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the Saints, and I always find substanvolves upon me. Of course there are Saints.

as pointing significantly to the grand and glorious results which must inevitably follow the labor and toil that are now upon the Latter-day Saints. Any person whose bosom is warmed and whose intellect is lit up by the Holy Spirit must rejoice greatly in the contemplation of the great last dispensation which is now fairly before the world, fairly upon the Saints, like the harness that is upon those that are appointed to labor, to pull, to lift, and to

face of the earth, except he Latterday Saints, who have from their religious convictions-or om any system of ethics or morals that they possess, gone forth upon the face of the earth, and, from honest, conscientious in heart, anywhere upon the face of other in every possible way. the earth, and gathered together a people comprising twenty to thirty differernment that has been for their imor their happiness in any sense, either spiritual or temporal?

which we live.

engaging to the eyes, the ears and evil. the minds of those they address? Not of thousands to this country.

this congregation that are partakers of | glory.

of them a nation of kings and priests unto Himself. Behold ye, my brethren ed in is a strange one. You cannot and sisters, here they are.

ing taught of the Lord, to learn of His | there was warfare, it was a warfare of ways and walk in His paths, that they carnal weapons, many times. Not so, may receive the blessing and be clothed in our days; and as if the Lord were upon with power, as the Prophet said: | determined to put carnal weapons far | "Awake, awake: put on thy strength, away from us He even permitted the O Zion, put on thy beautiful garments, Gubernatorial order preventing us car-O Jerusalem." What are these beau- rying firearms with which to celebrate tiful garments? These beautiful gar- the 4th of July, and then, on the top ments are the clothing upon with the of that, He has given us the abundant It is always a pleasure to meet with authority and power of the Holy Priest- testimony of peace all around, even hood. It is that which makes people with the hostile natives. Is not this tial pleasure in bearing that portion of | beautiful; it is that which makes peo- | an overwhelming testimony that the the labor of the ministry which de- | ple useful; it is that which causes the | Lord wants us to work with the other Saints to sing: "How beautiful upon | class of weapons-the sword of His Holy times when human nature is physically the mountains are the feet of Him that Spirit, the power of eternal truth—the incapacitated from labors. Neverthe- bringeth good tidings, that publisheth ammunition that wants to be kept less I rejoice exceedingly in the contem- | peace; that bringeth good tidings of alive, active, and burning in our hearts. plation of the work that we are en- good, that publisheth salvation; that When we come to contemplate this gaged in. Certainly the review of our saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth." It matter, our warfare is entirely in animmense subject, our great calling, our is that excellence of the knowledge of other direction, it has to be carried on vast labor, and the wonderful results God that makes men and women beau- and accomplished by the power of that follow them-when they are re- tiful, and makes their acts delightful faith. We have to contend for our viewed as they were this morning, and when they are performed in righteous- liberties and the rights of the people called up before our minds, must ness in the name of the Lord Jesus before the courts, wherein we strive to awaken deeply interesting and I Christ. I rejoice when I look around | maintain the Constitutional rights to should hope broadly expanded views and contemplate this precious privil- which we are entitled, both civilly and and reflections in the minds of the ege-that there is scarcely an individu- politically. We have not gone to the al that has come to years of judgment authorities that are over us in the na-We are, as a people, and also our la- and understanding but is a partaker of | tion and supplicated them saying: bors as well as the results of them, a some measure of the Priesthood, if no "Will you please give us some extragreat outstanding witness to the world more than the office of a Deacon that ordinary liberties or privileges-we of the divine character of the work we | can administer blessing by attending to | contend for the rights of every Ameriare performing—the high order of our the door, wait upon the tables, and can citizen, which are our rights." calling to perform that work, as well also by attending to other temporal We have not cut ourselves off from the duties from time to time as they may rights of citizenship. Our fathers occur.

