

UTAH'S GREAT EPIC PRODUCTION.

Bishop Whitney's Poem "Elias"
To be Published by a Special Committee.

THE PROSPECTUS IS ISSUED.

Magnificent Edition De Luxe of 150
Copies to be Subscribed for by the
Author's Personal Friends.

A committee of five leading residents of Utah—Gov. Heber M. Wells, President Anton H. Lund, Congressman George Sutherland, Artist H. L. A. Culmer and Maj. Richard W. Young—have undertaken the publication of Bishop Whitney's magnificent epic, "Elias." They have just issued the prospectus and a letter addressed to prominent men and women, asking them to subscribe for the edition de luxe, of which there will be only 150 copies done in a style of the printer's and engraver's art that has never been approached in Utah. Each of these copies will be suitably numbered and autographed by the author, and while other editions will follow, the letter states, it is this rare and costly initial edition that will be the most expensive. If only for its distinction when the poem has become a world-wide accepted work of art.

A representative of the committee is in New York at present selecting the best and most elegant typographical articles and upon his return the copy will be in the hands of the printer. "Elias" will appear in its initial form within six months, and the committee urges a general response to its letter. As they point out, the work has occupied some of the best years of Bishop Whitney's life, and they desire to see that his labors receive an adequate reward.

The prospectus of the poem is, in part, as follows:

ELIAS—AN EPIC OF THE AGES.

Prospectus.

For who can stay the sunlike march of Truth?
Who dim with bloody hand her beam divine?
First shall he halt the progress of the stars—
The bright procession of the infinite;
But out the day-beam, dull the scythe of time,
Shearing wings, roll back eternal night;
And shake the moveless throne of destiny.

The year 1904 will be signalized by the publication of an epic poem pronounced by literary critics who have read it in manuscript worthy of a place alongside the poetic masterpieces of history. Reference is made to Bishop O. F. Whitney's sublime work "Elias," concerning which Utah and the country have already heard something, and are destined with the world at large, to hear more. Upon the original announcement of its completion, the Deseret News, in its issue of Jan. 10, 1903, referred to it as "an event in western literature," and the New York World, on the 25th of the same month, devoted two half columns to a description of the poem, which it declared was "pronounced by some authorities a most lofty and sublime literary gem." In addition to many other encomiums, voiced in private by persons who have heard the author's public readings of the poem, the New Year's issue of the Salt Lake Herald gave it a full page, and gave in its editorial page to an appreciation of Bishop Whitney's masterly work, by H. L. A. Culmer, artist and critic, under the caption "An Epic Poem of America and the West." In the beginning of his article Mr. Culmer said:

"A Utah poet has produced a great work. A man born in this city, and whose life purposes and ambitions are all identified with those of this state and its communities, has completed a poem which will rank among the finest of all literature. After a careful study of its merits, I do not hesitate, in calmness and deliberation, to compare 'Elias' with Dante's 'Divine Comedy' or Milton's 'Paradise Lost.' It would be impossible here to go far into the suspended subject of the poem, for it deals with the 'Arcana of the Infinite,' the beginnings of thought, through all the mystic ages of mind, ancient times, through the schools of philosophy and religion, whether now true or false, lifting in epochs of illumination and groveling through the dark ages, through periods when the torch burned brightly and centuries when the flame flickered low, passing with steady measure through the mazes of earliest idea into the open field of modern thought."

