in the wilderness. O God receive my A CHRISTMAS REVERIE. of the moos, must not expect to blaze with Bruce were compelled to seek shelter in the drinking, relaxation and rollicking merritains of San Juan County loom up, almos EVENING NEWS. the matchless splender of the sun. ountains, in caves and morasses. ment hurry away the hours till the midnight at the limit of vision, in a southeasterly Behold a woman ! On her queenly brow The officer gave the soldiers the signa The person who was thrust into Mr. Every Gospel dispensation is a specia himes proclaim the close of Christmas direction; an unbroken succession of to fire. Mr. Bruce glanced calmly at them time to try men's souls. To serve God and mountain tops stretches away to the north Bruce's living was named McDuff, a coarse A crown of stars, twelve gems of glory shine. day, when "the best of friends must part," and amid God bless you's and Happy New sacrifice the world, to forsake all and follow and south, till some huge peak, towering and brutal highlander. The church was de Their hearts were moved, and tears were Her manile is the sun ; beneath her feet) Dec. 24, 1886 Friday serted, the people refusing to attend, and streaming from their eyes. Not one would Years, the parting guests carry with them the Lord of life, to choose good and reject above his fellows, hides all beyond-The moon's pale lustre beams. Fair as the more occasionally the soldiers were employed to obey the order. She looketh forth, sublime, yet terrible evil, to practice virtue and shun vice, to those feelings of friendship and affection The road which approaches from the herd them into the building, otherwise it The officer snatched a carbine from love those who hate in return, to pray for As army wielding banners. Who is she? which are the strongest ties that bind. SYMPOSIUN south, though over steep hills, is compara them and discharged its contents into the The Bride, the Lamb's wife, waiting for her Lord ould have been entirely empty." those who persecute and betray, to stand tively easy to travel until the lake is The time for Christmas gifts and Christ reast of the good man, who fell to th The curates were assisted by numero unmoved amidst the taunts and jeers nas charity is generally on Boxing Day." "Tis Time's merudian, Farth's noon of life, reached. Then for about four miles it pass spies, who professed great friendship for fibor of the cave and immediate and hostile efforts of the wicked, and That is the day after Christmas proper, un through a grove of timber along the wester And God, the Father and the Son, doth dwell Its being now far past midsight, upon that he people and thus ingratiated themselves less Christmas, as this year, comes on Saturif needful lay down life itself in the cause In flesh, below all cise descended ; Word shore, where the ground is literally strewn into their confidence. Two were placed at Christmas morning the spirit of a genuin lay, when Boxing Day is kept on the fol. of Truth and Righteousness; such are the with boulders, making travel exceedingly That was with God, was God, and is for aye ; lowing Monday. A present then is called a grand tests required in all ages of the the disposal of McDuff. On their informahero and martyr took its flight to the realm difficult. There an excellent camping ground Christmas Contributions to In glory with the Father ere the world, tion people were arrested. "In that day of peace, where the just intelligences "Christmas box." This term arises from Saints of the Most High. Delved like precs reached, with timber, water, grass and And yet with Him to reign forevermore the "News" Columns. cious ore from the pits of obscurity, puri-Presbyterianism was termed sedition," as the custom of sending a box of clothing or dwell. Himself the Father. Spirit all sume nany varieties of flowering plants in abun Mormonism" is designated in Maker of worlds all numberless below, fied as gold in the fires of affliction, burn visions to the poor and gifts of jewels or ance, and for several miles farther on the other costly goods in a caskel. Instead of shouting "Christmas gift!" the youngsters mered on the anvils of hardship and oppres And Sire of spirit millions waiting still oad is almost as smooth and level as a Mr. Bruce and his family traveled from YOUNG IMPROBABILITIES. In primal sphere, the first probation; son carriage drive. Here are crossed streams place to place. He and his son spent much cry out, "Christmas box !" Presents are sion, stamped by the dies of sorrow and Prose, Poetry, Sentiment Of God, because of flesh, He doeth o'er of clear, of their time in a cave, close to the Ayr, and made by members of a family to each other suffering with the image and superscription and Humor. All He hath seen, erstwhile, the Father do COLD, SPARKLING WATER. the peasantry, who were much devoted to and to immediate relatives and friends. of Deity, and rung like suspected coins on Astronomical Deductions and which merge from under the huge masses the exiled minister, carried food to them. Poor relations look for substantial Christ the counters of the Exchanger, ere they are O'er Him the world doth marvel. Some c'en say has boxes from their rich kins. accepted as legal tenders of the Government of snow and ice in the ravines, and dashing Peculiarities. Elias, slaun of Herod, lives again ; In this way four years were passed. One By Well Known Local Writers. And some say Jeremias. Vain their fear ' 'Tis Christ, the Lamb of God, for sinners slain down the rocky glens and over precipices, night Mr. Bruce was preaching in the woods men. Employers make presents to their em. of God and numbered among the treasures to a number of peasants, when a troop of each the placid lake within a mile of the oloyes. No firm, household or establishment of His realm. Enough to Silence if Not Convince soldiers, who had been notified of the meet-From Earth's inception / Lord of Endless Life, . Well has it been said by Zion's poetess place whence they issued forth. of any repute fails to reward its faithful Foredoomed to die that man fore'er might live ; "It is no trifling thing to be a Saint." It is The greatest depth of the lake has never ing by apostate spies, made their appearservants on Boxing Day. In rural districts CHRISTMAS IN ENGLAND. the aged men and women who are past the an arduous, iron handed reality. But arbeen ascertained, though at a point about ance. The worshippers fled to a morass, The Greater One, Elias said should come, I used to study astronomy. One can years of toil are made glad by gifts of fian- duous as at is, it is not impossible. God half way across to the opposite side from into which the soldiers could not follow. Nor he alone, bright herald of the Morn, Holly oh ! and mistletoe ! This is the cr study astronomy a great deal and nel and various articles of wearing apparel, does not require impossibilities of any one. the camping place referred to, soundings The commanding officer directed the But holy prophets all, since Time began ; in the streets, resounding from lasty throats learn but very little, especially if h also tea and wine or a package of tobacco. "What man has done, man can do." What showed it to be 168 feet deep. On the east troops to fire, which they did, and several of A King without a kingdom, of this earth, studies it as I did. It is an inexhau tible field of exploration, those who a that reminds the denizens of English towns Blankets and wraps are distributed to the woman has achieved, woman can again ac cide the mountains come down to the Though Ruler over countless realms above the people were hurt. Mrs. Bruce was of the near approach of Christmas. Every water's edge, but on the west a natural mortally wounded. The was caught, as she omplish. It was a hard trial for Abraham empt to cover any considerable pay of it with a digestive survey, given And there are Twelve that stand His face before, indigent, and in the workhouses the pauhouse must have its bunches of green holly levee, which looks as though it were thrown was falling, in the arms of her husband. to offer up his only son, but his faith was And witness bear of Him in all the world with its varnished, prickly leaves and bright red berries, and at least one good pers receive a double allowance. out a long while before the subjection of the su Boxing Day is almost as much of a holi- equal to the test, and his willingness to up by the hands of men instead of the ac-Before she expired she told him and her The heralds of a Kingdom yet to come, day as Christmas except with the shop. comply with the divine requisition was ac- tion of the water, keeps the lake within grief-stricken children not to grieve on acspray of pale-berried mistletoe. Without Which none can see, save they be born again ; ause of my devoting some fittle th keepers. At night the new pantomines are counted to him for righteousness. Was it bounds. count of her death, as she would meet them to it was an inherent and unconquer these to decorate the during and drawing Yea, none can enter in, save by the womb The outlet to this body of water is at its again in a world where sorrow would never brought out at the theatres, which are not a trial for Almighty God to offer his Only rooms of the well-to-do, and the "living able propensity to be engaged in some Of waters, and the Spirit's holy birth. crammed from gallery to pit and are often | Begotten Son for the sins) of a fallentworld? north end, where in the summer it disturb them. hing that there is no money in; s room" of the artisan or cottager, Christmas Twelve stars that circle round their central sun, a scene of noise and disorder during the Yet the sacrifice was, made, and a world's fills the channel of about twenty feet in when I dropped it i went into journal After the feelings of the mourners were would not be Christmas. Lesser, though great, in glory's demament opening play, the audience being im- salvation was the result. Wall not the sons width to a depth of about two feet. sm and have been there ever o far subdued as to consider what was best And Him withdrawn, reflecting radiance far There are some things in the science of the upper deep that an ordinar and some extraordinary people canne Among other tokens of the coming Along the course of the stream are to be done, the question as to where the patient for the spectacular diversion, and daughters of God do as He has done, so Of Gospel light o'er all the guilty world ; of the great Christian holiday are number of smaller lakes bordered by with the tricks of clown and pantaloon, far as lies in their power? Will not Abragood woman should be buried was dis-A woold that floveth darkness, loathing light grocer's windows marvellously of harlequin and columbine, the mechani ham's children "do the works of Abraham," verdant meadows. The