the Church, from the Deacon up to the | the liberties and powers of this glori-Apostle, should realize that it is his ous government to all its loyal citizens; duty to endeavor to administer bless- and when this Church was established, ings by the virtue of the calling of God it went on for more than thirty-two which is upon him; he ought to feel | years-no law of the Church conflicted thus, and every sister that is the wite with the laws of the land, until it beof such an husband should feel, if she came necessary in the opinion of some has received with him her blessings in | politicians that the Saints should be the house of the Lord, that it is her made offenders in the eyes of the naprivilege and duty to administer bless- | tion and of the world. Then it was Where is there any people upon the ings, comfort and happiness to her that Congress passed a law-the law husband, to her children, to her family of 1862-prohibiting plurality of wives, and household. Every one in all the polygamy, or bigamy, as they choose Church should be filled with a spirit of to call it. Now, then, we have not biessing. The authority of the Priest- risen up against the laws of the land; hood should cause a gushing forth from | it is the laws of the land and the men the fountain of the heart, a bubbling of the land that have risen up against convictions, and, from their most ear- forth of streams of blessing, of con- the people of God, and have brought nest, heart-felt appeals, taken hold of solation, of comfort and of rejoicing, their offensive warfare in this matter, the honest in heart, or of the vicious each should try to help and benefit the and we are thereby placed on the de-

may say, of Seventies and Elders we according to the dictates of our conent languages and nations and brought have among us, and what a work are sciences, as required by some of the them together to any place, located they doing in the nations, and what a laws and ordinances of His Church. them, and established a system of gov- work are they doing and ought they to and have made laws to prevent us from do at home in preaching the Gospel to so doing if possible. Hence it is that, provement, for their benefit, for the each other, in encouraging and while we go before the courts we do increase of their influence, their peace, strengthening those whose hands some- not go as suppliants for something extimes hang down, and whose knees traordinary, or for something that tremble; speaking comforting words other people have not got. We ask to You can look abroad upon the earth unto the Saints, saying,"Dear brother, be preserved our rights, the rights that in vain to find any other example that thy God reigneth, trust in him." Not- belong to every American citizen. has any kind of relationship, or bears withstanding all that we see on the is for this that we go through the any kind of analogy or appearance like | right hand and on the ieft, and all that | courts, appealing from the District | unto the work that is being performed we hear, the Lord God has not for- Court to the Supreme Court of the by the Latter-day Saints in the days in gotten His people, nor has He forgot- Territory, and then to the Supreme ton to educate and instruct them in Court of the United States. Who is it that is doing this work? all that He knows is for their greatest Now, is not this a great and an im-What is the character of this people? good, so that by and by He may come portant lesson of experience and in-Are they those that have been through and find a nation of kings and priests struction, and yet there is occasion for up in affluence and comfort; that can sister should feel that they exert an in- feet of the judges-do you remember present every thing that is pleasing and fluence that will tend for good or for | it?-and at the feet of Governors-do |

We ought to feel concerned for our | the President, and then, says He, if is often the inexperienced boys that Sometimes I hear the brethren testify you do not obtain all things which you are picked up from the plow, from the how much good is being done by the have a right to, He will come out of workshop, to the humblest of laboring Relief Society and the Associations. I His hiding place and take the matter men, toiling, struggling, and many a want to hear them talk about the Pri- into His own hands. So you see we time when they have not been able, maries, and tell us how the little chil- have some importuning to do before, from persecution and oppressive cir- dren are getting along. It seems hard or at the feet of, Judges, Governors hood, yet they have left the bosoms of to realize the importance of teaching tution of our country. terror to the ungodly.

of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is the there are. They should feel to bless earth; plead with them until their poecho of that saying that is written in all around. No doubt they do, sealing sition on our question is known; they to help Him bear government and rule nate Mormon. This Democratic Judge the Scriptures where the Lord has said upon those to whom they administer have got to declare themselves. that He would take of Israel and make | the blessing of eternal life in perpetu- | There are different branches of the