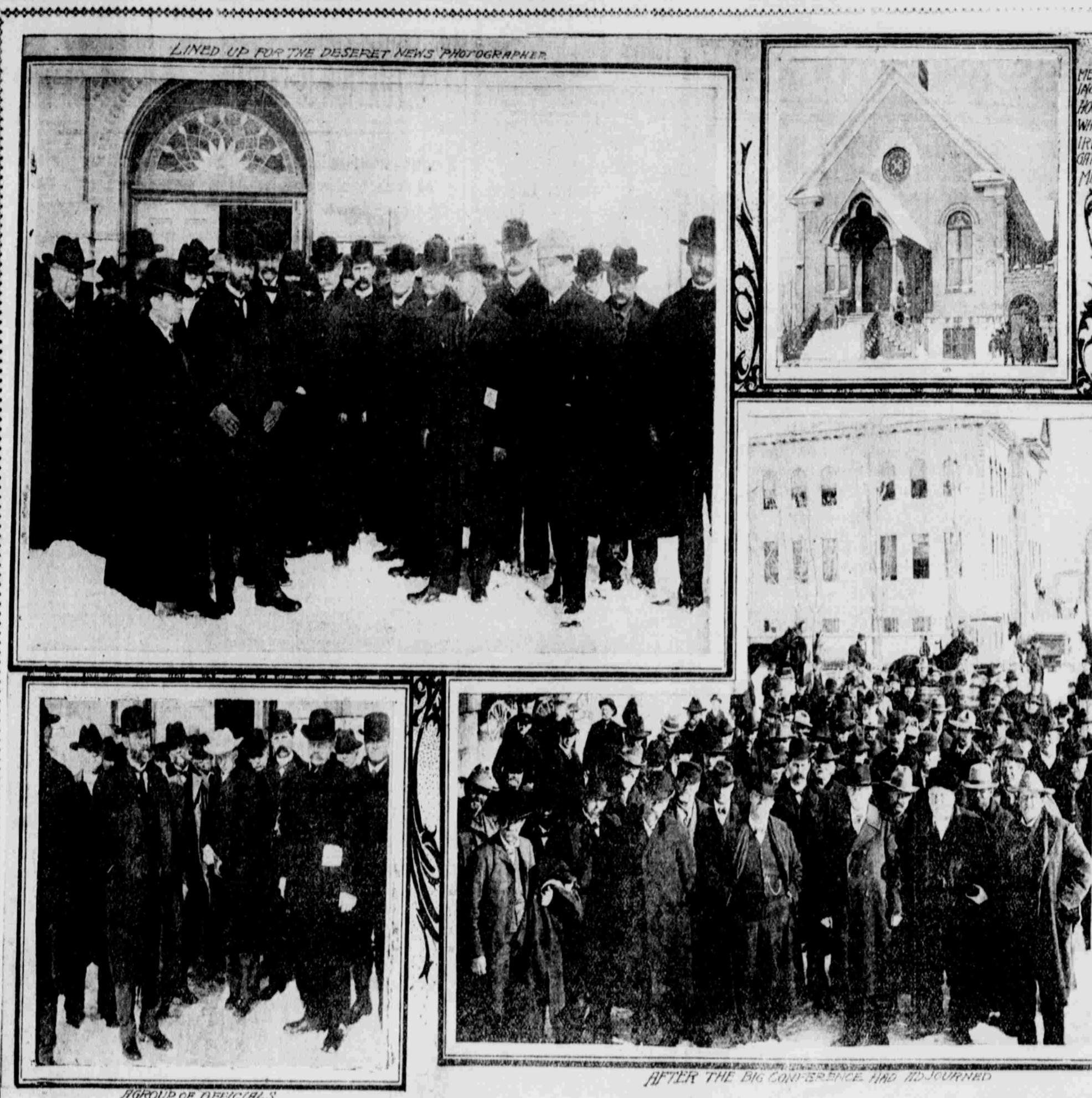
"Whatever merit there is in Mr. Whitney's poem in common with other epics, it has this distinctive feature, that it is distinctly American and, more than that, it is an epic of western America. Therefore, if the poem lives, as I believe it must, it will be identified in the annals of literature with western American culture; and that is something which we here must not forget. Germany never speaks of her literature without reference to Goethe, Italy forgets not Dante, England remembers Milton, let us not forget Whitman, because, versa per versa, thought for thought, motive for motive and theme for theme, they will bear comparison on every issue."

The aim of the poem is to point out those manifestations of the Divine intended to portray those impulses of human enterprise, which have been responsible for ages for the progress of the race toward civilization. It does not end with earth's redemption and ultimate glorification, but also with those events and events leading up to and having these greater ends as their desired consummation. The treatment of the Christ theme, both in its pre-existence and the earthly phases, involving the conflict in heaven before time, was the conflict of Messiah and the rebellion of Lucifer, is supplied only by the sacred and semi-holy story of man upon the eastern and eventually the western hemisphere, to which the action of the mighty drama is transferred with the discovery of America and the

A WOMAN'S COMPLEXION.

It is rank foolishness to attempt to remove sallowness or greenishness of the skin by the use of cosmetics, or "local" treatment, as advocated by the "beauty doctors." The only safe and sure way for a woman to improve her complexion is by purifying and enriching the blood, which can only be accomplished by taking the liver healthy and active. The "liver" is the seat of disease and blood pollution. A strong August Flower acts directly on the liver, cleanses and enriches the blood, purifies the complexion. It also cures constipation, biliousness, nervousness, and induces refreshing sleep. A single bottle of August Flower has been known to cure the most pronounced and distressing cases of dyspepsia and indigestion. New trial size bottle, 25 cents; regular size, 75 cents. At all druggists.

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DESERET NEWS SNAPSHOTS OF THE BIG EAST JORDAN IRRIGATION CONFERENCE ON WEDNESDAY.

PROMINENT in the foreground of the pictures comprising this group, are the leading irrigators of this section—men who have made the application of water to the thirsty land a practical study; who know the needs of Salt Lake City and valley, and who made possible the agreement that was reached on Wednesday last, when it was decided to merge all interests and call upon Congress for the money necessary to make the Utah Lake project the certain success it can be made. The reader will have little difficulty in recognizing the faces of many of the more prominent officials and citizens who stood up before the "News" photographer after the meeting had terminated. Chief among them are Government Hydrographer Newell, Prof. Geo. L. Swendsen, State Engineer Doremus, Col. E. F. Holmes, City Engineer Kelsey, President Angus M. Cannon, Mayor Roylance of Provo, State Engineer Ross of Idaho, George C. Lambert, John C. Mackey, President Hewlett of the City Council, Councilman Davis and many others.

founding of the great modern republic.

