

St. Paul Solidly Seated on Seven Hills.

A modern Rome is St. Paul, for, like the Eternal City, it too is set on seven hills. So striking is its topography in this regard that it is remarkable that those devoted missionaries who first saw the present site of our Western metropolis did not at once name it Rome.

It may be that more or less unconsciously Father Galtier, or more correctly, the Rev. Lucien Galtier, that humble, yet intrepid missionary, when he sailed up the Mississippi from St. Louis, that lovely April day in 1849 was influenced by this fact, as he gazed from the deck of the vessel as it swept up the noble curves and bends of the Great Father of Waters. He saw, perhaps, with that subconscious mind whose workings we so little understand, the resemblance between these gleaming heights and seven hills and that great city to which the eyes of all Christendom, whether Catholic or Protestant, constantly turn.

Seemingly he was never satisfied to settle down at Mendota, then St. Peter's, but ever longed to build here his church, that first church which was later to develop into the Cathedral and which he even before its erection always spoke of as the Cathedral with that touching faith so often found in these unworshipful men.

Mendota Promised Much.

Yet in those days Mendota promised to be the real metropolis and every in-



CAPITOL HILL

not been cut and a beautiful view of the city and the country lying north is to be obtained from its heights. All the local world knows the beauties of Dayton Bluffs, and the view from the Mounds is held to be one of the most charming on the whole Mississippi. But the William street hill, so called because the street which runs through it from the valley to its summit is so called, has been cut down in the onward and forward march of the growth of a great city.

May Have Never Noticed Site.

It is natural that all lovers of beauty should regret the cutting down of these pretty elevations and the havoc worked upon nature by the irresistible rush of business and traffic of a busy Western town, yet the regret is hopeless and the alterations are inevitable, as inevitable as the replacing of hand-work with all its artistic possibilities by the mechanical and inartistic work of the machine.

But Father Galtier, who in reality gave our city the name of St. Paul, perhaps never thought much of or noticed the remarkable conformation of its site, his mind was, it maybe, too filled with matters of religion and more vital affairs than this. Though he seems to have taken the naming of the city to heart a good deal, and to have vigorously and effectively objected to several other names that were suggested, and have persistently and de-

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British America, on account of the floods and the loss of crops in the years 1837-38 had located themselves all along the right bank of the Mississippi, opposite the fort.

"Unfortunately some soldiers crossed the river now and then to the

from Prairie du Chien was ordered to remove the houses. He went to work, assisted by some soldiers, and, one after another, unroofed the cottages extending about five miles along the river. The settlers were forced to seek new homes.

"A new settlement was formed about two miles below the cave.

"There were Rondo, who purchased the only cultivated piece of ground in the place; Phelan's old claim, Vital Guerin, Gervais and his brother, etc. I had to visit occasionally these forsaken families; it became necessary to choose a suitable spot for a church.

"The three points offered, one called La Pointe Basse, or Point Leclair (now on account of a sand bar in its vicinity commonly known as Pig's Eye bar). I objected to that place; it was the extreme end of the settlement, and being low ground, was exposed in high water to inundation. The idea of having a church swept down towards St. Louis one day did not please me. Two and one-half acres further up, on his elevated claim, a Catholic named Charles Mousseau, offered me an acre at this point, and that place being the nearest point to the head of navigation outside the reservation line.

"Steamboats could not stop there; the bank was too steep and space on the summit was too narrow and communication difficult with the places of the other settlers up and down the river. After mature reflection, several persons asked me to put up the church as near as possible to the cave, it being more convenient for me on my way from St. Peter's to cross the river at this point, and that place being the nearest point to the head of navigation outside the reservation line.

Farmers Give Ground.

"Messrs. R. Gervais and Vital Guerin, two good, quiet farmers, owned the only spot that appeared likely to suit. They both consented to give the ground necessary for the church, a garden and a small graveyard. I accepted the extreme eastern part of Mr. Vital's claim and the extreme west of Mr. Gervais'.

"In the month of October, 1841, I had on the above stated place logs cut and prepared, and soon a poor log church that would well remind one of the stable at Bethlehem was built. The nucleus of St. Paul was formed. On Nov. 1 I blessed the new basilica, smaller indeed than the basilica of St. Paul in Rome, but as well adapted as the latter for prayer and love to arise therein from pious hearts.

"The church was thus dedicated to St. Paul, and I expressed a wish that the settlement should be known by no other name. I succeeded in this. I had previously to this time fixed my residence at St. Peter, and as the name of St. Paul is generally connected with that of St. Peter, and the Gentiles being well represented in the new place in the persons of the Indians, I called it St. Paul's. Henceforward we could call the Apostle St. Paul our protector. And as a model of apostolic life could I desire a better patron?"

