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The Candelaria meteor

An account of the wonderful phenomenon by an eyewitness

Last Thursday night the people of Candelaria were startled by a dazzling flash of light. It lit up the town and surrounding country as light as day with a changeable blue and white light which was so different from lightning or fire that all who had their curtains up rushed to the street to ascertain the cause. Some were clad in their night robes, but in their excitement they felt as well-dressed as those who had not retired.

The sky was perfectly clear and the stars stood out in the frosty night like diamonds.

As the afrighted people were beginning to recover from their surprise a terrible explosion occurred in the upper regions. This brought everyone to the street and each asked his equally bewildered neighbor for an explanation.

The explosion was followed for three or four minutes by a terrible ripping and hissing noise and the afrighted people expected to see the very sky with its bright stars come down on their heads.

It is safe to say that the stoutest heart felt a tremor at this most wonderful phenomena. Those who were on the street at the time are unable to state anything as the direction of the meteor, but by questioning as to where the noise seemed to begin and end we think it went from Northwest to Southeast.

The explosion sounded a little north of our zenith and as the time from the flash till the explosion was 30 seconds, it must have burst within six miles of us. Parties have been out, but found nothing. We want it to complete Nevada's exhibit at the fair.