

nances be so changed as to require those who follow gardening for a business, and who desire to peddle their products from house to house in the city, be required to pay a peddlers' license for such privilege, was referred to the attorney.

Wantland is accused of introducing the following with a view to carrying political favor:

Whereas, Prominent citizens of the city in mass meeting assembled, have requested this council to reduce the salaries of city officers, and

Whereas, Said petitioners are supposed to represent the majority of the taxpayers and voters of the city,

Resolved, That the city attorney be requested to prepare an ordinance reducing salaries 25 per cent, said reduction to take effect January 1, 1894.

No action was taken on the resolution, and the Council adjourned.

### WATERS OF THE RIO GRANDE.

Governor Thornton of New Mexico has called a mass convention of residents of New Mexico, Arizona, Western Texas and the state of Chihuahua, Old Mexico, to meet in Deming, N. M., on Tuesday, November 7th, to consider some important questions of irrigation. One is in regard to the construction of reservoirs to store the waste waters of the river; the other is thus stated by the governor in his proclamation:

Whereas, Large quantities of the water of said river which have for many years been appropriated and used by the citizens residing in the valley thereof, south of Albuquerque, for the purposes of irrigation, and upon the continual use of which depends the life and prosperity of the community, has been wrongfully appropriated and diverted to other uses by the residents near the headwaters of said stream, in Colorado, thus causing a water famine in the lower valley, which from year to year grows greater, until the agricultural interests are imminent danger of destruction unless such diversion be checked.

The main question before the convention say the *Denver News*, will be that of interstate water rights, and it may be added, international water rights as well since the residents of Old Mexico, in the Rio Grande valley, use the waters of that stream for irrigation purposes.

It is a historical fact which cannot be denied that the waters of the Rio Grande were used for irrigation by residents of New Mexico from 100 to 200 years before Colorado was settled, or became a territory. New Mexicans must be acknowledged to be the original appropriators of the waters of that river. Their claim is that the use of the water by residents of San Luis valley, in this state, is destroying their rights.

The *News* is not disposed to admit this proposition. It is true that there are thousands of acres irrigated from the Rio Grande and its tributaries in the San Luis valley. But every inch of water used in the San Luis valley—save that lost by evaporation—flows its way back into the river and flows southward through the Espanola canyon to be used again in the lower valley. The difference in the volume of water in the river is not due to irriga-

tion in the San Luis valley, but to quite another cause, and that is the cutting off of timber about the headwaters of that stream.

It is a fact that the volume of water in all the Rocky mountain streams has been reduced, and it is especially true of the Platte, the Arkansas and the Rio Grande and their tributary streams. They are lower in the dry months and subject to greater floods in spring time; but the general flow of the year is less. The cause is plain. The snowbanks which formerly lay on the mountains until August are now gone early in July. They melt away quickly instead of gradually, as was the case when heavy timber covered the mountains. If every ditch in the San Luis valley were shut off the *News* does not believe there would be any difference in the volume of the Rio Grande at Albuquerque, Las Cruces or El Paso. The real trouble is with the original source of supply, not with the ditches of the San Luis valley.

### IN THE BRITISH MISSION.

*Millennial Star*, Oct. 9.

Elder Henry Harker has been honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Nottingham conference, to return home, October 14.

Elder A. C. Thorne has been honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the London conference, to return home, October 14.

Elder Charles F. Harris has been honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Norwich Conference to return home, October 14.

Elder Samuel Weston has been honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Leeds Conference to return home, October 14.

Elder Charles F. Longson has been honorably released from his labors as Traveling Elder in the Newcastle Conference to return home October 14.

Elder Henry Boyce has been honorably released from his labors as traveling Elder in the Liverpool conference, to return home October 14.

Elder W. J. Kelly has been honorably released from his labors as traveling Elder in the London conference, to return home October 14.

Elder Ira Williams has been honorably released from his labors as traveling Elder in the London conference, to return home October 14.

Elder Hugh McKay has been appointed to preside over the Irish conference.

Elders W. G. McAllister, George Y. Smith, A. Freebairn and P. S. Conole write from Banff, Scotland, as follows: "Since July 25 we have been laboring in northeast Scotland, about 250 miles from Glasgow, our headquarters. During that time we have distributed 2500 tracts, disposed of a number of Church works and held forty-five open-air meetings. The people have treated us kindly as a general rule, and our meetings have been fairly well attended. At times, however, opposition has been raised and on one occasion we had to call upon the police. Several professors of religion have called, Nicodemus-like, seeking private conversations on our belief. September 17, we were visited by a

Baptist elder and a deacon, who for two hours sought to convince us of our 'errors.' We are enjoying the best of health and rejoice in our labors, realizing with Paul, that while we plant and water, God will give the increase."

Elder J. D. Owen writes from London of the baptism and death of Fred. Everard. He was 80 years of age. He had been sick a long time and the Elders had visited him for eighteen months. He often said that as soon as he was able to walk he would be baptized. He, however, grew worse, and four weeks before his death decided to be baptized. The ceremony was performed and he then declared that it his Father desired to call him hence he was now ready to go. He departed this life September 17. Elder Owen relates an incident in Jarman's tirade against Mormonism that may be of interest. He says: "Jarman and three assistants held some meetings at Woolwich recently, where they sold much of their anti-Mormon literature. One of the local brethren secured some of our tracts, 'Jarman and the Mormons,' and distributed them among the crowd and explained some of the principles in which the Latter-day Saints believed. The crowd, seelie they had been imposed upon by this slanderer of truth, became enraged and proceeded to roughly handle Mr. Jarman. He and his accomplices were forced to flee into the shops for protection. Just before our meeting on Sunday, September 17, this same crowd assembled near our chapel, and exhibited a picture in which an alleged Danite was about to sever the head of a woman from her body, and they told the people that such was the treatment of the women who emigrated to Utah. The crowd became excited and our people feared some disturbance. We asked God for His guidance, opened our services, and enjoyed a most interesting meeting without any interruption whatever. Four souls were added to the Church last week."

Elders Farnsworth and Kerr, laboring in the Selby district of the Leeds conference, write: "We have tracted eight villages since the first of September, and have held ten open-air meetings, some of which have been well attended. We have sold a number of copies of the Book of Mormon and 'Voice of Warning,' and loaned many other Church works. Although we have met with much opposition several families are investigating the truth, and we trust the good seed sown will shortly bear fruit. While holding a meeting three miles from Selby we were interrupted by an old gentleman and his son who disputed with us on the principles of baptism. After it was over the old gentleman called a vote from the crowd as to who had advanced the best arguments, and the crowd voted unanimously in our favor. They were in sympathy with us, and we feel to praise the Lord for His goodness and mercy thus extended to us."

HERE COMES Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix of New York with the declaration that the recent parliament of religions in Chicago was "a masterpiece of satanic ingenuity, the baneful influence of which could not be overestimated."