creek winds its cussed. Some of the peasantry proposed take into their mental reservoirs at Of that great witness, which again must go adorned with pudding materials and "sweetstuff," surrounded by ornaments of cal effects and the gorgeous unfoldings of and thereby prove the truth of their noble way to the nearest village and retain. The fact that day and n gh To every nation ere the end ; a world come along in their regular orde lineage? This generation must live by turning into a steep and rugged cafion, have it interred in the churchyard. tea-caddy lead and fancy papers, and lit up the transformation scenes, alive with fairies Whose red hands reek with blood of innocence, without ascertaining the why an Andrew, now a young man, said," No ;there with innumerable, Christmas candles, reand radiant with changing illuminations. faith, and the day is coming when their "The cataract strong With righteous blood, of Prophets, Priests and Kings, wherefore, is as far as the majorit Then plunges along, Striking and raging, s no need of pomp or ceremony. It matflected in the looking glass enclosures, and The boys of the towns do not consider their faith will be tested to the uttermost. God From Abel anto Christ, whose martyr souls care about going. Their ignorance will have a tried people, and even as the arters not where mother is buried. Let us in Cry, night and day, for vengeance on mankind. dressed up with artistic skill, till they are as Christmas fun complete unless they can "go blissful and they should for he dis As if a war waging ter her remains near the spot where she dazzling as a scene in a Christmas panter to the play" on Boxing night. morer tests, by pressure, the strength and Its caverns and rocks among." I spent half an hour to-day explain The sun hath set in blood, to rise again. was slain by the enemies of freedom." elasticity of the blade that he has formed, so mime. Then there are the toy-shops with Christmas in England is the holiday of t then flows in a southerly directi ing to an obtuse questioner that ther are five days of equal length in the And gild a brighter morrow ; and the stars This view was coincided in, and the body the Almighty will test the faith and endurtheir wealth of wondrous devices for juvenalong the base of the Thousand Lake Mounolidays. It is celebrated in every nook To earth have fallen, all save haply one, ance of the souls He has created. That tain, through Rabbit Valley, and being fed was buried in an adjacent glen, Mr. Bruce ile diverson and parental expenditure. The and corner, in palace and in prison, and in week; that there will be no length That through the night of ages sparkles en. himself performing the sad rites over the butcher's shops displaying marvellously fat all classes of society. Though originally a which will not bend must break, and that ing out till after Christmas, when eac by other mountain streams it increases and The Church, the Bride, defiled and mutilate, dead, in the presence of a few weeping which snaps in twain, or remains bent when "prize" beeves, sheep, calves and pigs, so religious celebration and now having religisucceeding day will be longer than it forms Fremont River, formerly called the Her lifeless body forn and trampled low, the pressure is withdrawn, will be accounted mourners, his own face being bathed in immediate predecessor till some tin huge and bulging with suct and other ous sanction, it is emmently a popular fes-Dirty Devil-a misnomer, for the water is in June. Like a lawyer with On engle wings, in spirit, flies afargreasy tissue as to make one wonder how tival in which religion certainly does not imperfect and discarded as a thing of little tears while he performed the service. - NE 1511 clear as crystal, except when rendered case, he knew better but couldn't prov Into the wilder ess, where, nourished still, Shortly after this tragic occurrence Mc the animals managed to stand up long dominate. Much excess no doubt draws worth. nuddy through heavy rains. She bides, of brighter, better day, the dawn-Duff and an o er named Dalziel were rid-Latter-day Saints! Candidates for celesenough to be stuffed for the slaughter. great evils in its train. It brings a harvest The lake was first visited by white men i Another unscientific person refuse. ing across t country, and accidentally Trimmed with all the tricks of the skillful for the doctor and grist to the police mill. tial glory | The day of final pressure is ap-to believe that both the days an 1849, when a party from Salt Lake City, who met Andrew. They did not know him, but, butcher's art, ornamented with parti colored It swells the list of "drunk and disorderly." proaching. Gird up your loins and prepare "BEHOLD THE BRIDE, ROOM COMES ! ZION, STISU ! nights are slowly but surely gettin were exploring the country, passed that as was usual in those times, stopped him ribbons, gay rosettes and chains of linked It has an odor of dissipation and a sound of for it. A day that shall cause the coward's way. In later years it has become onger. It does look a little too toug The shadows lift, and o'er night's dusky beach and asked if he had taken the test oath to be masticated by anybody, but it knees to quake and the hand of the reprosausages, they are a feature of Christmas evelry. Rupple the white waves of morn. Wake, O World A FAVORITE PLACE acknowledging the king as the spiritual a fact all the same. The proof? The considered essential to its proper celebra bate to tremble. A day that shall tear the But the good of the holiday far outweighs head of the Church. He answered, "No." gravely globe, so-called, on which we exist for a season and then be good by a to be to, is not a globat all, but an oblate spheroid; it must a close to be at all, but an oblate spheroid; it must all the spheroid is the spheroid of mask from the face of the hypocrite, and for a "summer's out," as, in addition to its Ocean of dispensations. Rivers, rills, tion. The poultry shops vie with the the evil, By many thousands of families it s spent in moderation. The gentle hard of lay bare the heart of the traitor. A day that natural beauty and the bountiful supply of Return unto your fount and reservoir! butchers' in their display of fine fowls, fat tharity touches the brow of the destitute will decide who is for the Lords and who fish it affords, wild game of various kinds "And ye that follow Rightcousness, and seek turkeys, great geese, rich game and birds of village. On the way he was accosted by a have been round once, but, like Blaine nerson who knew him, and in this manner it got flattened at the poies, though ne The Lord ! Look to the Rock whence ye were hewn, against Him. A time that will try men's abound in the neighboring hills, and all the various kinds, fixed up and decked out with and lights a gleam of hope and gratitude in Unto the hole and pit whence ye were digged? facilities for a good camping place are souls, and try thom to the core and sound flowers and streamers and sundry ornathe eves of the succored. Sundered hearts O House of Israel, look to Abraham, close at hand. his identity was discovered. He was through the same cause. When it was them to the depth. Let us prepare for it ments. are brought together. Estranged friends are econciled. Forgiveness takes the place of that it overtake us net as a thier placed, with a guard over him, in the church evolved out of the inscrutable dept And Sarah, she that have you ! For the Lord For many years the Indians held exclu-Then there are the jewelers, linen drap sive control there, but they have now given where his father had, in former years, so of ether denominated space, it was, a Will comfort Zion, comfort her waste places ; in the night, and overwhelm us ers', clothiers', crockery, glassware, fancy stern resentment. The flickering lamp of geology shows, a molten mass, hissin way. A few still come up from Rabbit often preached to his devoted flock. Her wilderness shall be as Eden fair, with the suddenness of its coming. goods and other shops, fairly aglow with with heat and clouded with vapor-that is, it gave forth sound and appear age is rekindled. The joyous laugh of childhood is evoked. Home, that sacred shrine Judgments that have been predicted He was asked to divulge his father's hid-Her desert like the garden of the Lord ; Valley to fish and hunt, among them being holiday attractions. And as for the public the "Old Fish Captain," who is not very far ing place, with the promise that if he told ance as soon as it had attracted to Joy and gladness shall be found therein, are at hand, but they will begin at the house houses, the gin shops, those traps for the of all the virtues, is made redolent with the his life would be spared and he himself would receive preferment. Andrew had no quantity of the fugitive atmos Thanksgiving and the voice of melody short of a hundred years of age, and whose unwary, they are ablaze with light and fragrance of affection. The blazing log upon of the Lord, and roll their thunders to the front teeth are worn down by biting fish-a glistening with mirrors, decanters, shining Prophetic theme, fulfilled in latter days, phere which must have been floating aimlessly through space the hearth finds a corresponding warmth in method followed by the savages in prefer faith in such promises and stoutly refused. ous will scarcely escape, but the wicked mugs and bottled cordials; raffles for geese When He that scattered Israel, doth again the heart of radiant hospitanty. And amid ence to throwing them out on the ground to McDuff suggested the application of torture, and ungodly are doomed to destruction. and turkeys, "free-and-easy" concerts and the ringing of church bells, the music of to create the necessary con His ancient fold recall, and gather in "Come out of her, My people, that ye be not die. There is a superstition, among the red but Dalziel favored persuasion first. He was other allurements to catch the "nimble six- carols and of chants, of merry song ditions for their production? a ma From every clime, and plant their pilgrim feet given till the following day, when if he still tion was imparted to it, since nothing partakers of her sins, and that ye receive men pence," draw crowds to drink, and "treat," and tripping instrument, the romps On Zion's mountain tops and Jewry's plams, and quarrel, and waste both time and of blushing youth, the jest and the not of her plagues; for her sins have BOUT & MONSTER continued obdurate torture and death would ever starts or stops itself, and as the The crowning dispensation, when all things being in the lake, and very few of them be the result. The feelings of Andrew durtendency of unenvironed liquids is money. The streets are crowded both with sentiment, the riddle and the joke, reached unto heaven, and God hath remem-

