prospect for a cold wave.

MANY IMPROVEMENTS AT SILVER CITY

AT SILVER CITY

Silver City, N. M., August 12.—(Special)—It is understood that the Santa Fe will at once commence the work of enlarging the freight yards in this city. Owing to the large amount of freight that arrived in this city daily and the trackage required to accommodate the business, the Santa Fe has found it necessary to arrange for considerable more room in their yards.

A. S. Cox, who is in business at Belen, N. M., has rented two large store rooms in this city and within the next few days will open up a general merchandise business.

The assessed valuation of Silver City property for this year is \$628,829, which is a considerable increase over last year.

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ZION CITY, FALLEN IDEAL, PLUNGED IN GLOOM, BY SALE OF LACE FACTORY TO MARSHALL FIELD

Zion City, Ill., August 12.—This ideal—a city founded on a union of ecclesiasticism and industry—the ideal of John Alexander Dowie, is crumbling today.

The crash of the ideal, overwork in the promotion of which killed the really wonderful old man, came with Judge Landis' order to sell the silk factory, the industrial and commercial mainstay of this pretty little town on Lake Michigan.

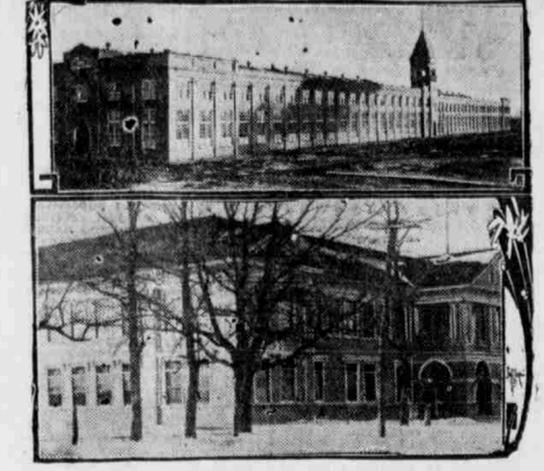
To make the fall all the greater General Overseer Voliva, who still holds strong with the great majority of the followers of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, announces that his people being no longer able to live apart, he will lead them to a home elsewhere. There, he said today, he will farm a strictly farming community, 25,000 or more acres in extent, and try a partnership of religion and agriculture, religion and manufacturing having failed.

Evidence of change of character of Zion City from a unique religious colony to resemblance to any other small manufacturing city will come gradually, it is expected, but there will be the knowledge that the city is no longer what it was.

Majority of Dowieites.

"Peace be with thee," will remain a common salutation probably for years, and the proportion of Dowieites to the rest of the population will remain large enough to give them control of the city government. Sale of pork and oysters will still be under the ban and tobacco and liquor will stay on the taboored list.

When I visited Zion City four years ago Dowie was at the zenith of his power and the town was as healthy a municipality as there was in the country. The people were



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exultant in the success of the great movement which had made them industrially prosperous, socially happy and persecution free.

There was money in plenty, work for all and no scolding outsiders were allowed within the corporate

limits. All was new and cheering and every home looked pleasant. Smiling faces you met at every corner and Dowie was father and king.

All is Gloom.

Today all is gloom. Nobody seems to care what happens. What matters it if Marshall Field & Co. have bought the lace factory, assuring its operation? The lace factory will not be theirs. Strange faces will be seen on the streets. Other churches will open and Zion City might as well be Chicago.

There is interest only in Voliva's plans. Zionists welcome his announcement that he will establish a new colony and they say that he has already taken the preliminary steps. He will not divulge the location but there are rumors that it is to be in Washington state.

One of the leaders, Alexander Granger, went out to Seattle not long ago and that is taken as circumstantial evidence that somewhere on the coast the Dowie people will find a resting place.

In the meantime nothing is heard of the great Mexican project upon which John Alexander Dowie wasted so much energy and enthusiasm towards the end of his life.



Christian Catholic Guards, an Unique Feature of the Zion That Was.

LAS VEGAS LIME CO. MAKES GOOD SHOWING

Las Vegas, N. M., August 12.—Work at the plant of the Canyon Lime company north of the city is progressing in nice shape and the improvements and new buildings are being rapidly pushed.

The engine house is completed and

the engine and air compressor have been placed in position. Three new steam drills arrived yesterday and there are now about forty men being employed. Three cars a day are being loaded with lime rock and shipped to the sugar factories in Colorado.

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