

but in 1880 it had 204, therefore it has had a percentage increase of 79. Grand county comes next with 541. This is a new county. It did not exist in 1880. The county giving the highest per centage of increase is Emery. In 1880 it had 556, in 1890, 5,076, thus showing an increase percentage of 812.95. Uintah county has an increase of 245.68 per cent. The counties showing decrease are Beaver, Iron, Kane, Morgan, Tootie, and Washington.

The largest increase in urban population are found in Salt Lake City and Ogden, both of which have more than doubled their population since 1880. In 1880 Salt Lake had 20,768, in 1890, 44,843. Ogden had in 1880, 6,069, in 1890, 14,589.

There are eleven cities having each 2,000 inhabitants or more. Provo shows 5,159; Logan, 4,565; Park City, 2,850; Springville, 2,849; Mt. Pleasant, 2,254; Spanish Fork, 2,214; Brigham, 2,139; Payson, 2,135; and Nephi, 2,034.

THE CANADA PROBLEM.

A CHICAGO paper has solved the problem of Canadian opposition to annexation to the United States. It declares that as fast as couverts are made to the annexation scheme, they give a practical voucher for their change of heart by immediately emigrating across the line into the United States. Thus the Tory sentiment, while decreasing continually in relative popularity, is always in the majority.

This is told as a joke, but it looks like a fact nevertheless. English papers, in their criticisms upon the management of Canada's relations with the United States, have long ago called attention to the stream of emigration from Canada into this country. Canadian papers made a point of this fact in the last election campaign. This being true, it looks as though Mr. Erasmus Wiman has been inflicting ruin upon his cause by his perpetual praises of this government and country. By spending his energies for a while in booming Canada he might find his problem settling itself.

Canada will never be annexed to the United States till a good round majority of the voters on both sides of the line wish it so. It has seemed all along that what the people up there are wanting most is a love of Canada. The mission of the tory government there is wholly for propagating and nursing a love of England in the breasts of the people. If Mr. Wiman and his co-enthusiasts could succeed in supplanting their love for the person of the Queen with a genuine feeling of patriotism for their actual country the labor of these gentlemen would be over.

A love of Canada means a love of the United States. The two peoples are a unity in every condition of social and commercial intercourse. Let perfect liberty be established and they will come together without anybody's special efforts in behalf of such a union.

The telephone between London and Paris works so well that another is to be built between London and Brussels.

NO NOVELTY.

THERE is nothing new under the sun. The St. Louis *Republic* says that the principles of the telephone have been known in India for thousands of years. English travelers and officers who succeeded in gaining the confidence of the priests of certain temples ascertained the truth of this. In the city of Panj, 200 miles from Madras, there are two temples about a mile apart. In the interior, on the ground floor of each, is a small circular room guarded from natives as well as strangers. These rooms are supposed to be the abiding places of spirits, but in reality they are the termini of a telephone line between the two temples.

The natives in their superstition regard these rooms with supernatural awe. When a worshipper makes his offering in one building and also expresses his wishes and desires, and then goes direct to the other building, all is known there ahead of him. This, of course, to him appears the result of supernatural power. The transmitters are of wood, and about the size of the head of a flour barrel. The wire is said to be of a substance resembling brass. Old worm eaten transmitters 2000 years old have been shown to favored visitors by the priests.

OFFICIAL MORALS IN DENVER.

THE Associated Press today devotes six lines to an exposure that is being made of the corruption of Denver officials. The particulars of the matter are these: The city government has lately experienced a change of hands, and the grand jury upon certain representations of the new incumbents in office have been looking over the records of the outgoing administration. They find evidence that the ex-city auditor and ex-treasurer during their term of service had formed a habit of ordering goods on behalf of the city from certain mercantile firms, passing on the bills themselves, paying them and pocketing in some cases half the proceeds, then a little later duplicating the bills and pocketing all the proceeds. Similar evidence has been found in the proceedings of the ex-health inspector and a number of deputies in these several offices. This would be a shocking disclosure if it was not so common. Late events in municipal government have shown that highly sensitive communities can grow unresponsive to very repulsive transactions if the shock is only repeated with frequency and regularity.

A RAIN CONTRACT.

FRANK MELBOURNE and his rain-making business seems to be thriving unusually well under its failures. After reconnoitering the arid region from the Dakotas to Arizona, he has wandered into Kansas and found a community who believe in him, also a number of citizens credulous enough to unite their names with his enterprise. It is reported that a few days ago one A. B. Montgomery of Goodland filed with the State secretary a charter of this-called Artificial Rain Production Company. Six

Stephens county men are named as directors and the capital of the alleged corporation is placed at \$100,000. According to the terms of the charter this company has been organized for the purpose of paying Frank Melbourne ten cents an acre for "increasing the fall of rain" over a given area during the coming season. What obligation, or guarantee, Melbourne has given that he will carry out his part of the arrangement does not appear. His sole capital invested seems to be the faith of his patrons. And the method by which his rain and the rains of nature are to be distinguished is equally unsatisfactory from a business standpoint.

ROBERT RAY HAMILTON.

THE public owes the New York *Sun* a debt of profound gratitude for the interest it has taken in the rumors about Robert Ray Hamilton who personally is not the proper subject for anybody's solicitations.

Wearry of giving valuable space to the opinions of this and that friend who thought Hamilton still alive, that enterprising editor sent a man out to where the alleged Hamilton was buried to investigate the question. As a result the grave of the dead man has been opened and the body positively identified. Thus the industrious news makers and the public should be relieved for ever from further worry about Robert Ray Hamilton.

OBITUARY.

BERRY.—The people of Cedar Valley were called to witness a scene on October 5th, which has cast a deep gloom over the entire community. Sister Lizzie Berry was called to depart this life at about half-past twelve. She died of inflammation, through catching cold.

When she died she was holding several offices in the Church, viz.: President of the Young Ladies' society, secretary of the Sunday school, and assistant secretary to the Primary association. It is hard to tell who will miss her most. She was a devoted wife and mother, a loving and obedient daughter, and constant sister and friend. She was married three years ago to David A. Berry. She leaves a husband and two small children, the youngest but four weeks old. She was the daughter of Bishop Eli and Margaret Bennett, and was her mother's only child.

The funeral services were conducted at the Cedar Fort meeting house. The Lent choir rendered some appropriate hymns on the occasion.—[Com.]

DEATHS.

STANBRIDGE.—In the Nineteenth ward, this city, on Monday, Oct. 19, of typhoid-pneumonia, Sarah Ann Stanbridge, wife of Alfred Stanbridge. Deceased was 40 years of age and immigrated to Utah in 1882. She was a native of Hertfordshire, England, was reared in the Church from infancy and died in full faith of the Gospel.

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ROBINSON.—In this city, on Oct. 21st, Mrs. Clarissa M. Robinson, wife of the late Louis Robinson.

MORRISON.—Of typhoid fever, October 26th, 1891, George Morrison, son of Malcolm and Charlotte Morrison, born in Glasgow, Scotland, Jan. 15, 1870.

JACKSON.—October 21st, at South Jordan, after a lingering illness, George W. Jackson, aged 59 years and 11 months. Deceased was born in Yorkshire, England. He was a faithful Latter-day Saint. The deceased, who leaves a large family, had been road supervisor of South Jordan for several years.

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NEWTON.—In Salt Lake City, October 24, 1891, Sarah Greenhatch wife of James L. Newton, in the forty-second year of her age.