Elias shall restore ; from earth's four winds, From Heaven's remotest bound,; all things in Christ Before his last great coming ; here to reign

vehicles and pedestrians, and greetings of the indulgence and the laxity, the meetings "I wish you a merry Christmas," meet with and partings, and the backneyed sentiments places, and be not moved, resting your feet boat. In July, 1886, when a small steam- by the reader.

the regulation response: The same to y and many of 'em.' For a week before Christmas day the

nights are made melodious by the songs and y life. music of the "waits"-bands of roving sere naders, amateur and professional, some respectable, many disreputable and seeking the bounty of the benevolent in return for their midnight performances. On Christmas eve the whole night resounds with carols, such as,

"While shepherds watched their flocks by night,

All sie eping on the ground,"

and other seasonable and familiar ditties Money and good cheer reward the nocturnal vocalisis, often- until Bacchus knocks to all men." out Orpheus, and the early policema catches several hourse and helpless worms Steaming "egg hot" is the regulation in dulgence for those who are not tectotaler and the "compliments of the season" are tendered in a glass of the seductive compound. In the village churches the "quality folks" vie with each other in the decoration of the solemn interior with evergreens and appropriate mementoes. Baskets of game from country cousins give joy to relatives in town. The all-important pudding i boiling in the pot, and preparations for the greatest of all holidays occasions bustle and toil and anxiety and bibulation in every part of the land.

