

MYSTERIES OF HISTORY

There Are Many Points That Need Clearing Up.

WHERE IS NAUO SAHIB?

Few Questions Have been More Debated Than the Location of the Wonderful Treasure Land of Ophir—Extraordinary Disappearance of the Ten Tribes—Lost Atlantis.

Dr. Carl Peters has been exploring the wonderful mines left by some ancient race in Mashonaland. Here are huge shafts of disused gold mines, great walls of gigantic stones, and hills terraced for irrigation, hundreds of feet up the valleys. The German explorer declares that this is the original land of Ophir, whence came the treasures of the temple at Jerusalem, and no less an authority than Rider Haggard shares the same view.

Few questions have been more debated than the location of this treasure land. Many who are well qualified to judge, put the land of Ophir in India. A resident in the Wynnad in Southern India, recently wrote to a London morning paper saying that he emphatically differed from Dr. Peters. Having washed gold in the rivers, dug silver on its hills, hunted elephants in its forests, and captured apes and peacocks in the same locality, he was perfectly certain of the identity of the Wynnad with Solomon's land of Ophir.

The lost continent of Atlantis has been held to be the location of the Garden of Eden. Atlantis in itself is one of the greatest mysteries known to the historian. Every race that lives around the Mediterranean held the belief that somewhere to the west of the Pillars of Hercules (Gibraltar) there existed a vast island in the ocean. Plato mentions it as having been engulfed by the waves nine thousand years before his time. The extraordinary similarity between the remains found in the peninsula of Yucatan in Central America, with those so well known in Egypt lends weight to the tradition. It is supposed that both the Egyptians and the ancient people which preceded the Aztecs of Mexico were descended from a race which once inhabited Atlantis.

Geological researches prove that an Atlantic continent did once exist, and that the canary islands are its remains. But the geologists say that this continent existed in Tertiary times, and cannot, therefore, been the home of civilized man. It is possible that fresh dredging in the bottom of the Atlantic on the site of the lost continent may throw more light on the vexed question, upon which there already exists over a dozen different volumes. Although it is probably certain that the Tower of Babel stood somewhere near the present ruins of the city of Babylon, its actual site is quite uncertain. Some say it is the Birs Nimroud, a great pile whose remains still rise 150 feet above the plain. Sir Henry Rawlinson found that this consisted of seven stages of brickwork, all of different colors. Others put the tower at Amran, some ten miles away; and there are two or three other possible sites.

Britain has her mysteries. Who built that silent stone circle at Stonehenge is one of them. Its origin has been attributed to the Belgae, the Phoenicians, the Druids, the Danes and the Saxons. Some have said that it was erected to commemorate the treacherous murder of the British chiefs by Hengist. It has been called a temple of the Sun, a shrine of Buddha, a center of serpent worship, and a calendar in stone. Lord Avebury assigns it to the bronze age. Recent searches go to prove its age is enormous. Long before Solomon's temple was built it is probable that the double circle of Sarsen stones stood dim and silent in the center of Salisbury Plain, a monument to some forgotten chieftain whose name and race perished thousands of years ago.

Arthur's Seat, Arthur's Oven, and Arthur's Head commemorate the name of one whom we are fond of considering the first of our great British monarchs. But did King Arthur ever exist at all is a question that has lately been troubling the heads of historians and antiquarians. The Saxon chronicle, however, never mentions him at all. He is claimed as a prince by countries so far apart as Cornwall, Brittany, Wales, Cumberland and the lowlands of Scotland. The stories of the Round Table, of the wizard Merlin, are romances pure and simple. It seems very likely that Arthur, too, was a mere legendary personage.

To come down to more recent times no one has ever solved the mystery of the disappearance of Nana Sahib. This cruel scoundrel was the instigator of the horrible massacres of English women and children. He escaped into Nepal. There it has been said that he was killed by a mutineer. But nothing is known for certain about his end, and less than ten years ago it was said that, at the age of over seventy, he was still alive, leading a hermit-like existence in a little hill village far up on the edge of little known Tibet.

