DESERET NEWS. PUBLISHED BY THE EIGHT PAGES. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH. SATURDAY, DEC. 24, 1887. If you can see through him and you THE MISUSE OF POWER. behold the sm ling surface of his coun-Men and Nations but Stewards and Trustees. Men and Nations but Stewards and Trustees. Trustees. Trustees.

raled and wronged, persecuted and sect with his trozen aspect. trampled upon, and the vitality and sweetness of his c aracter will survive the tyrancy of hisoppressors, and,

said to take root and flourish when trodden under foot, he will gain strength and endurance from the very means employed for his overthrow. But give him his own way, remove all restraints and barriers, save those trodden under foot, he will gain restraints and barriers, save those which his ewn conscience imposes, at with mingled pity and contempt as safety? Is the time really come when between him and the gratification an intolerable bore. Here is another men shall hunt for the lives of their of his selfish desires, and it is a strong soul-strong in virtue and hu-mility-which completely withstands the temptation

David, the exile and refugee, was former sours recause he is not under-"a man after God's own heart;"David, stood, the latter simply regrets. the crowned and sceptered king, became both murderer and adulterer. Power may imply lofty and influential position, boundless wealth, intellectual eminence, social or moral standing; in fact, all sources of do- bits and hand them around and mind asserts its supremacy over He deals them out to order or matter. The principle in all is the and gluts the market with his noisome same, and finds universal application. wares. When the stuff is tendered to History is replete with examples, of individuals and communities, kings and kingdoms, chiefs and armies, priests and churches, presidents and fumes of the unwholesome efflavium peoples, illustrative of wide-spread wee and wickedness, the almost ineemitted. vitable result of investing mankind with ex raordinary power and author-Heroes have risen and fallen dynasties have flourished and decayed, races have bloomed and withered, em-pires have been founded and destroyed in nearly every lustance their his way to the Arcade restaurant to dowufall and destruction have been due to the abuse and perversion of the gifts and powers they were permitted to hold and exercise.

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God, the Almighty giver of every good gift, will not tolerate, in men or in nations, the misuse of authority, the ostitution of power, the immolation of what he has given for higher and nobler purposes, upon the unhallowed altar of selfishness and lust. Men are

changes according to his purpose. At one time his face is wreathed in smiles which reach all around excepting to the eyes, which don't sparkle much; his voice is low and sweet or has the his voice is low and sweet or has the tions yet be scaled as well as underhearty tone, according to which he mined by this persistent foe? And if the centre of the scene. This is the they should, who so short-sighted but infant Jesus in the arms of his mother, DESERET NEWS COMPANY. thinks will be the most congenial to can predict the result, and that too, being worshipped by the wise men from the east who have brought Him you. At other times he passes you on | most accurately? presents. His father Joseph stands

the street as if you were some inferior be acting in harmony with the turbubeing. If his eyes turn your way you be acting in harmony with the turbu-near, bending tenderly over the lent scenes that are transpiring upon child. suddeniy feel that your corporeal body is transparent, as he appears to gaze beyond it as if you presented no ob-struction to his vision; otherwise his is transparent, as he appears to gaze beyond it as if you presented no ob-struction to his vision; otherwise his is transparent, as he appears to gaze beyond it as if you presented no ob-struction to his vision; otherwise his that these are but the premobility seem to indicate that these are but the premobility seem to indicate that these are but the premobility seem that these are but the premobility seem the Star of Bethlehem which The scene is illuminated with many glance is cut short, the terminus oc- syn curring just before it reaches you. tio guided the wise men to the birth place symptoms of its approaching dissolu-

of their Savior. Unpleasant dreams disturb the re-Tastefully arranged flowers, and pose of the conservative and peacesmall presents dangling from rich ably inclined, while some lay claim to foliage, complete this ideal representa open visions, panoramically displaying tion of the nativity of Christ, and per-