Christmas [|morning," which to comport with the traditional programme must be sharp and frosty, with a good crust of snow on the cake of the earth, or flakes gently falling to make it, is ushered in by the ringing of church chimes; as the "round" goes:

"Hark to the bonny Christ-church bells, one, two, three, four, five, six; "They sound so sweet, so wondrous greet, they sound so merrily, cherrily.

The wedding peal from tower and spire proclaims the opening of the festive day. "A merry Christmas!" or the more forma "Compliments of the season !" is the greet ing to everybody within speaking distance. The ale and wine and strong liquids begin to flow, but beer is the common drink, and barrels of "home brewed" are tapped which have been reserved for the day, and in the West of England, famed for its unrivalled breadcloth, cider and perry and; mead are the popular beverages. Hot elder wine is a common home-made cordial in many country places. All but total abstainers take something on Christmas day, and drinking ,"healths" takes the form of a sacred duty.

To go to the church in the' morning is a regulation custom of devout and would-bethought respectable folks, when the story of the divine babe in the manger is told in prosy tones or in fervid oratory, according to the ability of the vicar or curate, or priest or minister, and the choirs sing carols and anthems on the wondrous birth at Bethlehem Then the streets are alive with people in their "best bib and tucker," hurrying home or going to hospitable tables to partake of Christmas cheer. It is a time of grand family gatherings. The prodigal son returns to his father's house with the assurance that 'all shall be forgiven." Scattered members of the household come together from all points of the compass. The olive branch of peace gives healing balm to sundered friendships. The extremes of age and infancy meet and first and second childhood romp tegether.