ELECTION PROCLAMATION.

I, C. B. ENT, High Sheriff of Columbia County, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do hereby make known and give notice to the electors of the county aforesaid, that a general election will be held in the said county of Columbia, on

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1908.

(being the Tuesday next following the first Monday of said month) for the purpose of electing the several persons hereafter named:

Thirty-four persons for Presidential Electors.

One person for Judge of the Superior Court.

One person for Representative in Congress for the Sixteenth Congressional District.

One person for Representative in the General Assembly of Pennsylvania.

One person for Prothonotary and Clerk of the Courts.

One person for Register and Recorder.

One person for District Attorney.

One person for County Treasurer.

Three persons for County Commissioners.

Three persons for County Auditors.

One person for Mine Inspector.

The qualified voters of Columbia county are hereby authorized and required to vote by ballot printed, written, or partly printed and partly written, for such of the following named persons as they see fit:

FOR PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT.

REPUBLICAN.

For President and Vice President TAIT AND SHERMAN

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

[Mark 34]

Benjamin Franklin Jones, Jr.

Morris Lewis Clothier,

John Burt,

Howard Atlee Davis,

Frederick Taylor Chandler,

Ellis A. Gimbel,

George Jay Elliott,

Edward Wagner Patton,

George Christian Hetzel,

Joseph deBenneville Abbott,

John Watts Beer Bausman,

Reese Albert Phillips,

Theodore Leonard Newell,

John Issett Mathias,

Adam Henry Miller,

William John McCabe,

George Wallace Williams,

David Jewett Waller, Jr.,

William Strode Settle,

Robert Christian Neal,

Jacob Croyle Stineman,

Thomas Shipley,

William Frederick Reynolds,

Andrew White McCullough,

John Timothy Rogers,

Edward League Dawes,

Jerome Francis Downing,

Herman Simon,

Theophilus Lowery Wilson,

Perry Clifford Ross,

Oscar Schulte,

Oscar Holmes Babcock,

Alexander Roland Peacock,

Homar David Williams.

DEMOCRATIC.

For President and Vice President BRYAN AND KERN

[Mark 34]

Joseph P. McCullen,

Albert J. Barr,

Daniel F. Carlin,

Edward B. Seiberlich,

Aaron G. Krause,

Clarence Loeb,

James T. Nulty,

Michael J. Howard,

John Howard Danenhower,

Louis N. Spencer,

Alexander W. Dickson,

John T. Flannery,

Oliver Perry Bechtel,

Harry D. Schaeffer,

Charles A. McCarty,

John Franklin Stone,

John I. Welsh,

Cyrus C. Gelwick,

George Derr Krause,

Samuel M. Hoyer,

Henry Washers,

J. Hawley Baird,

John K. Holland,

John F. Pauley,

Howard S. Marshall,

Robert X. Brown,

William Lewis Neal,

Fred A. Shaw,

Henry Meyer,

Wesley S. Guffey,

Dennis J. Boyle,

Casper P. Mayer.

PROHIBITION.

For President and Vice President CHAFIN AND WATKINS

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

[Mark 34]

Elisha Kent Kane,

John Duff Gill,

John B. Heston,

Francis Magee

Samuel K. Felton,

Irving Woods Huckins,

Roland M. Eavenson,

Jonas K. Schultz,

Charles L. Huston,

Howard Leopold,

Daniel S. Von Neida,

Wm. H. Richmond,

W. B. Bertels,

William H. Malerry,

John Peter Schneller,

Justus F. Warner,

James Mansel,

Franklin P. Johnson,

Jeremiah S. Yaukey,

Silas C. Swallow,

John L. Edwards,

Cyrus S. Griest,

A. McAlpin,

Lewis Cass Wick,

John O. Stoner,

Milton S. Marquis,

Isaac Mondarun,

George F. Kline,

W. G. Freeman,

Edwin J. Fithian,

James P. Knox,

Knox C. Hill,

Robert S. Glass,

Thomas P. Herschberger.

SOCIALIST.

