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### LIGHT AT HAND.

The people of Salt Lake will be very pleased to learn that in a few days there will be a great improvement in the electric lighting of the city. There has been strong complaint about the dimness of the electric lights, and much fault has been found by persons not acquainted with the difficulties under which the Utah Light and Power company has labored. We learn that an arrangement has been made with the Telluride Power company, by which extra power will be obtained, to be joined with that from the usual sources, and that by this means the voltage will be brought up to the full standard. The company is now installing a 1,500horse-power steam engine at its own Jordan river plant, which, when fully completed, will replace the plant in the heart of the city and thus do away with the smoke nuisance from its shaft and stop that cause of complaint. We believe the company is doing everything in its power to meet the demands of the public, and feel sure that it will succeed, and before the winter sets in our city will be suitably lighted, and both public and private demands will be met with entire satisfaction.

### ACCIDINTS AND THEIR CAUSES.

There have been several shocking accidents lately, in consequence of children recklessly placing themselves in positions of danger. Censure is passed upon the railroad companies where these casualties have occurred, and there is a loud cry for fenders on the street cars that run within the city. We do not wish to say one word in opposition to the demand for the fenders. and we believe the Consolidated company will obtain them and have them

fitted for use as quickly as practicable. Orders for such things cannot eternal mercy as well as eternal justice. They teach that though sin unrepented of and unpardoned must receive the penalty awarded by the judgment of the Almighty, which will be commensurate with the guilt of the offender, every man being judged "according to his works," when the claims of justice are satisfied to the "uttermost farthing." then mercy will be extended and redemption will come, so that ultimately, through the atonement of Christ, every soul that can possibly be saved will be brought out of misery and darkness into that degree of light and joy which the individual is capable of receiving. The Chronicle proceeds to give an

alleged history of Joseph Smith, the

Book of Mormon and the growth of

as the Book of Mormon.

tain Meadows is repeated by the Chron-

icle, and then comes the inevitable

'Danite" or "Avenging angels" fiction.

The Chronicle states, however, that it

was organized by Dr. Avard, and thus

opens the way to the little speck of

The Dr. Avard mentioned was once a

off for his misconduct, and it was he

who subsequently drew to him a band

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Joseph Smith: yet priestly and journal-

tatic enemies of the Church persist in

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truth that there is in the terrible tale.

Nothing worse is said of the Latter-day Saints than was current, in the first century, about the former-day Saints and the Divine founder of their faith. The proper thing to do is to fling to the winds the idle tales and vicious vagaries that are sent out to prejudice the public mind, and seek to learn "Mormonism" from its authorized exponents and as it is illustrated in the lives of its faithful followers. Then the "mystery" will vanish and "Mormonism" will be known for what it really is-the truth of God in the Gospel of Christ, restored by revelation in the

latter-days.

## THE SAMOAN CLAIMS.

"Morniorism." It is drawn from works written by the enemies of the Prophet It is difficult to understand the printhe opponents of his doctrines, and cipie upon which King Oscar, as arbiaposisies who are all interested in plactrator in the Samoan damage claims, ing the subjects in an improper light. finds that the powers that landed troops When we state that the Chronicle gives in the Islands for the protection of the as "history," the defunct and buried residents against the rebels, are liable Solomon Spaulding story, to account for to pay for the damage inflicted. The the origin of the Book of Mormon, our fact is that if the troops had not readers may place the reat of the alleged been landed, a much greater destruc-"Mormon" "history" at its proper valtion would have been wrought. To hold ue. Every modern newspaper that is at the powers llable for the damage done all informed on the "Mormon" question while endeavoring to save life and prop--and it ought not to be freated b erty, would seem analogous to holding those who are not informed-know the firemen responsible for the damage that the Spaulding manuscript about done to a building by fire kindled by which so much has been sold, has been incendiaries, because they endeavored brought to light in late years and is deto put out the flames, and while so doposited in the library of Oberlin college ing, did some damage. In the case of in the State of Ohlo. There is not the China, another and totally different slightest resemblance or connection principle obtained. China was assessed with that story, and the volume known the damages, and not the powers that landed troops to put down a rebellion. The slauders and romances about Jo-If the same principle were applied in soph Smith and his immediate associthe case of Samoa, the Samoans would ates may be placed on the same shelf. have to pay the luxury of the rebellion. or rather aught to be interred in the But whatever motive actuated the same grave as that to which the de-Swedish king in the decision that it is cayed Spaulding story is consigned. The said he is about to give, it is safe to say old distorted and shameful version of that he is not, personally or politically, the tragedy that took place at Moun-

prejudiced against the United States. He has on so many occasions proved his warm regard for our representatives in Stockholm, and his admiration of American institutions. Whatever may have been the reasons for the fore shadowed decision, prejudice against this country cannot for one moment be admitted.

member of the Church, but was cut The opinion expressed in Washington is perfectly correct. The country cannot be held liable for damages when of followers to whom he gave the name troops are landed in foreign parts for of Danites. Real history shows that the purpose of protecting American interests. The decision can therefore not nected with the Church of Jesus Christ be accepted as a precedent, even if the of Latter-day Saints, and the repudimoney is paid. The case illustrates the ation of Avard and all his works was necessity of a tribunal such as that espublished at the time of the Prophet tablished by The Hague convention, to arbitrate between nations.