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west are high mountains, over which not there is no east nor west, no north no at once paved the way for his fature to build the society of which we read, The cooking abilities of servants or house and in the nature of the trials they are f inexpressible loneliness seized him. He even a trail finds its way. south, no up and no down-reversed their decrees were often carried out in wives, as the case may be, have been put to advancement, to the height of which he whose God shall be the Lord? called to endure beforehand. was left alone in the world, and retired in the steam for me by saying that I would Fish Lake is a beautiful sheet of water drunken riotousness. One winter 350 clerthe severest test. The best table linen and Time rapidly rose. The Savior said to His disciples: "In my alone will tell. seven miles in length and about a mile and adness of spirit to his hiding place. make a good Methodist-"one gymen were ejected from their livings and In the economy of a mysterious service pantry and cutlery are brought forth them fellers that has a God without a half in average breadth. It is 9,000 feet Not long subsequent to the death of his In the meantime, as the years roll by Father's house are many mansions," "I go postates thrust into their places. The peo providence this man who, with others. from the press, and the tables creak under any body, parts or passions, and sits on top of a topless throne." Still, I have not changed my mind, and when above sea level, and on a calm day is person and daughter, he preached on Christthe Latter-day Saints have the greates o prepare a place for you," "that where I had been deprived the right to leave ple would not listen to them, but went int the weight of edibles. Roast beef is an es am there ye may be also." Paul writes: fectly smooth, scarcely a rigple being obmas Eve, in an isolated house. An aposthe mountains and glens to listen to the exhis native land, became the instrument cause for rejoicing in everything that scatial, whatever other viands may temp takes place, whether for or against them, knowing full well that the end in the hands of a just God of pro-pounding that bold measure, to punish tate who pretended to have repented, was last heard from he had not changed the there as a spy. He had gamed the confi-"There is a glory of the sun, and another servable. In the morning it spreads forth hortations of their old pastors. The people the appetite, roast goose, being a frequent glory of the moon, and another glory of the like draweth near, and that no weapon formed against Zion can prosper; and were forbidden to listen to their exiled by judicial sentence; which forerunner. And the plum pudding must the king AN IMMENSE MIRROR. ence for the people, by professions of changing about him when I left him stars. For one star differs from another ainisters, who were interdicted from ap come in, steaming hot, when previous the dethronement. resulted in riendship. After the dismissal of the meetwas his shirt. star in glory; so also is the resurrection of and on its bright surface are reflected the Charles, and the ushering in of a new roaching within twenty miles of their olespecially can they rejoice in the courses are over, and to te in the style must ing he followed Mr. Bruce to his hiding place-the cave previously referred to and factor in the economy of the heavens. the dead." The Prophet Joseph renders green wooded mountains and blue sky; nises of the Lord through His serlivings. The penalty for offering them have a halo of liquor alight around it and a place-the cave previously referred to-and Its velocity has been measured, vants to the effect, that as long as a majority of His Saints shall be found this plain and positive declaration still while in its clear waters can be seen, at a When Charles was in the glory of his succor in any shape, was death. sprig of holly stnck in the top thereof. reported to McDuff. Ten soldiers were with absolute accuracy, power, the colonists in Massachusetts majority of His Saints s were galling under the despotism of true and faithful, they sh more intelligible by a glorious de- great depth, lively trout darting hither and Military persecution succeeded, the sol Christmas in England without a plum. but ction of the celestial, terrestriby the people. When the posse approached the cave Mr. Bruce was praying. He was pleading for the liberation of his country. He also said: 'Father, forgive these many. He also said: ers being the judges and executioners. to the place with orders to dispatch the "pudding would be like Hamlet without the prevail over their enemies, and their bither; and on its bosom, when undigal and telestial worlds, of which turbed, are flocks of wild ducks, geese and enemies shall not have dominion over them. Y. M. horrible was the condition of affairs under Prince of Denmark. It is fearfully and wonderfully made. It contains sittle of the basis the sun, moon and stars "are written of as other waterfowl. this regime that the West [of Scotland was being typical." To whom, and of what was The mountains which hem in the lake on red with the blood of its people. Death was of an ordinary pudding. Stoned raisins, currants, canded peel and spice form its Christ speaking, when He said: "I go to either side do not equal in grandeur those faced with calm resignation and Chrischief constituents, with only flour enough prepare a place for you * * that of other parts of the range, especially in the tian fortitude. Licentiousness was met rugged cafions to the northward, but they with purity, until at last the heroes were the was during this darkest period of their Father, forgive those who are persecuting conditions it can do a little better, but WEIGHTING AN ELEPHANT WITHOUT colonial existence that relief came to "thoroughly mixed and mingled" with an speaking of the Celestial kingdom, the glory present many interesting features. Along victors and religious liberty was secured. the people who are seeking to follow in the SCALES.—An Indian writer relates an interesting anecdote concerning Shajee, this rate generally brings it along earthem through the changed condition of footsteps of Thy Son." At that instant the abundance of finely chopped suet. No fami. of the sun, the immediate presence of God, their base are level plateaus, broken by They resolutely refused to acknowledge the ly enough, sometimes a little too early affairs in England, which was brought for convenience. At this speed, it officer entered the cave and commanded the ly can do without it. The poorest of the the highest of all; and He addressed those ridges, on which, in summer, is an the father of the first ruling prince of spiritual supremacy of the civil power. about chicfly through the man who, with others, had been prevented from reaches our earth from the Polar Star in the brief space of 150 years, so that the Mahrattas of Hindostan, who lived comforting words to such as would follow In the midst of the revolutionary turmo thers to follow. They had heard his abundance of vegetation, providing a poor, all but the absolute destitute, contrive at about the beginning of the sevenin his footsteps, drink the bitter cup that He good grazing ground. Skirting these gathering to this land. petition to the Throne of Grace. James Bruce was ejected from his position that little twinkler is not quite so neighboring as it looks. If the most remote of the visible fixed to have a plum pudding at Christmas. Matteenth century. On one occasion a certain high official made a yow that he would distribute to the poor the weight of his own elephant in sliver History is fast repeating itself. The Mr. Bruce met them with a calm smil drank of, be baptized with the baptism He are forests of quakingasp and balsam, His farewell sermon to his flock was most rons pride themselves upon the super-excelolonists or pioneers of this Rocky affecting. He exhorted them not to re-The soldiers were struck with his noble apwas baptized with, serve him through good while farther up, among the snows, the lence of their special pudding; and an extra Mountain region came here that they too pearance, as they beheld his handsom stars were to be obliterated to-day, we nounce one item of their faith. "If you one is usually kept to slice up and give to and evil. report, be hated of all men for pine and fir thickly cover the ground. The might cojoy a greater degree of civil and religious liberty than was afforded (or rather our remote successors) money ; but the great difficulty that first presented itself was the mode of asthough careworn, countenance in the flick His name's sake, and in spite of mountains on the east side present a dark suffer now you will rejoice hereafter. Stand friends and rivals as proof of culinary skill would keep on seeing it right where it is for 100,000 years, though the tidings ering light of a small fire which he had in that particular line. The superstitious chains and dungeons, the fagot, green appearance, being covered with firm and you will leave the blessing of rethem in the places whence they came, certaining what this was: and all the and to find a haven of rest from the the scaffold or the rack, endure faithful bushes and timber. Those on the west are ligious liberty to posterity." It was with + count beforehand their months of happines lighted in his lonely hiding place. its destruction would be lurching learned and clever men of the court seem to have endeavored in vain to hand of persecution that was laid heavand unfinching to the end. They were aimmore rugged and in places are almost bare. great difficulty that he suppressed the out-"You have come to apprehend me," sai along toward us at the easy-going rate or good luck by the number of gifts of pudily upon them. They, like their Puriof 15,756,800,000 miles per day. If you want to make an unbeliever real mad, prove to him (which is easiing for the highest exaltation of which huward exhibition of emotion especially when he, "and take me to better lodgings," construct a machine of sufficient pow-er to weight the elephant. At length it is said that Shajee came forward and ding slices received from different donors. Fish Lake Mountains, as these are called, an brethren, attributed their deliverance to the overruing hand of a mer-ciful Providence; and after giving thanks to Him, and ded cating the land man intelligence is capable, and were rehe beheld the people in tears. My orders are to offer you the test oath Toasts follow the dinner around the fes rise 2,500 feet above the lake, the altitude of quired to "come up through great tribula- the highest point being 11,578 feet. From With his wife and two children, Andrew and if you refuse to take it to put you tival board, and then come various game v done, whether he thereafter believes suggested a plan, which was simple and yet ingenious in the highest degree. He caused the unwieldy animal to be tion," and wash their robes and make them being then a fine, manly boy of 13 years and death on the spot," said the officer. in which the young and old participate. these peaks, which are almost continually or not) that the sun is a great many thousands of miles nearer and themselves to His service, like white in the blood of the Lamb. "The mistletoe hangs in the castle hall" "Nay, then, is heaven so near? You are Mary a lovely girl of 11, he took a sorrowful covered with snow, and are but a couple of Those who strive for celestial honors hours' climb frem the warm shores of the leave of the place where so many happy them, they set to work as a united famgoing to send me to better lodgings, inindustries and wealth have accumulat-ed rapidly, while crime and vice are comparatively anknown to them; and their increasing numbers are being ad-ded to by a remarkable natural in-crease, as well as by a constant stream of immigration from abroad, of people of the same faith as themselves, all of and is pendant in some part of every house, us in winter than conducted along a stage specially made to us in winter than it is in summer; that if there are any people on the visible side of the moon, their heads point this way and when they look at the earth they look up as much as we do when we look at their planet; that our satellite is always fall-ing toward the earth but never lesit must certainly expect greater trials of their lake, sometimes over the inside of the big front years had been spent. They found a tem deed." door, and any lady who is caught under faith, must give stronger proofs of their "Take the test oath and save the expense A GRAND PANORAMA porary home with a farmer at Brae Side its charmed locality, must submit to be fidelity to principle than those who are sat- spreads out to the wondering gaze of he there being but two rooms in the house. of a shot." fied with the prospect of a lesser reward. who ventures there. An area of about 10,-"God is my witness I will never swea When persecution reached its highest and kissed by her captor. All is based upon and regulated by just merciful principles. Justice will not deny mercy, nor mercy defeat the ends of justice. Those whose desire is to twinkle like the stars cannot here is to the intervening country, which is twinkle like the stars cannot here is to be seen the hills and vales of Millard Coun-ty, with the intervening country, which is All is based upon and regulated by just 600 square miles is brought within view on a away my allegiance to the King of Kings, 1 will not submit to that which my conscience Blind man's buff, forfeits, twirl the trencher, hide and seek, contre dances and sening its mean distance from us; and then, perhaps, it will be safe to quit. It is all true, however, even if I am condemns. I will not connive at the en other innocent diversions are the order of the evening, with vocal and insirumental slavement of my country." twinkle like the stars, cannot hope to shine very mountainous; to the northeast the gallows. The Curates turned informers, the music, speeches, recitations, ghost stories "Have done," said the officer. with the radiance of the moon; and those rugged surface of a great portion of Emery pure examples of the former minister an indifferent judge of that article. tained the true weight of the ele phant and general jollity, and snap-dragon after which conduce to make them a con-"I have done. Lord Jesus forgive my ESSAY CAIGH. who are content to beam with the brightness County is visible; while the far away moun- being a reproach to them. Men like Mr. dark for the children. Further feasting, emies and be with the poor people I leave the first is the second with the second

