

of God, appendent a di svil ev?". After sending a succession of prophets to the people, who were all slain by them, the Lord said, "What more could I have done for my vineyard, than I have done?" but he continued and said, "I have one Son, an only Son, I will send him, and it may be they will reverence my Son, but when the husbandmen saw him, they said, this is the heir, let us kill him and seize upon the inheritance." The question now arises, how did they know that he was the heir? By the same secret conviction that was in the breast of Herod, in the breast of Pontius Pilate, and in the breasts of the murderous Jews: and what is this secret influence that begets conviction? Ohrist was the true light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world; even His Spirit that knocketh at the door of every heart and beseeches admission. He was in the world, and the world was made by Him, and the world knew Him not, or rather the world would not know Him, because they chose darkness rather than light,-"ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." And so it is with this generation: they hate the "Mormons," while they are secretly fearful that they are the agents of the Almighty; they know that we are the heir, and hence their desire to cast upon us every odium in their power, and to forestall any favors that might otherwise be extended to us. They claim polygamy as one ground of their opposition to, and hatred of us; another reason they urge for their desire to destroy us, is our alleged opposition to the Government of the country. These are very plausible pretexts for enacting laws gainst us; but in reality, those who urge them most strongly care no more about them than I care about an Indian pow-wow. This is clearly proven by the corrupt and lewd actions of our would be wise men, of which they are guilty secretly and openly. Yet their popularity defies interference, and there is not virtue and integrity enough left in the Government, neither moral courage, to enact any laws against them; and if the "Mormons" denounced the Government with half the violence that many of our politicians do, there might be some cause of proceeding against us. But although we are outcasts, despised and hated, and compelled to bear the odium of a jealous and unbelieving world; the poor boy will succeed to the inheritance despite all the opposition of the world; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it; the kingdom and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heavens shall be given to the people of the saints of the most high, and by fires, floods and famine; by wars, pestilences, and earthquakes; by thunder and lightnings and by tempests, will the Lord plead with all nations, even unto atter destruction, if they cease not their hostility to the saints of the Most High God: even so ORSON HYDE. Amen. AN EXTINCT RACE - One of the most remarkable races that ever inhabited the earth is now extinct. They were known as the Gaunches and were the aborigines of the Canary Islands. In the sixteenth century, pestilence, slavery, and the cruelty of the Spaniards succeeded in totally exterminating them. They are described as having been gigantic in stature, but of a singufood consisted of parley, wheat, and goat's milk; and their agriculture was of the rudest kind. They had a religion which taught them of a future state of rewards and punishments after death and of good and evil spirits. They regarded the volcano of Teneriffe as a punishment for the bad. The bodies of their dead were carefully embalmed and deposited in catacombs, which still continue to be an object of curlosity to those who visit the island. Their marriage rites were very solemn, and before engaging in them, the brides were fattaned on milk. At the present day these strange people are totally extinct. Televis bolition (2) antilled tressfor

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with the President of the church, your-

self, and many others, and was highly

pleased with the various localities

through which we passed, likewise with

the kind reception with which we every

where met; yet I must say that I prefer

Sanpete as a grain growing district, and

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to any section that we visited; and I

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would prove that all are satisfied with

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more regret than all other losses and

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half of our men only have been permit-

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For some other States and Territories the Government has supplied arms and ammunition, provisions, &c., for the soldiers, and paid them for their services; but we have armed and equipped our own men, and have all been subject to roll-call every morning at sunrise during the whole season; have eaten our own grub, fought our own battles and paid our own soldiers. This has been a heavy draft upon our resources; added to which we have had our county and territorial taxes to meet, the hauling in of three hundred loads of freight from the upper Sevier, and the furnishin gof seventy-five horsemen as a guard for about three weeks time just at the beginning of our seeding. But, notwithstanding all this, if we can even now have peace we will in a short time recover, for, as the wound in a young and thrifty tree is soon healed over, so, by the blessing of peace, and the favor of heaven, Sanpete, in a short time will regain her standing financially; and increase and improvement again cheer the hearts of a people oppressed by cruel foe for the last three years; and her troubles be numbered with the things that are past. Heaven grant that this may be the case! of it is side Why is it that savages, civilized and

so called enlightened tribes and nations, contrive every scheme in their power to destroy the Saints of God? I can answer the question but in one way-If I were living in a stately mansion with snrroundings corresponding in style and extent with my place of abode, with all the appendages and paraphernalia of an earthly prince, and should see a poor boy without home and friends,-an outcast and forlorn, whose presence and actions inspired me with the secret belief that he was the real heir to all my vast estate, and, that if let alone, and permitted to gain friends, he would eventually dispossess me and obtain the estate; and if I were a selfish man, possessing the spirit of this world regardless of justice and right, would I not naturally heap upon the poor boy all the odium in my power, and would I not exert myself to larly mild and gentle nature. Their the utmost to forestall any favors that might otherwise be extended to him. No person, whose history has reached us, was a greater unbeliever in the mission of Christ into the world, than Herod; yet at the birth of this distinguished personage, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Why was he troubled? because he was impressed with a secret power or influence that He was the heir, hence in his stubborn unbelief he caused the murder of all the male children in the region, with the hope that thereby the Son of the virgin might be destroyed. This secret conviction of that ungodly ruler that Jesu boldargeter ent that wi

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