For President and Vice President DEBS AND HANFORD

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

[Mark 34]

Edward J. Cook,

Edward J. Higgins,

George Fitch,

Robert M. Green,

R. Barclay Spicer,

George Nau,

John Zellhorn,

August Mahieu,

Martin J. Plyzik,

William C. Price.

INDEPENDENCE

For President and Vice President HIGSEN AND GRAVES.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

[Mark 34]

John L. Barrett,

William Boughter,

Robert G. Cathcart, Jr.

Charles B. Connolly,

Joseph M. Crouch,

John P. Correll,

William F. Craig, Jr.

Edwin B. Dupuy,

Thomas Dolan,

Herman L. Duhring, Jr.

Theodore Eichhorn,

James A. Fulton,

James P. Gaffney,

Jesse Willis Galbreath,

William J. Griffith,

John L. Harding,

Samuel M. Heiligman,

George F. Hildebrand,

Edmund W. Kirby,

John W. Lafferty,

William La Fontaine,

Own E. Lally,

George V. McDonald,

Edward J. Maher,

James Frederick Martin,

Newell H. Molsinger,

Joseph F. O'Neal,

Stanley J. Oram,

Wheeler H. Phelps,

John A. Phillips,

Robert Miles Robinson,

Silas Edgar Trout,

Samuel F. Wheeler,

William H. White.

SOCIALIST LABOR.

For President and Vice President GILHAUS AND MUNRO

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS

[Mark 34]

Herman Spittal,

J. G. Gardner,

L. M. Laempe,

John Drugmaad,

W. H. Thomas,

Thos. Weidling,

Amido Mori,

August Clear,

George Pearse,

Grant Hughes,

George Snyder,

Otto Marowsky,

Chas. Rupp,

L. B. Barhydt,

J. A. McConnell,

jas. A. Gray,

P. H. Grunagle,

Arthur Losey,

W. I. Marshall,

Wm. Peak,

Fred. Uhl,

Wm. Cowan,

Wm. Crum,

P. Rowan,

Wm. Staley,

Peter Auller,

Ernest Hildebrandt,

James Clark,

Wm. Hughes,

Chas. A. New,

George Staley,

John Handlors,

Geo. Ohs,

Chas. Durner.

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

(Mark one)

William D. Porter, Republican

Webster Grim, Democratic

Daniel Sturgeon, Prohibition

Thomas H. Kennedy, Socialist

Luther S. Kaufman, Independence

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS.

(Mark one)

Edmund W. Samuel, Republican

John G. McHenry, Democratic

REPRESENTATIVE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(Mark one)

C. E. Kreisler, Republican

W. T. Creasy, Democratic

W. W. Skerry, Prohibition

PROTHONOTARY AND CLERK OF THE COURTS.

(Mark one)

Clarence M. Yocum, Republican

Freze Quick, Democratic

Edward A. Doty, Prohibition

REGISTER AND RECORDER.

(Mark one)

John A. Fortner, Republican

Frank W. Miller, Democratic

Edward Buck, Prohibition

COUNTY TREASURER.

(Mark one)

Jacob L. Wolvorton, Republican

John Mourey, Democratic

M. P. Lotz, Prohibition

COUNTY AUDITORS.

(Mark two)

W. W. Shannon, Republican

Harry B. Creasy, Democratic

C. L. Hirsleman, Prohibition

F. B. Hartman, Prohibition

DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

(Mark one)

Lewis C. Mensch, Republican

Christian A. Small, Democratic

C. A. Small, Prohibition

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(Mark two)

C. Fred. Lenhart, Republican

Elisha Ringrose, Republican

Jerry A. Hess, Democratic

Charles L. Pohe, Democratic

MINE INSPECTOR.

(Mark one)

James A. O'Donnell, Democratic

I also hereby make known and give notice that the places of holding the aforesaid election in the several wards, boroughs, districts and townships within the county of Columbia are as follows, viz:

Beaver township, at the public house of John Ertzine.

Benton Borough, at the Town Hall in the Borough of Benton.</