pon the granite rock of Truth, with you and witty wishes, Christmas in England faith as a tower reaching to heaven. Then rowns each year with a halo of brightness may you stand firm and fearless, awaiting with and sends through society a thrill of heaven calm confidence the great and terrible day,

when all things that can be, will be shaken The country is better for it. Trade when the ocean like an angry lion shall tos stimulated. Money is circulated. People his mane [and ; roar; when, the solid globe are brought together in social intercourse shall shiver as an ague-stricken mortal That essential union which consists of the when the artillery of God's wrath shall sympathy and fraternal interest that draws thunderstrike the universe, and the sun sour to soul is promoted. And something of noon, and starry hosts of heaven shall trem the spirit breathed upon the world by the ble and retreat before the advance of the God-man who is the ever living Christ eternal Judge and King, who comes to cen comes down upon the many sincere cele demn the wicked for transgression, to re orators of his earthly birth, and the refrain ward the good for their integrity and en

of the angels resounds through the nation durance, and to reign in peace, power, and prompting the people to give heed to the righteousness from the rivers to the ends of oyful tidings: "Peace on earth, good will the earth.

TRYING TIMES. In the history of God's dealings with the A Lovely Spot Amid the Mountain numan family, from the earliest ages down

o the present, there have been what the oet has termed "times that tried men's uls." Epochs of war and controversy, "Thou, who wouldst see the lovely and the periods of excitement, when the evil pas-Mingled in harmony, 'on Nature's face, ions of men were fired to the commission Ascend our rocky mountains. Let thy foo of crime, and red-handed persecution ran Gall not with weariness; for on their tops riot throughout the fairest regions of the The beauty and the majesty of earth, earth; when the lurid torch was lit and the Spread wide beneath, shall make thee forget The steep and toilsome way."-BRYANT. murderous sword unsheathed in the name of religion; when law and order were It has been remarked that for extrem trampled under foot, covenants violated diversity of scenery and climate, the area contracts broken, human rights disregardembraced in the Territory of Utah is aled, governments disrupted and states and nost without a parallel. In "chilly, cold mpires rent asunder. Such were indeed December" can be found districts where the imes that tried men's souls, and demonweather is delightful as spring, and under a trated beyond a doubt who were the brave,

the true, the upright and honorable among and pleasant retreats that invite attention mankind. while many of the lofty peaks are perpetu But these are not the only trying times of ally covered with snow. human history. It is not simply during sea sons of bloodshed, anarchy and commotion

Wasatch range is the beautiful that the truth and integrity of men's char-LAKES AMONG THE HILLS. acters may be tested and proven. By no The Great Salt Lake rests in its basin 4,200 neans. Peace and prosperity are often feet above the ocean level. But at a much quite as effectual as tumult and adversity greater altitude, some of them as high a n solving the problem. Indeed, the whole 12,000 feet, in the very tops of the mounoutine of life, whether happiness or mistains, are lovely lakes, whose beauties and ery, hardship or ease, wealth or want, tur surroundings are almost unknown to the noil or tranquility, is one continuous test, dweller in the vales below. One of these extending from the cradle to the grave. Still, there are such things as special times however, whose attractiveness has made of trial, which come upon all who are privia resort for pleasure for hundreds of peo ple from the settlements for a considerable leged to tarry at any length in this mortal distance around, is known as Fish Lake. state, and every soul, particularly every The name itself is derived from the plen righteous soul, must some day meet and extiful supply of the finny tribe, especially a perience them. It is a notable character-

stic of divine economy that something in FINELY-FLAVORED SPECIES OF TROUT, not given for nothing, but from every indi which is found in its depths. The lake i vidual seeker after eternal happiness is exsituated near the southeast corner of Sevier acted a fitting proof of his or her worthicounty, close to, and even reaching over ness to attain the exaltation to which the border line into Piute County. To the they aspire. All tests are not alike.

They are as numerous as the sands of the sea-shore, and as varied as the natures and capacities of still farther to the west the valley of the those to whom they are applied. This is Sevier; while to the northeast is Castle recessary, for what would try one would Valley, in which is Castle Dale, the county not try another, and justice demands that seat of Emery County; and to the southeast the pressure be made equal and appropriabout twenty miles distant, is Rabbit Valate on all But differ as they may, in form, ley, where lie the settlements of Loa, Frequality, number and duration, they all have mont and Thurber, Piute County. the self-same object-the development of

The lake can only be approached from the the soul, its education and enlightenment north and south, the wagon roads from the its purification and preparation, if found Sevier through Grass Valley and that from worthy, for higher and better things here-Rabbit Valley converging and coming in iter. As already intimated, and as every from the latter direction, while at the op-Latter-day Saint believes, there is just as posite end are the routes to Castle Valley much variety in eternal rewards as is exand through Salina Cafion. To the east and hibited in the spirits of those who win them,

Sevier Stake Mutual Improvement Associa tion Conference was being held there, some of them were exceedingly fearful lest should be seized by the monster, and seemed elieved when such an event did not occur. In the winter season snow falls to a great father." lepth in the mountains around, and the ake itself becomes a sheet of ice. Though will do for you. at that time of the year it is almost impossi ble to reach the place, the weather opens op very early in the spring for such an altitude. The lake is a never-failing source of supply to provide irrigating water for the

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FISH LAKE.