Had Rome in Mind.

Thus was St. Paul named, and it will be noticed as curious that Father Galtier evidently has Rome frequently in mind, since he named his first little log church, which was situated on Second street, between Minnesota and Cedar streets, after the basilica in that holy city.

Perhaps it was modesty that restrained him from calling the little half-breed settlement, with its slight sprinkling of white settlers, after the great city and perchance could he have foreseen the future greatness, the splendid future of the city that sprang from that tiny nucleus he might have ventured to give it the name of the ancient Italian city, the home of the holy father and the great mother church.

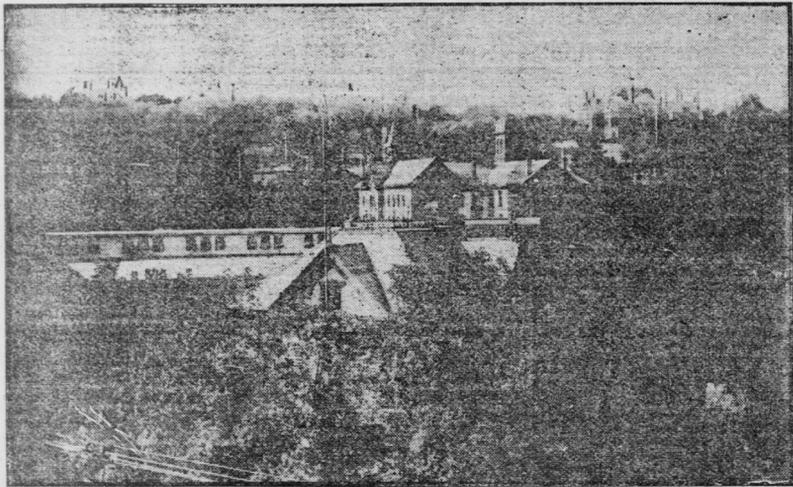
Be that as it may, there is a singular similarity between the sites of Rome, set upon its seven hills in old Europe, and St. Paul, also set on seven beautiful hills in this far Western state.

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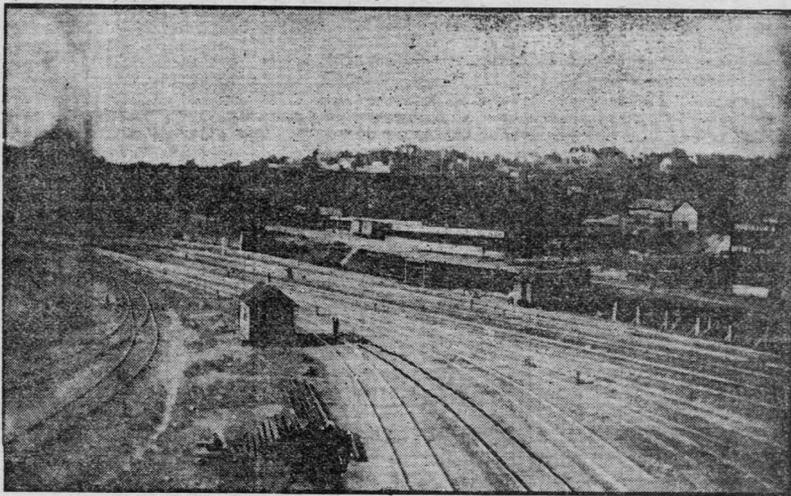
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Depraved Little Animal That Produces a Frightful Skin Disease.

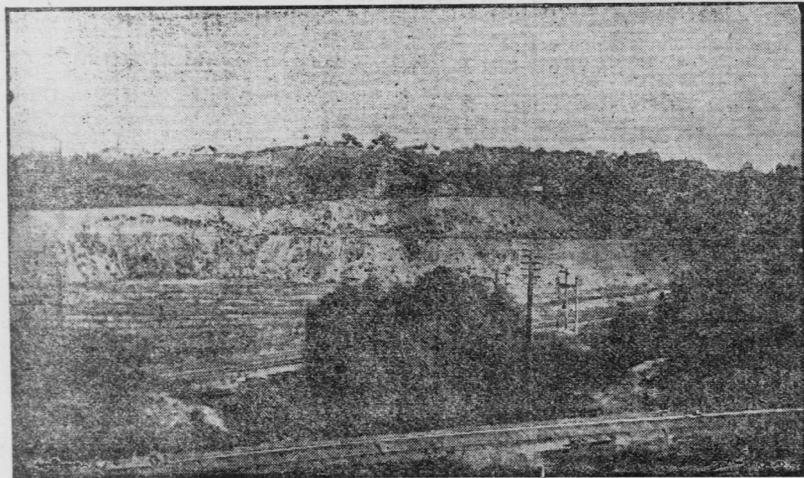
STANFORD, Cal., Aug. 30.—Dr. Vernon Lyman Kellogg, head of the department of entomology, has returned from Samoa to the university here, bringing with him many specimens of sea and island life to be added to the national museum at Washington. His most special work in Samoa was his investigation of the fallaria, a worm-like animal, living on mosquitoes and producing in human kind the dread skin disease elephantiasis. Almost half the native population of Samoa are



