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AN INCONGRUOUS CONFLICT.

The editor of the Salt Lake Tribune has a tendency to voluminous verbosity, and grasping at long drawn rhetorical rhapsodies. No matter how far he sails out into the immensity of space, he will not invariably come back to Utah and the "Mormons," and make to them some grotesque application of his rhetorical vagaries.

This morning he dishes up a lot of literary fluff under the head of "The comet and the Mormon." He shoots up into the blue vaults, and with his mental muscles, fasten his grip upon a comet which "lived 20 or 300 years ago" and spread its flaming hair in the sky over France. He then tells of the presence of this eccentric celestial visitor, as used by the Roman Catholic priests to work upon the superstitious fears of the masses of the people, who could only be saved from portended doom by having overmuch of their substance given to the church, by way of propitiating the wrath of their God. The ruse was successful; the people impoverished themselves, and in the natural course of things, "the comet wheeling in its own mysterious orbit, and of old night to the realm of chaos and of old night to the realm of chaos, the comet frequently returns, but no such subterfuge could be worked upon the people any more."

Having dumped the comet business upon France and dragged it through several convolutions, the editor takes another flight and brings up, among the "Mormons" in Utah, ringing in the following:

"But here in Utah, in these last days of the nineteenth century, there is an editor who, to an ignorant, credulous people, will put forth menaces of doom to come full of doom than ever the comet laid. This editor does not confine himself to a single sinister agent, but calls up riots, wars, famines and a whole host of other evils, which ought to be ample to insure a general calamity; tells the people that they are coming; that nothing can avert them, and that only those will be safe who are sincere in their unqualified devotion to the church. He tells them that they are coming; that nothing can avert them, and that only those will be safe who are sincere in their unqualified devotion to the church. He tells them that they are coming; that nothing can avert them, and that only those will be safe who are sincere in their unqualified devotion to the church."

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The only coin known in Abyssinia is the Maria Theresa dollar. The usual means of exchange in that country is by means of a long and thin piece of wood, and deep and broad as a reed. A recent traveler made an everlasting friendship with a chief by making him a present of an empty Worcester's sauce bottle, which but for a moment, which appeared to be a source of delight to the chief.

A fair specimen of the extravagance indulged in by many Government officials is afforded by the fact that one of the costliest furniture of the last occupant of the mansion was bought at high prices, when furniture much more appropriate and useful could have been procured for one-third the price paid.

The wealthiest peer in Great Britain is the Duke of Buccleuch. The entailed estates in Scotland, to which he has succeeded, extend to upwards of 450,000 acres, the present rental of which is about \$800,000. The Duke also comes into the Broughton estates, which are worth \$1,000,000 a year. The Duke's pier at Granton brings \$500,000 a year. His minerals and quarries are worth as much more and he owns valuable urban property in Midlothian. He will also receive \$2,000,000 from his telescopic and astronomical instruments, on which he will probably be able to eke out an existence.

Encke's comet, which has been seen by various astronomers in Europe and America, is the first of the series of comets which will be visible at intervals for nearly one hundred years. It was first discovered in 1786, and was named after Encke, the German astronomer, who first investigated the orbit of this comet, and showed that it was the same as the comet which appeared in 1805, and 1822, and 1847, and 1858, and 1875, and 1892, and 1909, and 1926, and 1943, and 1960, and 1977, and 1994, and 2011, and 2028, and 2045, and 2062, and 2079, and 2096, and 2113, and 2130, and 2147, and 2164, and 2181, and 2198, and 2215, and 2232, and 2249, and 2266, and 2283, and 2300, and 2317, and 2334, and 2351, and 2368, and 2385, and 2402, and 2419, and 2436, and 2453, and 2470, and 2487, and 2504, and 2521, and 2538, and 2555, and 2572, and 2589, and 2606, and 2623, and 2640, and 2657, and 2674, and 2691, and 2708, and 2725, and 2742, and 2759, and 2776, and 2793, and 2810, and 2827, and 2844, and 2861, and 2878, and 2895, and 2912, and 2929, and 2946, and 2963, and 2980, and 2997, and 3014, and 3031, and 3048, and 3065, and 3082, and 3099, and 3116, and 3133, and 3150, and 3167, 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