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burning July sun" numberless are the coo

bered her iniquities !" Stand ye in holy have ever been induced to venture on it in a ing that anxious night may well be imagined

farming lands in the valley below. J. H. A.

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A STORY OF PAST RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION.

BY WHICH PRESENT CRUSADERS AND THEIR VICTIMS MIGHT PROFIT.

Historical facts which exhibit the dev ion of religious martyrs should be pre ot." served, that their memories 'may be vindicated and posterity benefited by their hernic axamples. In these perilous time

this advice should have great weight with the Latter-day Saints, who are the most ouspicuous champions of religious and olitical liberty of the age in which we live. The interest that will be taken, by future generations, in events now transpiring ma some extent be estimated by the avidity with which the relations of similar scene

nacted in past generations are perused. Some time ago there fell in the way of the writer an interesting little book of con siderable age. It was entitled "A Per secuted Family," being a simple narrative of incidents connected with the religious ersecutions which were conducted in Scot

land in the time of Charles the Second Not the least attractive feature of th whose tyranny produced that heroic class nown as the Scotch Covenanters.

Not having the book at hand, and only having once perused it. I will endeavor to give a succinct account of its contents from memory.

The Rev. James Bruce, was a tall your er's." man of handsome appearance and com manding presence. He had been educated n the University of Glasgow, was naturally meditative, and his chief aim of life was t conform in all his actions to the charac er of Christ.

He received a call, which he accepted, e minister of a church in a small village by the banks of the beautiful river Avr. He married a beautiful, tender-hearted lady,by whom he had two children. Andrew and Mary, both of whom the parents carefully educated, and also trained in the princ ples of morality and religion.

At this time Charles the Second, by advis west of the valley, or rather "pocket" in of his English and Irish ministers, which it is located, is Grass Valley, where Clarendon and Osmond, and latterly Laudthere are three flourishing settlements, and erdale, Secretary for Scotland, ordered the abolition of the motch Presbyteria Church and the introduction of the Epis copalian form of worship in Scotland; also the acknowledgment of the authority of the Bishops and the spiritual authority of the King.

The ministers and people, especially o the western part of the country, refused to submit. Burnet, Archbishop of Glasgow, and Sharpe, Primate of St. Andrews, seemed bent upon the destruction of all the non-conformists.

The Bishops were constituted courts They had the military at their command. No attention was paid to evidence, and

Next morning McDuff and Dalziel entered tiwas not in our case) there will be a the church and asked Andrew what his co ncrease or bulging out of the sub stance at that part of the circumference "My duty was so plain it required no dewhich is equi-distant from termini of the axis, the latter liberation. You may thrust your sword in this instance, being imaginary through my body, but I will not betray my as most people will say all that is here n contained is; hence a slight depres McDuff said: "We will see what torture sion at the poles, or points on the sur ace at which there is no revolutio Andrew looked at him with scorn and a How the earth got to be a member of the sun's retinue, 1 don't know, an the thumbkin without emotion. herefore won't tell; the presumption The guard held Andrew while the spy is that he was the nearest sun to ou

be gobular, so it was with our habita

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put on the thumbkin. At first he did not mother when the latter was evolve wince. As it tightened he writhed and and his attraction was so powerful changed color. Dalziel was about to say that between the straight top, when McDuff said: "Give it another were making for elsewhere, and the attractiveness of the source of light, comptomise was effected by means o which we don't follow the line an It was done, the crash of bones was heard

and the heroic lad swooned. Lest he might don't go to the sur, but pursue die without divulging the locality where his slightly elliptical orbit around him. A father could be found, the instrument was we go "swingin' round the circle" an taken off. When he regained consciousness revolving on our own axis, the sid

he was again asked to tell where his father "You may torture me to death; I wi Torture was again applied, with the same

eault. Dalziel told him, as he refused to take the test oath, the law condemned him to death. But he was still unmoved.

He was taken thence to a tree, under whose outspreading branches he and his We might understand how a proposi sister had often, played in childhood. The spy was to be the executioner. As the brave lad was about to be hanged like a dog, the air was pierced with a loud shreik. The figure of a young girl came flying toward the spot like a bird. It was Mary. She fell upon the neck of her belove brother. The scene was sufficiently pathtic to have melted the heart of a stone.

When Mary regained her breath she fell apon her knees and implored the cruel wretches to spare the life of her brother and offered to give her own for his. McDuff said that Andrew would be spared

on condition that she revealed the whereabouts of her father.

Andrew indignantly exclaimed: "Infam ous wretch; you [would have her save her brother's life at the expense of her fath-

Turning to Mary he said: "Do not lister o them, dear sister, but tell my father died with joy for him and for the religion and liberty of Scotland.".

Mary made another appeal and swooned Andrew offered a brief prayer for Scotland's liberty, and said, "O God receive my spirit." The rope was then adjusted around his neck and he was hanged. The body was cut down by parishioners and buried nder the elm tree.

Mary was taken to the house of a friend n a dying condition. Being fragile of constitution, the last terrible ordeal after many orrows and privations, proved too much

or the poor girl. When her father had heard of Andrew arrest he intended to deliver himself up, but he was prevailed upon not to do so by Mary, who said: "They will kill you both and then I will be left entirely alone in the world." She pleaded to be allowed to go and intercede for her brother, and he con-

ented with reluctance. On the night of the day on which his ser was legally murdered, Mr. Bruce, conducted by an intimate friend, visited the house where his daughter lay at the gates of death. He was given an opportunity to embrace her before she died. She expired within an hour after he entered the house. When her gentle spirit departed, a sense

With Truth and Righteousness, his counselors, With Justice for His throne, and Mercy for His sceptre. Nations all shall bow before; Peace spread her wings, and War his pinions fold, And Earth keep Sabbath rest a thousand years.