The school that we are being educatpick up the Bible and find anything Here is Israel gathering together, be- that is like it. In ancient days, when

fought to help obtain and bled to help Here let me say, that every officer in establish the blessings and privileges, fensive. The nation have been pleased Contemplate the immense army, I to say that we shall not worship God

cumstances in which they have been to get it into the heads of some of the and Presidents in order to maintain placed, to make a comfortable liveli- parents as well as some of the Bishops | the liberties guaranteed by the Constitheir families and gone forth in faith and instructing these youngsters, some Right here I want to say a word or carrying the principles of eternal truth seem to consider it the sole duty of the two especially in regard to the way we and administering them, with an hon- Primary Associations, while others have to do our importuning. I refer est heart and clean hands and by the think it the duty of the parents only to a discourse by Prest, Young, in authority of the Holy Priesthood from to see after them. Now, I think we which he said he wished he had five heaven, to the children of men. And miss it in trying to thus shirk the res- hundred young lawyers full of the what have they done? What has this ponsibility. I think we should all try spirit of the Gospel who would rise up simple, humble plan accomplished? to understand more perfectly the and help to maintain and defend our Without money in their pockets, with- worth of souls. Oh, if the sisters and rights before the courts of our counout letters of recommendation even brethren that have the charge of these try. The discourse was published in to the people, without means oft times little Primary Associations could only the Deseret News and republished in to make them comfortable, abnegating realize that every little child is a gem | the Journal of Discourses. It is public themselves, deficient the comforts and that they are called upon to polish, to matter for anybody to read that wishes necessities of life, they have gone torth cut, to refine, to shapen, to burnish, to to. But a few days ago, however, with their hearts full of love and bless- fit and prepare to stand in the diadem a Bishop remarked that it looked ing to the human family to find other of its father's crown. This is the way very singular for one of the Apostles bosoms kindred to their own, though in which we ought to look at these to raise up a lawyer, and thought there strangers in appearance, ready to re- small but precious jewels. We should must be a screw loose somewhere. It ceive the glad testimony of these ser- assist the little ones to grow up to happens, however, once in a while that vants of God. It is not the learned be mighty men of Zion, that shall some Bishop wants my son or some and the noble, nor the wealthy of the come up to teach Senators wisdom, re- one else's son to help defend them beearth that have brought their hun- buke strong nations though they may fore the courts. (Laughter.) I wondreds, their thousands and their tens be afar off, and become a wholesome der if there is any screw loose there. Excuse me, brethren, for this refer-It has been the potency of those As Apostles, as Bishops, as High ence; but I wish we could have a principles that have been taught by the Priests, as Elders, as well as fathers goodly number of substantial young simple and many times silent testi- and mothers, we need to get more of men growing up in our midst who mony of the Holy Ghost, by the still the spirit of this great work in all its would become skilled and mighty in the small voice, that has carried convic- different branches, and keep it with us; law and who could go into any of the here to Zion-they that want to know consolation to bestow. We should need more of such men. We do not more of God, they that come from the seek for the Spirit of God and get that want men to become lawyers, turn crowded cities and other portions of measure of it that will bear us up, that | infidels and live for nothing but the litthe earth-find here a piece of a new will make us feel the cares of life are the money they can make. We want to world; they take hold and make to trivial; that will sustain us under every raise up a corps of young men armed themselves homes, all in the name of circumstance. We can bear wonderful with the Spirit of the Gospel, clothed Israel's God and by the calling of the trials; we can live though and outgrow with the Holy Priesthood, who can tell voice of the Good Shepherd. Oh, how them and look back on them and won- the judges in high places what the law beneficient and how munificent has the der how we passed through them, is and what equity is and can plead Lord our God been unto us! Behold! realizing that we never could have for the cause of Zion and help mainas I look abroad this afternoon in this done so but for the help of God that tain the rights of God's people. Hence house, I contemplate the great mass of sustained us in it. Then give Him the you see we have got to arry on these matters. Our rights are infringed, and the Holy Priesthood. It is not a few | Every officer, then, in the Church | we have got to defend ourselves as in which we are engaged, and He is bust frame, healthy features and genthat are partakers of the holy calling, should be full of blessing to his fellow best we can. We are told that we must the authority to administer in the name man. Only think how many patriarchs plead with the dignitaries of the

there is the army and navy, which is of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen. the arm of power to carry out and maintain physical defences. And then there is the Supreme Court, the legal tribunal that stands at the very head, if you please, and pronounces upon JUNIUS DELIVERS ANOTHER SERIES OF the constitutionality of the facts which Congress passes. Hence we see our case has not only to be brought before and had cognizance of in the Congress of the United States to as- Editor Deseret News: which we live.

