

cance, the most notable building being placed on an eminence in the central part of the city. Parley P. Pratt in his "Voice of Warning" calls this city "Otolum." (see page 136) All this has come to light since the coming forth of the Book of Mormon and bears it out in all its statements, of a people who once lived here and were destroyed by their enemies. The Book of Mormon teaches us that a people left Jerusalem six hundred years B. C., being led by the power of God to a land promised to them by Jacob when he said to Joseph, "The blessings of thy Father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills." (Gen. 49:26) There they received the blessings of God until they became a mighty people. They were divided unto two classes, the Nephites and Lamanites, the former the followers of Nephi, a Prophet of God, and the latter the followers of Laman who rebelled against God and His people. As long as the Nephites were obedient, their enemies, the Lamanites, had no power over them. But there came a time when they were disobedient and the enemy swept them from the land, and only the Lamanites remained to tell the story when Columbus discovered America in 1492.

When the glorious light of truth broke forth, and the history of this nation was brought to light by the wisdom of the Lord, we find that Satan and all his hosts set to work to overthrow what would be in after years a blessing to the people of God. Now in a way unknown to man's wisdom, which is foolishness in the sight of God. (1 Cor 3:19) man is from time to time a grieving with the teachings of that "abominable production of Joseph Smith" as they call it the Book of Mormon. Its teachings are being spread through the nations of the earth, and excepted by some as being one of the most scientific productions ever known; others of course pass a different judgment upon it, but God hath chosen the weak things of the earth to confound the wisdom of the wise, as it is again written: "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast Thou, O Lord, ordained strength because of thine enemies, that thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger." (Psalms 8:2.)

Our labors as ambassadors of truth, in proclaiming the revealed Gospel unto the people of this section of the Lords vineyard, gives us much pleasure, and much good is being done. Of late we have been laboring in Halifax Co., where we are visiting from house to house that we may aid in fulfilling the saying of Christ, "and this Gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world as a witness to all nations and then shall the end come." (Matt 24:14) Few receive, while many reject the teachings of the word of the Lord, as it is brought to their doors by the servant's of God. Those who are honest in heart are the ones who know the voice of the Gospel and heed its teachings, and they are being gathered out, "one of a city and two of a family," as fast as the Lord in His wisdom sees fit. We are working diligently for the spread of truth. And though we are persecuted and reviled for Christ's name's sake, we will reap our reward at some future time.

Yours Respectfully,

RUFUS DAY.

N. N. KIMBALL, JR.

NEWS NOTES.

The Deming, New Mexico, Head-light publisher for the benefit of young ladies who desire to take advantage of leap year a list of the eligible young men of the town who are said to be too bashful to propose marriage themselves.

The ten-year-old son of James Hixon of Cloverdale, Cal., found a dynamite cap and took it to his mother, who, to make sure that it was not dangerous, used a batpin to pick out the pin. The mother lost a thumb and the three first fingers of the right hand.

Edward Browne, an elderly Irishman of some means was found dead in bed in his room at Oakland, Cal., Sunday. The gas was turned partly on and the old man had undoubtedly been asphyxiated. He probably had turned on the gas by accident.

The Alaska newspapers are much agitated over the unlawful importation of liquor into the territory. One paper quotes the captain of the revenue cutter Wolcott as saying that the method of smuggling liquor from British Columbia ports has been abandoned, and it is now brought in by the regular passenger steamers from Puget sound.

The Fort Steele, Wyoming, correspondent of the Saratoga Sun, says: Our little town was thrown into quite an excitement Friday night. About midnight the family of a man by the name of Kelso, better known as Spider Kelly, was disturbed from profound slumber by what the female portion designated as "a man." Spider was in town playing craps, so Mrs. Kelso grabbed a six-shooter and shot the contents of it in the direction of the sounds. Then she ran to town for her husband. When they got back to the house and had made a light, they found Mrs. K. had killed one of Ed. Worthing's bull calves that had tried to get in some way to escape from the cold.

Sacramento county, Cal., which is as large as Rhode Island, has a population but of 45,000. Nearly 80,000 acres of her rich soil are under cultivation, and a failure of crops has never been recorded, as the county has the largest irrigation facilities of any in the state, and orchard and other products flourish with or without irrigation. More than 100,000,000 pounds of fruits were grown in the county in 1893, and large areas have come to bearing since. The acreage of the county is listed as follows: Orchards, deciduous, and orange, 20,000; grapes, wine and raisin, 10,000; berries, 1,000; vegetables, 50,000; potatoes, 20,000; beans, 7,000; hops, 2,000; alfalfa, 10,000; wheat, 80,000; barley, 60,000; hay, 70,000; corn, 7,500; oats, 1,000; grazing land, 140,000; un reclaimed swamp, 80,000.

When the section men on the railroad two or three miles north of Oceanide, Cal., went to work Saturday morning they discovered a strange man, apparently naked, and acting queerly, running about near the track. Constable Hunting was notified and drove to the spot in a wagon, ready to grapple with the supposed lunatic. He proved to be an unemployed man, who had been tramping along the track. He was a Canadian, but his name could

not be learned. He was in a terrible condition, his clothing having been burned off and his body badly scorched. Nothing could be learned from him except that he had made a camp at Los Angeles Junction and built a fire. He awoke during the night to find that his clothing was on fire, and in his frantic efforts to extinguish the flames only burned himself worse, as a brisk breeze was blowing at the time. He suffered horrible pain, and was unconscious for a time. When the constable reached him he was almost exhausted, and was wandering about half dazed. The man had a narrow escape from death, and may yet succumb.

There was almost a riot in front of the Los Angeles, Cal., police station Sunday night on account of the arrest of J. R. Rice, the cowboy street preacher, and his wife, who held forth in Salt Lake a few months ago, and had some trouble here. Saturday evening Mrs. Rice was preaching on Spring street and attracted a crowd which blockaded the sidewalk so that pedestrians could not pass and certain stores could not be entered by Saturday night shoppers. Business men complained to the police, who requested the female preacher to move to a side street. She refused and consequently was arrested and locked up for the night, as she refused to accept bail before Sunday morning. Sunday evening her husband began a harangue on Spring street again, consisting principally of a tirade against the morning papers, which had "roasted" him and his spouse. He was challenging the reporters to fight and asking the crowd to contribute the sinews of war, when Police Sergeant Morton told him that he would not be permitted to blockade the street for that sort of a harangue. Rice immediately desisted, but his wife mounted a dry goods box and began preaching. The crowd was so dense that pedestrians and even street cars could scarcely pass. Rice said it was not his meeting but Mrs. Rice's. She was requested to adjourn to a less public place. She refused and was again arrested. A crowd followed to the police station and blocked the street in front of the station, several hooting and yelling. Finally Rice, with a band of religious followers, began marching up and down the street in front of the station, singing hymns. This continued until police commissioner Barbour appeared on the scene and ordered Sergeant Morton to arrest Rice and disperse the mob. Rice was jailed and a squad of police charged the crowd to clear the streets. Some fanatics resisted and half a dozen or more were arrested. When the crowd saw that the police meant business it melted away and by 11 p.m. order was restored. Mrs. Rice was released on bail about midnight, so she could go home to her babies, but Rice spent the night in jail.

CONSTANTINOPILE, Feb. 10.—The United States minister, Mr. Alexander W. Terrell, is using his influence with the Turkish government in order to procure the necessary escort and protection to Miss Clara Barton, president of the American Red Cross society, and her assistants, while they are distributing relief to the suffering Armenians.