Trustees. The severest test to which human irrue can be subjected is the possesvirtue can be subjected is the posses-sion of unlimited power. Man may be demeanor, or crushed into the water planets scarcely aught but evil. His rom, or speaking of it. showing great reverence when in the

predictions call out very large, atten-Look at this man. He has advanced tive and credulous audiences of intelintellectual and moral views. He perligent and unintelligent men and ceives grand truths with remarkable women both in Christendom and in effect produced is sometimes almost clearness, but he lacks the ability to heathendom. Thus, what with evils wonderful. They are allowed to relike the shamrock of Ireland, which is see the fitness of things in his imme-said to take root and flourish when liate vicinity. His power of mental still greater ones believed to be apretention is poor, and he cannot reproaching, humanity is kept in a constant state of anxiety and dread. Are all these premonitions, predic-tions, dreads and fears a mere fancy of the brain? Or are we really approach-ing the time when in Zion and in her looked upon as a reformer he is gazed Stakes alone there shall be peace and

> own sons, and brother shall again murder brothre, because of re-ligious, political, domestic and social disputes and animosities; when the armies of nations shall works and waits, his work being appropriate to present conditions." be arrayed one against the other, and

tempest, fire, famine and pestilence devastate this fair earth? Is the fig Here is a man waose mind is a sort tree really leafing, and other unmisof cesspool, into which has been gartakable signs appearing of the near approach of the Son of Man? If this nered all the contemptible and vile things that have been done by various people in the region in which he re-sides. He wallows in the accumulabe the case, and it is said "the wise shall understand," then it is high time. that we were making preparations for these days of sorrow that shall per-plex men's souls. tions and doves to rake out the rare

With this in view it is no wonder that God's Prophet should say, among many other important things, on y five years ago: "Setyour houses in order" "For a house divided against itself (even though it be in Zion) must fall." The near approach of famine would sug-gest the careful storing of the staff of life. The increase of pe-tilential diseases] should certainly remind us

of the necessity of keeping God's law, Take a look at that man rushing and living by the words of wisdom He down the street as if he had been has revealed, and thus realize the promise that "the destroying angel awarded a contract to tunnel the Atlantic and was hunting men to go to work and finish the job before the first of January, 1838. But he hasn't been given a contract, he is simply on shall pass by us and not destroy us-Who cannot but see also the necessity for a communi y of interests in com-mon, in order to avoid those rocks and shoals upon which the whole civilized get a two-bit meal, which he will world is being wrecked today. swallow at six gulps and then off he There is no general calamity that can goes again on the double-quick to h s

goes again on the double-quick to h s work. That is the man wao is in the habit of saying "life is short," and persists in making it shorter by going through it on the "keen jump." He also says "I haven't time," to every proposition. When he laughs he almost tears his larvay and then stops transpire during this momentous period of the world's history but has been clearly portrayed in the revelations of God to His people, and timely suggestions made through His servants in relation to the way of escape. The War of the Robellion (as it is almost tears his larynx and then stops called) was most accurately predicted short as if it occurred to him that he by Joseph Smith, and the State deswas spending too much time in merri-

but stewards. Nations are but trus-tees. The world itself is on proba-tion. "Weighed in the balance and found wanting," is the solemn epitaph inscribed on the tombstone of Time width, then instantly collapses. When he leaves his shop for an instant to go the property of the the prophet Joseph said that this

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What and where are they? Earth, which once trembled at their names. est principle, wisely and magnani-monsily using the great powers which the God of nations permitted them to wield, they flourished far and mightily. Like giant oaks of the forest, deeprooted and sturdy-boughed, swinging white their lusty limbs, and rustling their cright foliage aloft, they laughed fing elements, whose flercest storms the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had comover take notice of the poky but added to the poky but a supplied it was no more; then vice had detaroned virtue, and passion usurped the place of principle; when from pa triots they were transformed into plunderers and oppressors, no longer regarding the rights or redressing the wrongs of humanity, but ignoring and trampling on the one, while asgment-ing and intensifying the other; when mammon was worsnipped and God profaned; when justice was bought profaned; when justice was bought and sold; when freedom, loaded with chains, was dragged captive at the charlot wheels of religious (?) hate and political expediency; when tyrants were their lords and faise priests and him along, for withal he is an amiable demagogues their teachers; then the day of their doom and disaster was at hand. Like trees struck by lighthing, blighted by the flarce wrath of Omniponence, they commenced to wither. and decay; till eventually a strong blast sweeping through their leafiess tops, shattered the exfeebled trunks and, tearing them up by the roots, dashed them lifeless to the earth with a warning crash that echoed and re-echo d throughout the world.

