

It was subsequently discovered that several of the young braves, who had seen Emporred down to the river in the early part of the evening, struck with the docility of the huge bear, thought they would like to have some fun with him; and when the guard went to see the proprietor of the dance, they slipped into his quarters and unlocked him, when a number of them jumped on his back and the rest forced him down into the village. The first wigwam met on the route was covered with recently gathered long, sweet grass, which was grateful to Emporred, some of small, and sterling silver on his trunk, the whole top gave way, causing the Indians inside to scream and run. This alarmed the whole village, as well as the elephant, and the latter in his panic demolished about a hundred wigwams; and there is no telling what other mischief would have been committed had not the noise

and California are put up in fine style and a cheap rate; and their publication at this time, when students and travelers are arriving in crowds from nearly all parts of the world to wonder at and admire the scenes of the Great West and the Pacific Coast, is an extremely opportune. They are just the thing for the tourist, and the student, and will be likely to yield well-merited profit to the enterprise of the publishers.

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A QUERIES DISCOVERY.—The Los Angeles (Cal.) News of the 17th inst., says in a while a man named Billy Rabottom, engaged in quarrying stone near the base of a very high hill near his residence, came upon the petrified remains of a number of whales. The bones were of the size of a man's arm, completely buried in stone. The vertebral, particularly, were found to give him here, and are well recognizable from their shape and size. The bones were found in a row, and how long they have been there are questions are propounded, to whom the discovery attests. The presence of the remains of marine animals upon such a elevation is a fact difficult to explain.

Continued in the twenty-second issue of Independence, appending the names of the signers' names. Mr. Thomas Stevens, at that time editor of the *Independent*, took offense in a plain and easy way, to doubt my assertion that he had copied the signatures with a pen. To convince him, I asked him to sign his name on a piece of paper, which I immediately placed on the top of his signature above and below the original, and handed him the paper to him to rub it out. After a chase or two, he was wrong. He tried again and again, with the same result. Finally, by mere guess work, he hit the right one. And it was a remarkable coincidence that he should discover his own, he could see the most astonishing similarities in all the others.

Some six years ago I was speaking with a well-known member of the church, who said that one of his clerical checks that his book-keeper had prepared for him. The signature was of the firm, and was a peculiar one, as he wrote it. I immediately remarked

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