Behold a woman 1. On her queenly brow A crown of stars, twelve gems of glory shine. Her monthe is the sun ; beneath her feet The moon's pale lustre beams. Fair as the morn She looketh forth, sublime, yet terrible As army wielding banners. Who is she? ZION, THE LAMB'S WIFE, WAITING FOR HER LORD !

O. F. WHITNEY.

tented and happy, a growing and pros-A PARALLEL. HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

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The discovery and peopling of this

next to the solar centre is lighte which of course means day, the oth cas commenced; and the record, condde being in the condition of darknes or night; out in twelve hours the pos tions are reversed, that portion when day, revailed being immersed in th shades of night and vice versa. "But,"

the impatient reader (1 he has read thus far) may ask, "how do you propose to show that both day light are both gradually lengthening tion that one was being lengthened a the expense of the other was feasible but the other is absurd on its face." am coming to that. All these prelimi naries are necessary in order that th conclusion may be understood. Th depression at the prow of the might craft we are navigating the unfathom able sea of space upon, must be some-thing of a slight retardation, causing varing deflections of light at various times, corresponding with the aberrations of the earth; This act of King Charles, although of these aberrations are shown by ob servation and calculation to be the means of gradually shifting the centre magnitude to both England and Ameriof gravity, so that we are constantly slipping our bearings, the northern

erminus of our axis being quite a distance from where it was some thous ands of years ago; as we occupy that part of the hemisphere which is inland. ing toward the sun, it is easily seen

The state of society in England at that as the inclination increases we get a greater period of con-tinuous light and a correspond revolution. The religious element of the country, represented chiefly by two hostile factions, was so mixed and ingly elongated period of continuous darkness when our side of the mingled with the political issues of the earth is from the sun. Now do you nation as to hasten the pending crisis. see it? If you do, you may say that the a crisis that was destined to place whole proposition, however logical and scientifically accurate, is an ab-England in the front rank of liberty-

straction; that as a matter of fact there is no perception of nights except such ening of the days or nights except such as non-r with the seasons. It does is no perceptible diminution or length the time the royal mandate was issued look that way, I admit. But your obforbidding the salling of the vessel, servations are imperfect. There is not when Cromwell as much water in the ocean as there a popular leader in the Long Parliament. By the time hosonce was, but we do not discern the difference; a cup-full taken out of it and thrown on tilities were determined mind of Cromwell was partially the land decreases its volume so much, but the idiminution is imperceptible. So with the other propositiou. The pared for the herculean task before im, the greatness of which, however, he himself had not the faintest concepdays and nights are increasing in tion. He became so thoroughly imlength, but we are not sensible of it bued with the spirit of the work that we don't have to be; it don't concern

nature had adapted him to perform, us, nor will it our posterity for a great that he soon gained a reputation as many generations. The rate of in crease, as determined by close inspec military leader. The Puritanic ele ment was not slow to recognize the tion and careful computation, is lialf ability of their hero; and being strong second every hundred years. enough as a political party A person to whom I once stried through their representatives, sucexplain that space was illimitable-that the flight of lightning or of light itself, in a direct line for countless ceeded in passing what is known as the famous self-denying ordinance, a measure which forbade any member of billions of cycles, would find no stop ping place; that it was al shoreless ither House of Parliament from asuming command of the army, Crommless, unnavigable sea, in which well excepted. This stroke of

perous community As we, in effect, sustain precisely the same relation to the government of the + United States as the colonists did to continent, with the causes leading the English crown, so the same state ereto, were foreseen and written of things that troubled them afflict us centuries before the work of doing so The same spirit that prompted the crown of England to curtail their taining the account of this remarkable chartered rights, is shown towards us vent, declares it to be in keeping with in the efforts that are being made to he purposes and design of Almighty deprive us of the last vestige of the commonest rights of a free people. In 1507 a shipload of people moved namely, that of electing the custodians upon, as others had been before them, of our public funds. The spirit, too, were about to leave their native land to that prevailed upon King Charles to make their home in the New World, in prevent Englishmen from coming to the hope of enjoying a greater degree this land, has manifested itself of civil and religious liberty than the wards us in the flagrant attempts that other country at that time afforded. have been made to prevent our people Among that number was an obscure from landing upon these shores. nan named Oliver Cromwell Such an same spirit that prompted the perpeair of significance was given to the tration of one of the most inhuman acts sailing of this vessel, doubtless from that ever disgraced the name of Christhe fact that so many people for the tian-that of expatriating, during the same reason had salled previously for days of our intercolonial strife, and disthe same shores; that the Crown of persing among the territories of their the same shores; that the crown of England, deamed it expedient to stop further migrations; and, therefore, a royal mandate was issued forbidding the departure of the ship. each other for life, that same spirit comparatively small moment, was that prompted an outrage so infamous fraught with results of the greatest lurks in the breasts of our enemies towards us, and it has already manica. The act was not only arbitrary fested itself in an expressed desire to and even tyrannical in its character, but see our leading men imprisoned for it was inspired by the Evil One to life, and in the concocting of a wicked thwart, if possible, the design of scheme, under the color of a wicked scheme, under the color of law, to ef-Jehovah respecting the future of this fect their infamous purpose.

But as the hour of darkest trial brought relief to the struggling colothat time was fast maturing towards nists, through means of a civil war in which they themselves took no active part, who knows but what in like manner relief will come to us? Who shall say that that which has been predicted by modern as well as ancient prophets, and even by the Savior Himself on two different occasions to the ancient England in the front rank of fiberty-loving countries, as well as to afford a breathing spell to a long-suffering, struggling community. it is written, that all who will not take up the sword to fight against their neighbors must needs flee unto Zion found himself for safety? And who shall say that the Long mission of the Latter-day Saints not lits parallel in the life and ex-perience of our Pilgrim Fathers, has the in that as they became the founders of a nation, so the Pioneers prebecame the of these mountain valleys will yet be recognized as the founders of a new civilization that is destined to arise in this land? And that as the world from the very beginning has fought egainst and despised the means made use of by the Lord to bring about his purposes involving blessing, and at times liverance to certain portions of the they, human family, and even salvation to the world itself-who shall say, that the marriage system of the "Mormon" people, at which this whitewasned age revolts so much, and which the socalled intelligence of the age is so hotly arrayed against, will not yet be recogpolicy nized as the only sure basis on which