God's direct dealings with men through prophets and apostles, and His indirect dealings, through kings, conquerors, poets, philosophers, reformers, inventors and the like, all made parts of the far-reaching plan; and the history of the Church of Christ in various Gospel dispensations are set forth in bold relief and along luminous lines, the whole forming a poetic, prophetic and historical scheme, which for comprehensiveness and sublimity has few parallels. Even the mighty epic "Paradise Lost," unapproachable in some of its phases, is left behind in the suspenseful subject of the poem, which it declared was "pronounced by some authorities a most lofty and sublime literary gem." In addition to many other encomiums, voiced in private by persons who have heard the author's public readings of the poem, the New Year's issue of the Salt Lake Herald gave it a full page, and gave in its editorial page to an appreciation of Bishop Whitney's masterly work, by H. L. A. Culmer, artist and critic, under the caption "An Epic Poem of America and the West." In the beginning of his article Mr. Culmer said:

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Mr. Southwick will be assisted by Mrs. A. D. Melvin, soprano.

Charles Stringfellow Has a Bad Fall And is Much Hurt.

DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT

As the result of a fall down an elevator shaft, Charles Stringfellow, employed at the Consolidated Wagon and Machine company's place on State street, in a precarious condition at his home 124 east Sixth south street.

Mr. Stringfellow started to work, as usual at about 1:30 Thursday morning and at that hour the store was dark.

With the intention of going up stairs he climbed under the guard gate,

thinking the elevator was there. The instant he fell through space. The distance of the fall was from 18 to 20 feet.

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IN HONOR OF BURNS.

Scottish Bard Lovingly Remembered By His Countrymen.

Robert Burns, Scotland's immortal bard, was the guest of honor, so to speak, at an entertainment given last night in Electric Workers' hall, by the Thistle Social Club. The affair was in commemoration of the poet's natal day and was appropriately termed, "A Night With Burns," as the program was characteristically Scotch and brought forth some of the best efforts of the "Ayrshire laddie." The poet was paid eloquently tribute by David Murdoch, while others sang his praises as only admiring countrymen can, the whole making a pleasant evening. At 10 o'clock dancing began nearly all present dancing, the light fantastic till a late hour. The hall was profusely decorated in Scottish colors, there was good attendance and a picture of Burns was hung over the stage. The program rendered was as follows:

Song—"There Was a Lad, Was Born in Kyle".....Nelson quartet

Toast—"Thistle Club".....W. David Henderson

Song selected.....Mrs. Bessie Browning

Toast—"Toberth Burn".....David L. Murdoch

Violin solo—"Scottish Airs".....William S. Sheldon

Song selected.....William Russell

Song—"Bonnie Scotland".....James Hood

Song—"A' the Airt's the Wind Can Blow".....James P. Smith

Song—"Ma' Braw John Hielanman".....John Gibson

Recitation selected.....John James

Song—"Mary of Argyle".....Lizzie Nielson

Sailor hornpipe, in costume.

Skipping-rope dance.

HIGHLAND FLING AND SCOTCH REEL IN COSTUME.

Schottisch medley.....Nelson quartet

Tonight the Thistle club gives its entertainment in honor of Robert Burns.

An elaborate program of vocal and instrumental music and recitations has been prepared and the event promises to be a most satisfactory one.

The College Women's club will entertain at the home of Miss Mary Snyder next Friday in honor of the A. E. fraternity.

Mrs. M. A. Breden left for Ogden today to visit her sister, Mrs. Hurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Jeune left today for Los Angeles.

Mrs. John Reed will spend the next two weeks in Ogden visiting friends.

Newhall Oranges are the leaders. Ask for them.

Postum Coffee

used in its place will help the experiment.

Coffee

If you like to "Feel Fit as a Lord," and be able to "move things,"

TRY IT!

MRS. SOUTHWICK COMING.

Noted Reader to Appear at First Congregational Church.

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(Do you remember?)

The senate committee on military affairs reported favorably on the bill for the relief of General Fitz-John Porter, which had occupied most of the senate's time for months.

Miss Emily Faithfull delivered her lecture, "Modern Shams," at the Salt Lake Theater.

Schenck, the Vienna murderer, confessed to the murder of five girls in one week and had planned five others, including the entire family of Baroness Malenatti.

The crew of the Nisroo, numbering 25 men, having fallen into the hands

of the rajahs, was given up as dead. A Dutch expedition avenged the slaughter by destroying several of the rajahs' villages.

TEN YEARS AGO TODAY.

It was announced that a power plant would be built at Jordan Narrows.

John Beck, millionaire, entered suit against his former manager, A. E. Hyde, for an accounting of \$1,000,000 funds. Another suit filed by Beck charged Cushing and Powell, who secured a verdict against him in a breach of contract case, with having bribed a juror for \$200.

The financial panic in India was reflected locally by a slight flurry in the eastern money market.

FIVE YEARS AGO TODAY.

Clark of Iowa introduced a bill in Congress providing that no person living in, or practising polygamy, should hold a seat in either house.

John Daly, the Irish patriot, once condemned to life imprisonment for plotting to blow up the house of parliament, was elected mayor of Liverpool.

A tremendous ice bridge that spanned the Narara gorge just below the falls gave way while 100 persons were on it. Not a single life was lost, although every escape was miraculous.

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