

THE ARIZONA MISSION.

Lock Malone is One of the chosen of the Lord to Take Charge of the Emigrants.

Having been appointed to take charge of the emigration to Arizona for the coming spring, I wish to counsel with the Saints who contemplate emigrating—I mean who have to go.

You have heard that Arizona is a wild country, and has a climate warmer than ours. That it is the home of the centipede, tarantula, rattle snake and Apache; but do not let this discourage you from undertaking the holy mission to that country. You have noticed in what an energetic, business-like manner a man, with only two legs, gets away from the place where he has stirred up a nest of yellow jackets, then you can imagine how rapidly a centipede, with its hundred legs, can transport its poison around about in one's vicinity. But then, in Arizona, we will be extending the Gentile influence of our holy religion. Great is the difference between the bloated bondholders and the poor but honest young man who has to wear a long tailed coat to conceal the fearful effects of attrition on another garment. Greater still is the contrast between the tarantula and the common spider. Yet, as we warily watch the going and coming of the tarantula, we will be preaching that Joseph Smith was a prophet.

THE RATTLESNAKE

is Nature's fancy piece. Its voice is located on the end of its tail. An arrangement which increases the swallowing capacity of the snake, but leaves it unable to raise its tail without elevating its voice. When it pitches its tail up into the high notes suddenly, and astonishingly close by a person, a thrill of mingled horror and disgust flashes through that person's frame, and makes him feel almost as mean as one does when unexpectedly caught admiring himself in a looking-glass, or kissing another man's wife. But, to this latter end music, we will respond with the songs of the Latter-day Saints.

Many of the Apaches seem to have been reared under the salutary influences that are to be found in a family, which is pious and well regulated, and allows the hired girl to stop work at 12 o'clock Saturday nights. Because the Apaches delight in replacing the eye-balls of the white people with live coals of fire, cutting X's and Roman crosses on their breasts, and carving the map of Arizona on their backs, and finally roasting them to a condition of "overdone," with well selected pine wood, the whites find them unc congenial, even disagreeable at times. Still we should be grateful to "the Lord" for allowing us access to such excellent raw material from which to

WORLD GOOD SAINTS.

They will find being harnessed in the endowment garment, with it tied up around their necks, very different from the wild freedom of the breech-clout.

WE WILL START FOR ARIZONA

sometime after this, not earlier, as from present indications the spring will probably be backward; and will rendezvous somewhere this side of the place that we are going to, for to rendezvous the other side would make the journey inconveniently long.

Our company of emigrants will be composed chiefly of those of the brethren, who are desirous of lightening the labors of the district courts of Utah. As colonists, however, we will need persons trained in the different avocations and callings of life. Firstly, and above everything else, we want preachers who can preach three or four hours at a heat, and come tripping happily in on the home stretch, and so devoid of conscience as to repeat the same thing those three or four hours. Good singers will be required. For instance, a man, who can sing "We thank thee, O Lord, for a Prophet," in such a style as would make a bald headed man feel like his hair was standing on end. And "My lovely Desert" would be appreciated, in the soothing female wail which makes a Gentile feel like he was obeying sand. A man well versed in the Apache language will be useful; because, it might become necessary to inform the Apaches after they had scalped about half of us, that we preferred they would quit, as the process was not altogether comfortable. One Utah pioneer will be needed by the colony to wave on the Twenty-fourth of July; when he wears out, we can use an old oresack. Also one Mormon battalion man, to tell on that day, how often, and how valiantly he scratched gravel into the faces of the advancing enemy. And there will be required, an adept in manufacturing that pale, pensive grindstone, called in Utah, a cheese.

Each family must furnish a wagon and two cayuses, tried and true—with their heels. The company will take seventy-six thousand two hundred and seventy-seven copies of the Word of Wisdom, otherwise the move would be without wisdom; and ninety-seven thousand two hundred and forty odd copies of the Book of Mormon, printed in the Desert alphabet, to be distributed among the Apaches. I think they will understand this alphabet, I don't. Besides, the various kinds of farm and garden seeds must be taken. I cannot sufficiently impress you with the necessity of providing yourselves with the several varieties of carrot seeds. The seeds of the early morning glory carrot, are desirable for early use. By a judicious use of which the delicious season of carrot eating may be inaugurated early in the year. The I see thee still-in-my-dreams Carrot, comes next in the season, and is very effective in appeasing hunger. In fact, I don't feel hungry for a week after eating one. Then there is the Royal Bengal Carrot, the rich surface red of which fades so poetically away into its soft central yellow. This variety is good for later planting, and later eating; say, just before going to bed. It would be better, if each emigrant would take a change of underclothing along, for after the perspiring, dirty work of pitching a crop in the spring, and cultivating it through the summer, we might, after harvesting it next fall, wish to change clothes and thus go through the winter nice and clean.

Lastly, if any one of the sisters has an old "Urim and Thummim," she might bring it along.

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