THE LANSING SKULL.

lived band to the Church and to a The international congress of Ameriprophet and a people who utterly recanists, in session at New York, has viewed the so-called Lansing skull, The Chronicle, after indulging in discovered in the beginning of this those flights of fancy, or rather repetiyear in a cave near Lansing, Kas. tion of exploded slanders, makes this The telegraphic report states that Mr. W. H. Holmes, of the U. S. museum,

"In spite of this bad beginning Mortook the view that, as the skull was monism has grown. In spite of the crusade of the purists and the fulminamanifestly that of an Indian, and as tions and anothemas of the Christian they could not be sure of the period

men everywhere, who wish to know the | intelligent form of pleasurable excite truth, to seek for it at its source. "...ent," says President Eliot of Hay vard. Perchance it is,

> The Americanist congress may be more learned body than the American Congress, but its "doin's" don't interest the people nearly so much.

China's open door is to be opened wider and foreigners permitted to penerate farther into the heretofore closed regions. It will never be shut again.

Those Columbia sophomores have felt the heavy hand of the United States supreme court as few college students ever have. Judge Haran enforced his decree vi et armis.

It is a remarkable evidence of national progress along literary lines that not once during the long period of the miners' strike has coal been called "black diamonds" by the daily press.

The Samoan islands have never been a source of pleasure or profit to the United States. In the minds of the American people they are associate. with the Trenton disaster and King Scar's award.

The school trustees of Boston have ordered all the school teachers to reside within the city. Evidently they think that the learned air of Boston is much superior to the fresh air of the country.

Mr. Yerkes seems to be putting it all over Mr. Morgan in the bout for the possession of the London tube system. It must be an absolutely new experience to the great syndicate organizer to be handled in such an unceremonious manner

If the story of young Clark of Montana about a bribe of two and a half million dollars having been offered him is true, then there is more political corruption in Montana, according to population, than in any other state in the Union. When the process of whitewashing Montana begins, it will take more than the traditional three coats to make a half way decent job of it.

The President must have the slyest sense of humor or else be absolutely devoid of it, for when he received Senor Don Emilo de Ojeda, the recently appointed minister from Spain, he, the hero of San Juan hill, said: "Recalling the warm friendship which, from the earliest days of our national life, existed between the United States and Spain, it gives me sincere gratification to welcome you as the envoy of his majesty, the king of Spain, and to accept the royal letter you bear accrediting you in that capacity."

The United States is becoming a na-

tion of coffee drinkers. That is a statement made by the Boston Herald and based on the figures representing our imports of coffee. According to these figures these imports have doubled the last ten years, having increased from 563,469,668 pounds in 1892 to 1,091,004,252 last year. At the same time the import of tea has actually de-creased. If the value of the article is considered, coffee has become a very

the startlingly new light in which the King and the Queen Mother of Spain are set forth to the world; yet, when one reflects on the wild possibilities of the Hapsburg blood, and its past vagarles one is led to pause before discrediting the whole tails as a mere piece of sen-sational nousense. First, we are told that the Queen Mother, Maria Chris-

tina, whom we have been accustomed to look on as a shy pletist of somewhat sour and inhuman type, is really a heroine of romance who would have won the heart of Alexandre Dumas. The good hady is declared to have fallen eply in love, when she was a mere girl, with a certain Count de la Escos-ura, the two fervent hearts plighting an eternal troth. Then dire necessity overtook them; for the princess was ompelled to make one of those reluctant marriages of state that take so much gilt off the royal gingerbread; and the bitterness of separation had to be endured. After a long interval, it is said that the two severed hearts are once more joined: the queen, having discharged her state duties in produc-ing and rearing an heir to the throne, decided that it is her turn now, has and has morganatically married her count, so the story says, on her recent

Baltimore American.

visit to Austria.

The story of the love marriage of the Queen of Spain is denied. And yet if any of the hard-worked queens and princesses of Europe deserve and have honestly earned the relaxation of a ro-mance it is the ex-Queen Regent of Spain, whose life, from the time of her entrance into the country as an unloved bride and a victim of state policy, has been one continued career of selfeffacement and self-sacrifice. pily that so devoted a wife and mother and so conscientious a queen could not

be permitted, now that her work is over, to live, if she wished it, a little for herself.

