

**CHRISTMAS AMONG THE NEPHITES.**

WHETHER or not the anniversary of the Savior's birth was celebrated as a holiday among the Nephites is uncertain. The record we have of them affords no distinct information upon this point. Their history from the date of the birth of the Savior until the waning of the war that resulted from their extinction as a race, is very brief and is attributed by Mormon and others, but we require information of their social customs.

From what we know relative to the individual and communal traits of the Nephites, we are justified in presuming that they were inclined to be cheerful, light-hearted people.

of the country. The weather seems to have been most severe in Kansas, Nebraska and Dakota, thus showing the wave to have tilted from a little west of north to a little east of south, and spent itself in the warmer latitudes of Arkansas and Kentucky, though it spread out considerably, reaching into Iowa and Minnesota on the east and nearly as far as Utah on the west. The coldest temperature reported was at Fort Assinaboite, Dakota, on Wednesday, when the mercury indicated thirty-eight degrees below zero. We, in Utah, have very well in point of weather, though all seasons of the year, though some are not disposed to think so; the thermometer rarely registers as low as zero in winter or above sixty degrees in summer.

That only night in all the year,  
Saw the aloof priest the chalice rear.  
Then again the altar lights were kindled,  
To vassal, tenant, serf and hind;  
Power laid his rod of rule aside,  
And ceremonial robes were piled;  
The rich and poor he sought to cheer,  
And with the roses in his hair,  
His right hand with his partner chose,  
And all hailed, with uncontrolled joy,  
And general voice, the happy night  
That to the world brought Christmas-tide.  
Brought tidings of salvation down  
To England was "Merry England" when  
Old Christmas came, and all begun,  
Was Christmas brunched the mightiest ale,  
And 'twas Christmas told the merriest tale,  
That to the heart of England ran,  
A poor man's heart through half the year.

The custom of giving presents on Christmas, now so universally observed, is derived from the old Roman custom of giving presents, as above mentioned, at which it was customary for all the members of a household to offer gifts to each other; and is not stated, in the New Testament account of how kings and wise men made rich

The undertaking business is a most timely subject to mention during the holiday season, but inasmuch as death is liable to overtake our friends at any time, it is well to know that Joseph Wm. Taylor, whose place of business is on West Temple St., is prepared to undertake to everything in the undertaking line in short notice.

F. AUERBACH & BRO., who in the past have kindly remembered the Meserit Hospital, this morning sent us three pairs of good white blankets and a bolt of sheeting, for which we extend our most grateful thanks.

ROMANUS

	Roller	Rollway	Diaper
Roller			
Rollway			
Diaper			

When the two men stepped into the ring, the crowd roared. McLaughlin had done him little good. He was very fat and rolls of flesh hung over his belt. He was also superior with a knife. He had a long, thin blade which he used for a few days ago in a sparring contest with his trainer. It was reduced to 120 pounds. He was a very strong man, but did not warrant the statement. McLaughlin entered the ring at 210 pounds. He was a very strong man, but was completely used up.

**NOTICES ARE HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned, Administrator of the Estate of Patrick Hall, deceased, to the creditors and all persons having claims against said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within forty months after the first publication of this notice, to the said James H. Moyle at 308 North Main St. Salt Lake City, County of Salt Lake, State of Utah.**

**JAMES H. MOYLE**  
Administrator of Estate of Patrick Hall,  
deceased.

Dated Salt Lake City, December 31, 1897.  
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**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

**I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:**

One sorrel Mare, 4 years old, white strip in face, outside half of right hind foot white, branded B and a cross on left thigh

If said animal is not claimed and taken away within three months I will sell to the highest cash bidder, at 10 a. m. December 15, 1897, at the estray sale of the Farmer's Ward.

**ALMA PRATT**  
Fondlekeeper.

#### 4. C. M. I.

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 Manicure Sets—Very Beautiful and Cheap.  
 Banker's and Glove Boxes.  
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 Elegant Odor Cases and Baskets.  
 Triplicate Mirrors, 25 per cent less than anywhere in town.  
 Brass Mirrors, new designs.  
 Bronze Wash and Broom Holders.  
 Jewel Cases, Special Bargains.  
 Baby Toilettes.  
 Collar and Cuff Boxes.  
 Ink Stands, very nice.  
 Smoker's Table and Sets.  
 Match Cases, Cigar and Cigarette Cases.  
 Cut Glass Bottles, Fountains.  
 Fancy Colored Bottles.  
 Bottles for Covering.  
 It will pay you to Examine our Goods before purchasing Else-  
 where.

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— We desire to ask the people of Utah for their kind support in the past and