

the government with the means to carry through the war necessary to make the land all free.

President McKinley tried his utmost to avoid the war with Spain but some fearful tyrannies and cruelties had to be stopped and the tropics cleared of fevers, and our country was obliged to be the instrument to carry the work through.

The gold ring of New York and London planned and carried through the plot to demonetize silver; the testimony of one ex-railroad president during the past few days has shown how like dead sea apples the increased gold of the conspirators must have seemed like ashes to their parched lips.

A commission at Niagara is struggling to patch up a peace for Mexico and are doubtless sincere in their work. Probably their first thought is to patch up a compromise between the warring factions, and the chances are ninety to a hundred that they will forget that any compromise with crime is but giving a note drawing compound interest that, principal and interest, has to be paid eventually in full. We strain our eyes to see, our ears to hear, but those who are setting the stage of our country's destiny are invisible to mortal eyes, and unheard by mortal ears, and we can only wait until the curtain is finally rung up and the lights turned on.

#### What of Salt Lake

WHEN the tourist comes to Salt Lake at this particular time of year more than any other; when he comes and takes the time to look around, he involuntarily takes off his hat. He cannot help it come he from either point of the compass. Southern California that carries on a large business in selling corner lots of climate, is afflicted at this season of the year with fogs from the sea. Then it has another trick. It puts out a beautiful warm sunshiny morning which lures the visitor out of doors in thin clothing; then a little after noon the sea breeze begins to come in, a soft, damp insidious breeze which grows colder every minute, and the first the stranger knows he is chilled down into the marrow in his bones. The undertakers have made many shekels out of this weather-habit of the southland.

Last week a prominent mining man of this city went to look at a prospect in northern Montana. When he retired at night it was snowing gently, later a wind arose, and when he arose next morning he declares that wherever there was a place where a drift could form, the snow drifts were ten feet high. In two days he was back in Salt Lake and he stands ready to fight anybody no matter how big if he dares to intimate that some other region has a better climate than this. The same story comes from every direction.

Aside from the climate no spot on the continent has superior scenic attractions to those of Salt Lake City. Nowhere save perhaps in Naples has any city so superb a background of mountains as this. No city has a more beautiful valley than the one basking in the sunbeams at our feet.

Then there is the Lake—our great inland sea. Where is such another?

Then man has begun to do his part. A two or three hours ride to Bingham or Park City will reveal to a stranger such industrial triumphs as he never dreamed of. He can visit either place and return to dinner the same day, dinner at finer hotels than can be found elsewhere save in the very large cities. Then the theatres await him and if he stays over Sunday he can worship in more distinct ways than in any other spot on earth. If while the tourist husband is away seeing the sights his wife wants to do a little shopping, she can do as well as she could in any of the larger cities. If when it gets a little

hotter, the tourist thinks he would enjoy a rest among the pines, he can find the place in three hours at Pine Crest or the Cottonwoods, or either of half a dozen other places. If he feels that he would like a swim, the lake offers him the finest in the world; if he is filled with spleen and needs retorting, our hot springs are waiting for him. Does he want a roof garden experience it is right here. If he desires to remain and send his children to school he can find the schools, the best in the land right here. All the time he can have fruits and vegetables as perfect as he ever tasted, at his door.

By and by the world will begin to recognize what Salt Lake really is and then—look out for the rush!

When the tourist has had his rest and pleasure here and determines to move out he should be informed that it is but a brief journey, most of the way through a delightful region to La Grand Canyon. That he is but a day and a half from the wonders of Yellowstone Park, all the way by rail and in pullman coaches, that in the park he may spend a month and find new splendors every day, for there the Great Architect painted the scenes and the pigments he used were taken from the vat in which immortal colors are used.

If he decides to go west from here and is not in so much of a hurry that he can loiter a day on the way he can by going to Lake Tahoe spend a day amid more charms than were ever crowded, in a single day, into his life before. If Lake Tahoe were in Europe thousands of Americans would cross the Atlantic to see it and sail upon it, and returning, rave about its loveliness for months.

If his way is to the northwest then a day spent in taking in the falls on the Snake river will give him new ideas of the majesty of omnipotence, and continuing his way to "where rolls the Oregon," he will realize that it is the very finest river of all this world. There are larger rivers, but not one that holds its perfect way amid such scenery as forms its banks from where it breaks through the mountains and finds its way to the sea.

Scenic lovers will soon cease going east and turn to our west.

#### Fifty Years Ago

FIFTY years ago the war clouds were very dense above our country. It was fifty years ago day before yesterday that Sherman took Dalton on his red way to Atlanta. Grant had just fought the battle of Spottsylvania on that unparalleled march to Richmond. May of that year was during the whole month under a war cloud that sometimes seemed could never be lifted. The carnage of that wilderness campaign was something frightful. For weeks it was the dashing of irresistible waves against an immovable rock. But the rock was worn away at last. It was a summer of tremendous events. The Alabama after a fight of one hour and two minutes, reared its prow high in the air like a fatally wounded whale and then went down. Farragut made his everlasting fame at Mobile. Sheridan made his ride from Winchester, stopped his retreating army and went back to his old camping ground at Cedar Creek. Grant finally drew his cordons around Richmond and Sherman took Atlanta and started on his march to the sea.

The list of those who died in battle that year is a fearful one to read.

It was that year in which the Democracy met, denounced the war and nominated McClellan for president. The tried people gave their answer at the polls.

Never since the world began was there braver

fighting than in that year. Never in any modern war were so many tremendous battles fought.

In that year were the closing acts of the mightiest tragedy of modern times. What followed in the spring months was but the dissolving view as the curtain was finally run down.

With especial reverence should the graves of heroes be wreathed with garlands today; the music of bands, the rhythm of the guns should take on only solemn notes.

#### The Secession of Panama

FROM Mr. J. Q. Critch'ow, we have received the history of the Secession of Panama from the Colombian union, from the pen of Federico Boyd, one of the active movers in the bloodless revolution that made Panama an independent state.

The most important statement in the paper is that it was wrought out by Panamanians; that it had been brewing for many years; that the immediate inciting cause was the fear that the United States would build the canal across Nicaragua and leave Panama bereft of trade or travel. The exact language of Boyd is: "Independence was accomplished with its (Panama's) own resources only, with its own elements, without any material aid from foreigners, pecuniary or otherwise and was planned and prepared by its own people three or four months before, with admirable caution, precision and sound judgment." Moreover, he declares that it

## Five Miles of Gas Ranges

The gas ranges now in use in Salt Lake, marching two abreast, would form a procession two and one-half miles—eighteen blocks—long.

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