They fell as tyrants, men and nations, have ever fallen, sowing the seed and reaping the harvest of their own destruction. Suicides, besotted in sin, and drunken with iniquity, hold-ing to their own lips the deadly draught, and, madly reckless of results, qualling the poisoness potion to the dregs.

God hates a tyrant. No wonder. A tyrant interferes with the divine plan, or would do so, if pessible, defeating the grand purpose for which liberty was ordained. And this purpose? That all men might be judged for their That all men might be judged for their own deeds and desires, and no soni receive the reward or reprobation of ing the assistance? This person will sions, another.

In the highest wisdom was ordained the free agency of man. It is, indeed, the supreme test of faith and integ-

so unto the end. Force can never win in a controversy involving the con-science, or soal of man. "It may science, or soul of man. "It may compel the body, but it cannot con-vince the mind." Thought is forever rebelled against God, and was hurled with his 'doctrine of ty-anny from heaven's battlements, drawing after him to perdition a third of its spirit host, "because of their agency." the very eternal principle he had valuly sought to destroy. scrupulous in the walks of life.

Joseph, the Prophet, speaking of the power of the Priesthood, says: "No power or influence can or ought

to be main almed by virtue of the Priesthord, only by persuasion, by iong suffering, by gentleness, and meekness, and by love unfergued." "By kindness and pure know edge,

which shall greatly enlarge the soul "The rights of the Priesthood are

inseparably connected with the powers of heaven, and the powers of heaven cannot be controlled, nor

across the way on business, some peo-ple get the idea that some of his wares have been stolen and he has rushed "War will be poured out upon all na-uary 9th, 1883. All particulars as to items out to cateh the thief. When he passes tions, beginning at that place." "and will be given by me on application of bid-you on the street he reminds you of thus with the sword and by bloodshed ders." "W. C. HALL, now barely retains them in memory. You on the street he remnary you of from the very summit of pride, power and human greatness, they descended like Lucifer, to pertition. So long as they remained upright and virtuous, battling for right and upholding hon-

to overtake him, and tell him you are well and you will call around in the evening and take the folks with you, indignation and chastening hand of an but find your powers of locomotion Almighty God." It is now fifty-five years since this

inadequate, and you give it up. The man in a perpe ual hurry is often a good-hearted fellow, with lots of genword was spoken, and it would really seem as if its fulfilment was erous impulses. about to be realized, it being on a D d you ever take notice of the poky mas? He is the autiodes of the Christmas day in the year 1832 that the Prophet Joseph, after praying earnestly to the Lord, received this revelation. We may be pardoned for but added to them fresh vigor and along the street as if he had come to revelation. We may be pardoned for this planet to stay. He is the person was spent, and the fountain which who always says; "Well, I'll see to it at a time when nearly all classes referring to so meiancholy a subject, supplied it was no more; then vice had tomorrow," but the latter division of Saint as well as sinner, abandon them

> you that the poky min is not respon-sible for his make-up, nor for the ab-sence of steim in his blier? Thes why don't you gently and kindly help CHRISTMAS IN THE CITY OF MEXICO.

to get it keeps him caained to the spot for three nours in pouring his own view into his car. Perhaps he is cut short a triffe sooner by his truthful and straightforward friead taking advan-tage of a break in the stream and ask-ing with rapid utterance whether this individual bad called to get an opinion Mexico is a land of feast days, and seldom does more than an entire week pass without a grand hesta, or holiday Most of them are of a religious char individual had called to get an opinion acter, and in honor of some of the or to express one, the evidence pre-Catholic saints, on which occasions the ponderating greatly in the latter direcion. Finally the party of the second part gives a view not in accord with that elaborated by the party of the first part, who is filled with disgust in consequence. The said party of the second part then informs his friends that the pert time he asks an only on churches will be brilliantly illuminated and the ceremonies connected with and solemnity. The saints, too, are dusted off and receive a new change of that the next time he asks an opinion clothing. The image of the blessed and expects to get one similar to his own to call on so and so, and he will be sure to get it if be will inform him Virgin in the great cathedral has three beautiful skirts, one studded with pearls, another with emeralds, and the how he wishes to he accommodated. Did you ever meet the man who was third with diamonds, one or more of which she wears on special occa-