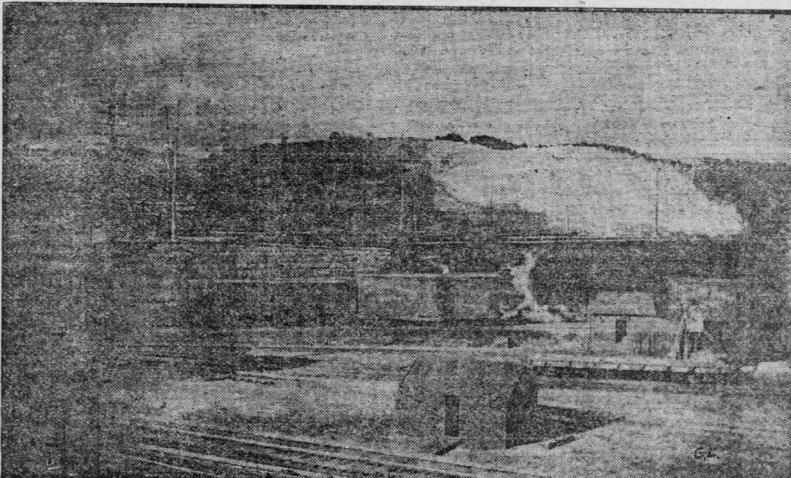
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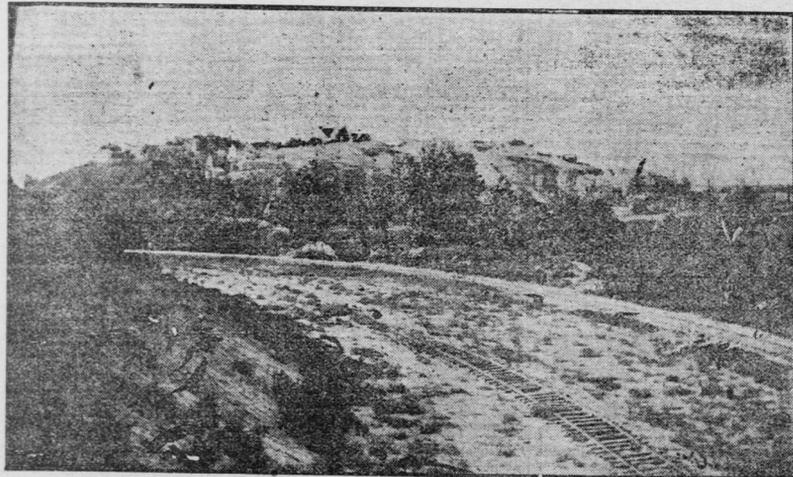
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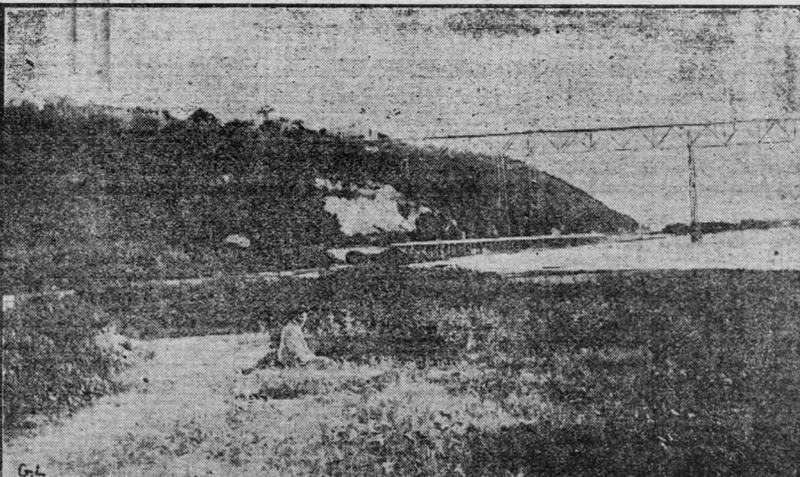
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dication pointed to its becoming the and great metropolis in this far West- And see how they lie, first, on the showing the march of progress as it terminally insisted that it should be houses of these settlers and returned