to be the means not only of revealing little to raise the wind in this breezy among themselves, what they are, and burgh of ours by Lake Michigan. We what they are here for, but of making have heard of men holding candles to them a standing testimony of the truth add to the luminousness of the mid-day before the whole world. The Great sun; but that is chastity itself comknowledge of which we have become pared to a broken-winded politico-parpossessed connot be hid under a son attempting to out-roar one of bushel, cannot be hid up in a dark | those blizzards which come to us from place. Here we are in the heights of Dacota. the continent, calling Israel home, ready to impart the light that is within us, to all of Adam's children who will is coming soon to raise the wind also. receive it. Let us seek to be wise. Poor Kate! It makes one almost at-The Lord has told us of certain classes | tempt to write elegiac poetry in conof defence which are better even than templating her fate. Her Morthe employment of weapons of war. mon lectures are complete failures. And what is it? It is the gift of wisdom." Wisdom is better than strength or weapons of war," said the ancient man, who tested the matter and found it out. Now let us understand that legends. The interviewers pumped the "fear of the Lord is the beginning whatever she knew before she "tumof wisdom" and a good understanding have all they who keep His commandments.

be discouraged in the least. Remem- vitality. She gave away the two best ber that no great revolution was ever things in her repertory then. She said achieved without some fighting. Some | that Mr. Blaine would not permit his battles have had to be fought, some dinner to be paid for by Mormons in victories had to be achieved. It is Salt Lake. If one can see into this far while the war is going on that some enough, there is wit in it; aye, wit get wounded, and other contingencies | worthy of Dame Sappho herself. Where arise' and some things necessarily hap- the awful tcharges were preferred pen that are unpleasant. But after against Mr. Blaine of stealing whole the war is over, and the new govern- railroads, organizing banks, collecting ment is instituted, the grand im- army claims, and those thousand and provement is then felt, as it has been one other trifles which enlivened the telt in this nation ever since the thir- campaign, then Miss Kate Field comes teen colonies fought and maintained out to annihilate all these charges, and the schools and been educated to ap- who shall reign with Him on the earth all this is required in the Book of their independence from the mother gives as proof of Mr. Blaine's integripear in the most plausible and convinc- a thousand years. We ought never to Doctrine and Covenants. The Lord country. It is true we have been op- ty the fact that he refused a meal at ing manner in all classes of society? forget that we are in a school of ex- has said through the Prophet Joseph | pressed a little. But our enemies do | President Young's expense. If she had Are they those that have been brought perience. Every brother and every to us, that we must importune at the not make very much at it. We live not given this away so prematurely, it and thrive notwithstanding, do we not? | would be a splendid item for her How singularly the Lord works with legend. In that same letter she also you recollect that?-and at the feet of men. The people of the Southern announced another important truth. States through the war and since, have The importance of it is enhanced at all. Not many learned or noble. It little ones. How precious they are! your importuning does not prevail, and been limited or deprived of some of by its novelty. She said, "The Irishtheir rights. And some few men- man always votes against the Govern-Senator Brown for one-are not afraid | ment." This is original. to rise up from their seat and defend It is very considerate of the church the right whether in behalf of Mormon societies here to have taken Miss or non-mormon, and expose the do- Field's case ings of self righteous men in New England exposing the frnits of their monogamous marriage relations as They have decided to invite her to leccompared with our marriage institu- ture under their sacred auspices. A tion. The Lord has raised up men this means a healthy canvass for the sometimes to maintain the rights of sale of tickets, Kate will, probably His people. He will allow us to be muster a crowd. But the question pinched from time to time as it may what is she going to denominate her be necessary to unite us together, to effort? Will it be a lucubrative, make a wife love her husband a little phillippic or a Jeremiad; will it be better, to make a husband love his homily, a sermon or a discourse; wil wives and children a little better, and it be a speech, a lecture or an address; to strengthen the bond of union in will it be an oration, a declamation or every heart. For my part I rejoice in a ranting, or will it be a conversation, this work and seek continually to a colloquy or a talk? This is the great gather knowledge. I rejoice that I have puzzle now, to find out what to name lived to see the work of God estab- the effort. Our language is copious lished on the earth. Let me tell you, enough, and afforded words sufficien my brethren and sisters, the greatest to John Milton to write "Paradise affliction some of us have: it is some Lost," but it does not afford a word to great fearful apprehension that some- characterize a modern female mental thing is going to happen. We natural- travail. Perhaps "talk" would answer, ly borrow trouble. We should not do as this word designates the wild orathat. Just consider that the work is the tory of Sitting Bull, it may answer the Lord's. Be certain you do your duty didactic vaporing of Miss Field. Then every day. And when you lay down at "talk" let it be. And it is to be hoped night do so with a clear conscience the Chicago talk will reimburse Miss and enjoy slumber and be refreshed, Field for the time and money she misand rise up in the morning, in the like- spent in Utah. ness of the resurrection, prepared to Perhaps the most startling piece of renew the contest of life. Thus we Munchausenism that ever went the should go on step by step, adding rounds of the press is undergoing the faith to faith, keeping the command- grand tour. It comes from a tion to the honest, the humble, labor- always have a blessing to dispense; courts and set forth the true principles ments of God, and purifying ourselves ing poor, and has brought them home everywhere a word of comfort and of justice and equity in all cases. We all that we can. The Lord will bless us in proportion to the degree that named Judge Rosborough. He is credwe enceavor to purify ourselves, and ited with a "naturally powerful intelkeep His commandments. That is the lect," and he is said to be "thoroughly great secret of our full acceptance with familiar with the best English and God. We must purify ourselves as He classical literature." He is geis pure, I do not consider it proper for me to insensibility." And he is said to be a