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be filled in a day and therefore, while we sympathize with the impatience of the public to some extent, we also recognize the fact that it takes time to effect the improvements that are dananded.

What we wish to impress on our readers in connection with this subject is, that the great and prevailing cause of most of the accidents referred to, is the carelessness and wilfuliness of boys who, in spite of the warnings given them by conductors and motormen and railway employes, will jump upon moving cars, and run across or play on railway tracks, and thus expose themselves to danger and even, in some instances, appear to court it and show their defiance of all remonstrances.

It is the duty of parents to caution their children on this matter, and by repeated and continued instructions endeavor to keep them off the tracks and the cars, and choose some other places for play and exhibitions of their azility. If every street car running in the city was fendered, that would not prevent some of the accidents, which are the result of the wilfulness and recklessness of boys and girls living in the vicinity of the railroad. It is easy to find fault with the companies, but It is not so easy to prevent the wilfulness and waywardness of many childten, who cause great annoyance at-1 anger to the employes on the roads ty their apparent determination to thrust themselves in the way of daugar.

The daring and reckless boys who in dulge in this kind of pastime need parental restraint, and, if necessary, purishment for repeated violations of the warnings that they receive. Let us have the fenders by all means as soon as possible, and also let there be more strenuous efforts to keep children away from the tracks of the trains and the street cars.

"MORMONISM AND MYSTERY"

The agitation that has arisen in the United States concerning the connection "between "Mormonism" and a nurder committed in New York city, has extended over the great ocean and stirred up some of the English papers, which appear to be in a sort of quandary over this peculiar sensation. The Manchester Evening Chronicle of a recent date seems to be puzzled but deslrous of arriving at the truth. It says:

"The Mormons are either the worst and most dangerous of fanatics, or the most maligned.

"If one-half the allegations made against the Mormons be true, they are criminals at large, a menace to the well being of society, a source of contamination to the world. Yet their own claim is to unusual sanctity and grace, and if their faith is justified they alone are worthy of paradise."

This does not fairly present the sitution. While it is true that the "Mormons" are either dangerous fanaties or very much maligned, it is not true that the Latter-day Saints arrogate salvation to themselves alone, as that paper avows, nor do they make claims to unusual sanctity or that they only are flow from the stream of "Mormonism." worthy of paradise. The doctrine of universal salvation is one of the features of their faith, and they believe in [

h throughout the world ism has increased in power. Warnings unheeded-the missionaries are still active, and the converts many Persecution is worse than useless. It is a hlunder." ing skull is a part was found at the end of a tunnel cut in the side of a The writer of the article to which we

ravine. Its age has been estimated are paying this attention, after reviewfrom 12,000 to 20,000 years. The find ing the denunciations of preachers and has been thought to be of great imquoting some things alleged to have portance on account of the definitebeen spoken by Brigham Young, menness with which it was supposed that tions a few facts that have come to his its geological place can be estimated. own knowledge, and these are what But, Mr. Holmes' opinion seems to be give him surprise and bewilderment. contrary to this. He says we cannot He sava: be sure of the period to which it be-The writer of this article has not

long. only found a certain fascination in the literature of this extraordinary sect, . This is undoubtedly the case with many finds which scientists are eager but has happened to meet a fair number of the Mormon community in Engto quote as proofs of the extremely land. Truth compels him to say that high antiquity of man. There is somehe never met with honester men, haptimes a tendency to prove too much pier women, or healthier families, from the surroundings in which the this was in England. It may be different in Salt Lake City. evidences of man's existence are found. 'It is only fair, after showing the When, for instance from certain finds grim, dark, and forbidding side of the in France It is concluded that man picture, to show also the brighter side. My own acquaintance and frequent lived on this earth 100,000 years ago, an conversations with Mormons have ofinference is drawn from evidence that ten led me to wonder whether the hiscannot be regarded as conclusive. tory of the sect, as recorded, must not But enough is proved from the finds be all fletion. The men are fine speci-

mens of manhood, courteous, in American soil, to warrant the statecultured, hard-working, and ment that this the "New World" is They are as well disciplined as really the "Old World," and that is imoldiers, and at the word of command portant, for it shows where to look for they go to Utah or depart, dig the soil ecome missionary agents. The wo-, such as I have met, bear no signs the beginning of civilization. The Americanist congress now in sesf hard treatment or of slavery of body ad mind, and are cheerful wives, dotsion is the thirteenth but it seems to be the first that convened in this coun-

June's rarest.

ize coal barons.