find somebody just starting in tusi-ness and is anxious to help him along. But in Mexico, as in most Christian countries, the Christmas festivities He is delighted at the opportunity. He eclipse those of any other part of the orders some work to begin with. The job is done and gives satisfaction, The destruction of human agency is Satan's peculiar mission. A doctrine of devils from the beginning, it will be year. Taere it is called the "fiesta de sometime next week he will be told the day and evening of the twentywhen it will be appropriate for him to fourth, Christmas Day being even call again. That is a kind of man that more dull than ordinary days. more dull than ordinary days. believes in helping himself to other people's property-labor is property. Then, behold the upright man! who There they have no glistering snow, no jingling sleigh bells, as to Columbia's proudest son, or the monarch on his throne. Freedom to believe, man cannot give; the right to act, where action injures no one, he ecomption injures no one, he is a tower of strength because his on the family hearth; and for all they cannot in justice take away. They paths are straight. He has no need to have so many santos, the little Mexitransactions; there are no twistings to noravel. He may be poor and lowly, but he is a prince among men and is never thrilled with delight on leaping from his bed on the first peep of dawn nearer the genius of the laws which govern the eternal worlds than some flowing with toys and sweetmeats placed there by the generous hand of this dear patron saint of little folks in of those around whom there is more external glitter, but who are not so

The litt.e Mexican has his sport, too. YNO. but in a different way. All day he wonders with his playmates in th plaza, or market place, where there are strange sights to see and strange things to buy. On two sides of this great square will be seen moustains of peanuts poured out on mats spread on the ground; great heaps of oranges and other tropical fruits; piles of SIGNS OF THE TIMES. An Appropriate Subject for Serious sugar cane cut in foot lengths for boys





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inspired mind of an American Proph-et, cradied in the lap of liberty, and born to bring truth to light. Thine was a noble thought, Bartholdi, noble though only half expressed! Not lib-erty alone, not truth alone, but truth and liberty, Liberty with Truth, shall yet "enlighten the world!" OF W O. F. W.

MEN WE MEET.

Some of Their Prominent Characteristics.

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"Watchman, what of the night?" to chew; tables heaped high with all kinds of cakes, stands where hot choc-To which may be added. "And what han fied, only upon the principles of righteousness. "That they may be conferred upon as, it is true; but when we undertake to cover, our sins, or to gratify our to cover our sins, or to gratify our pride, our vala ambition, or to exer-cise control, or dominion, or com pulsion, upon the souis of the children and suspicion among communities and bewildered with the strange crowd grieved; and when it is withdrawn, amen to the Prie-thood, or the au-therity of that mae?" A sublime enunciation, worthy the inspired miad of an American Proph-et, cradied in the lap of liberty, and born to bring truth to light. Thine

Reflection!

made in republican governments to a centralization of power. The autocrat's life is in danger. The aristocrat's property is sought to be confiscated; while the democrat is often denoanced as a fool, when he advocates the perpetuity of human rights and human liberty. Considerable ingenuity in design and skill in making. Genese the perpetuit of the street in front of these shops are numerous boys with ice cream freezers on their heads and small buckets of water, dishes and spoons, calling out lustily "nieve! Here the pocrest can feast their eyes if not their stomachs; and the little boy, after spending the few thacos bis parents may have given him, To couciliate contending factions, even in the least degree, is altogether even in the least degree, is altogether out of the question; neither is there a middle course any longer left to be turns to his home.

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Bo you ever think of the lnaumer, able varieties of men you meet in the every-day waiks of life? If you don't you dany yourself an interesting source of stady. Let us take a stroll of observation.
Here is what you would call a policy man. By this I mean one who has no pase for his fellow-beings except for the wines he can put them to for his own adward the schemes in which he is Interested. His mood
mather is interested. His mood
middle course any longer left to be provine at the prominent lines of the world are ourse impossible.
The shrewsest diplomats of the being to the provine the provine the provine the provine the the stress of a table or box on which is placed a number of irregular-teally been eugaged in st variThe bone and sinew of the world are outsided and source back and the ground is so the world are stress to prove the world are already been eugaged in st vari-