government, which are considered co- when truth shall prevail from ordinate. For instance—there is the one end of the earth to the other. May legislative branch, namely, Congress. it be our happy lot to be there and re-Then there is the President, who repre- joice with father Abraham and all his sents the executive branch. Then family is my humble prayer in the name

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certain if they will make laws to op- The regular, right-out, professional press us, but these laws can be taken anti-Mormon never feels so jubilant as to higher courts, to see whether they when he gets hold of a paragraph, a will maintain the rights of God's peo- speech, or a lecture purporting to have ple in the land. And does it seem a emanated from a democrat. Why this terrible thing that one or two should is so, is not such a great mystery to get cast into prison? As President understand. Besides, a man who calls Cannon contemplated this morning himself a democrat has as much right half a dozen would cover all such to make a fool of himself as the man cases within the last twenty-two years, who by nature, education and "culand the persons connected with the ture" is already a fool. If an Amerimost notable cases have come in and can from choice chooses to adopt a furnished the evidence for their own course which the Yankee is born to, crimination, under the promise that the American violates no law, civil, punishment would not be inflicted. social or constitutional. He is in pur-But like the Governor of Illinois, who suit of happiness, and if it gives him pledged his honor and the honor of the pleasure to do a little exercise at the state to protect our Prophet and Pa- cave of Aelus, why it surely ought not to triarch, all such promises were broken. give well-balanced minds pain. It is Nevertheless, in this manner we have said that "there is a pleasure in madgot to test the purity or impurity, the ness which nobody but madmen integrity or otherwise, of the different know," and when the lunacy assumes branches of the government under a gaseous form it generally cures itself. The little escape of flatulence which God is going to make His people a afforded so much relief to the "Rev." great people. He has designed them McNiece, of Salt Lake City, did very

> They say KATE FIELD

She complains of having lost a few thousand dollars studying the Utah question, and after all this she cannot make hall rent by her lectures or rather bled" to herself. Then these unfortunate letters she wrote to the New York Tribune during the campaign complete-My brethren and sisters: let us not ly exhausted her little stock of wit and

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SALT LAKE MAN

nial without the "frontier bruta" occupy more of your time this after- democrat too. Good laws! Such a noon. I feel to say I rejoice in this man as this hid away in Salt Lake City work. And I say unto every brother for the last thirteen years. This is and sister that keeps the command- something mournful to contemplate ments of God be joyful and rejoice in A judge of classical attainments, of Him. He has called us to the work broad and enlightened culture, of roeducating us, as I said before, in order | ial nature; and yet with all this could that by and by He may have a nation not get distinguished from the common of kings and priests judges and rulers herd without straddling an unfortuover this earth in righteousness, when has been on the frontier while 6,000,00 the curse shall be taken from it, and acres of land were being fraudulently