When a man gets a reputation for

being pessimistic his capacity for doing

g mothers, and absolutely devoted to try. Its object is the study of the nar husbands and children. The brightest side of Mormonism is tive races of America, their origin, that it has converted a wilderness into a fertile land and removed the curse distribution, history, languages, etc., and the history of early contracts ben a hard and barren region which all others of the human race had aban tween the two hemispheres. This is a oned. It claims to have succeeded in mighty work of social referm. It wide field for investigation, and one beset with exceedingly great difficulties sends out evangels to all parts of the world, and they are among the most But these can be overcome, and the resuccessful the world knows. sults of the research will amply repay the work expended thereon. No wonder that the candid investi-

gator is In somewhat of a maze over this subject, when he listens to or reads the stories circulated against a people of this character by their avowed enemies. No wonder that he

is led to exclaim as he does: "What is the secret of it all? What is the mystery? What is the attrac. this is such a prosey world. tion? What is the potent factor which has enabled Mormonism to endure? In are those of the golden engle. other words-what is the truth?" But why should be not take the evidence of his own knowledge; and pit it against the rundors and groundless Indy. charges of persons who evidently de-It will be better for the stationary sire to put "Mormonism" and the "Morengineers to remain stationary than mons" in as dark a position as possifor them to walk out.

hle before the world? Why not prefer substantial evidence and good common sense, to the wild flights of fiction and absurd stories without proof, that are

good in this world is gone. so antagonistic to the facts in his pos-New York and Chicago continue to session? Has be not read the divine aphorism: "By their fruits ve shall build sky-scrapers but they are not brought any nearer heaven thereby. know them." "Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles?" Can Stanford university has just received the tree of "Mormonism," if so vile as the gift of a mastedon tooth. It is a it is described by its foes, bring forth toothsome morsel to the learned palethe fruits that are acknowledged by all ontologists. those who have seen them to be excel-The Dunkirk rioters used codfish to lant and worthy of universal admira-

form barricades. The gendarmes should tion? Could the foul fountain described by anti-"Mormons," send forth have employed codfish balls to batter the bright and sparkling waters of inthem down. folligence, honesty, thrift, enterprise self-racrifice and love for mankind that sprending its benign influence throughpeople a hot air blast. out the world?

We appeal to sensible men and wo-"Gambling is an extraordinarily un-

ortant agricultural import. Most of from which it came, too much import it comes from Brazil, the import from ance should not be attached to the find that country last year amounting to The skeleton of which that interest-\$49,139,082.

> THE OUTLOOK FOR COAL. Springfield Republican.

If the strikers get back at work by Monday next, as there is every prom-ise that they will, hard coal will within week from that time begin to appear o some extent in eastern markets. Not all of the mines can be started up at once, and many of them will require months of repairing labor to put them into shape for working. They are in many cases full of water and gases and broken timbers. The hoisting engines and tackle have become rusty, the wooden railways into the mines have rotted or become broken; and, besides the men and mules, after a long sum-

mer's rest, will begin work in no con lition at first to produce a maximum But other collierles are output. ready for an immediate resumption ( mining, and every week thereafter will add to the number in operation clea into the winter. Baltimore Sun.

It is the general understanding that in all this strike the mine owners did not advance the price of coal one cent. The coal which has been sold was min-ed at the old rate and hauled at the old rate. The price was therefore put up by some middlemen, who took adantage of the necessities of the people o add to the public distress. The New ork retail dealers will buy their coal, f they deal direct with the mining outpanies, at about the usual prices ich have prevailed in former years, d there will be, so far as the public s advised, no real occasion for the adce of retail prices. In this cit and doubtless in New York and other cities, many retail dealers have during strike been themselves the victims other middlemen from whom they sht temporary supplies. Nearly all of them have suffered severely from the suspension of their business during the time when most of their trade

The World suggests to the coal operators that here is their opportunity to do the public a great service, with profit to themselves, and to effect a re-reform in the conditions of the cotrade. Let them open coal depots their own in this and other cities, and ell coal at retail directly to consume at the normal price before the strike-\$5.50 per ton. This would entirely elim-inate the middlemen and their exorbi-tant profils. At the same time it would place the operators in the new an pleasing light of public benefacto The strike is ended. Strike prices should end with it. Not a month or two months hence, but now. The coal op-erators can do it. They ought to do it.

#### Worcester Spy.

Cheaper coal will mean a great rush or marriage licenses, it is believed, fo there has been a marked decrease marriages recently in various cities and in every instance the decline has been attributed to the very high price of coal. The young men, while normal brave, have been afraid to face th expense of keeping the househo hearths warm, and so have postpone the happy day. Once coal is to be had at reasonable prices, it is believed that the tying of knots will go on more briskly than ever.

GONSIP ABOUT A QUEEN.

## Harper's Weekly.

The Spanish court has in the last for days supplied a bouquet of extraordin That Colorado man who claims to ary stories of that peculiar luridoes and improbability that we are seen have discovered the secret of living on tomed to only in dispatches from Viea. rare cold air evidently is giving the na and Shanghai-the two centers which, since the death of the late Ananias, hold the record for fertility invention. The point of these stories is



