

ready six persons have been seized with violent fits, which have caused the death of two, and others are lingering between life and death. Many go to the meetings held here, but will not associate with the believers which causes them to use unchristian conduct toward them by throwing them out of the house, and threatening to whip them. The neighborhood is so infested, that it is impossible for any one of a different denomination to hold meetings or even sing a religious song in a private house without some one going into spasms.

What is the cause of all this? The Gospel of Jesus Christ has been preached in this neighborhood for two years and a half, and not one person has seen fit to embrace it.

An old lady, a believer, died recently, no doubt from the effects of nervous prostration. Twenty to thirty called and tried to raise the corpse from its sleep by placing their hands upon it and shouting at the top of their voices. But of course to no avail.

The main proof of the existence of this power is taken from the 2nd chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, 16, 17, and 18 verses:

"But this is that which was spoken of by the Prophet Joel. And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. And on my servants and on my handmaidens I will pour out in those days of my Spirit and they shall prophesy." Thirteenth chapter of Romans, 1st and 2nd verses.

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers, for there is no power but of God; the powers that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation."

Ezekiel xxxvii, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9:

Thus saith the Lord God unto these bones, Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live. And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live, and ye shall know that I am the Lord. So I prophesied, as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man and say to the wind: Thus saith the Lord God, come from the four winds, o breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

These quotations they believe allude to them and their power and nothing else, and so they continue to delude many of the people who do not desire to inform themselves. Any verse or chapter which speaks of power, spirit or shaking they take and construe its meaning so as to make it appear that they have evidences from Scripture and Holy Writ that they are correct. Furthermore they have no use for the Scriptures, for, as they say, Jesus Christ makes His appearance to them every night, and through revelation gives them all the information needed.

Any person once under the influ-

ence of this power who says it is not of God, or God's convincing power, they claim has sinned against the Holy Ghost. In administering to the sick and afflicted, they lay their hands upon the body of the one to be healed and continue shouting, praying, shaking, etc., saying that the sickness goes into the bodies of the healers, who in their turn must have the devil cast out of them, or evil influence.

You can go throughout the whole country where the craze has gone and all those who have taken hold of it or believed, are nearly prostrated with weakness of mind, or nervousness.

Through Lawrence and Monroe counties the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ have been traveling holding a few meetings and it was believed that the audience would commence shaking at their preaching. But nothing in the least disturbed their peace and quietude, while proclaiming the gospel. Their desire was to show the people the operations of the Spirit of God as it was enjoyed by the Saints in the days of Christ. Many by their preaching could well see and understand that the mode the ladies pursued was not in accordance with the Bible, and furthermore said that it was not from God, being convinced that it was the power of the evil spirits, who through signs and miracles should deceive them that dwell on earth, even call fire from heaven. A. C. S.

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#### FROM SANPETE COUNTY.

A trip through Sanpete county is, as regards comfort and convenience, very different now from what it was before the enterprising directors of the Rio Grande Western completed their auxiliary line from Thistle to the Sanpete and Sevier valleys. Before that event, travellers had to crowd themselves in a very diminutive contrivance of a railroad car, as far as that went, and then rely upon the horses and the sometimes muddy, sometimes dusty roads for the rest. Now this kind of suffering inflicted on a traveling public is a thing of the past. In commodious cars with reclining chairs you are conveyed from the junction at Thistle through the principal settlements of the two valleys as far as Salina.

Among the population of these prosperous towns the greatest satisfaction is expressed concerning the changed conditions. Leading business men assert that the coming of the railroad has given to business of all kinds a "lift," and that the prospects for the future are very encouraging.

It is evident, too, that the managers of the railroad have found the resources and the traffic of these valleys greater than they at first anticipated, since they have decided to change the entire line from Thistle to Salina from a narrow-gauge to a broad-gauge. The preparations for this change are now so far advanced that the work can be completed Wednesday, June 15, after which date the cars will be run through from Salt Lake City to Salina, thus doing away with the trouble of changing cars, reloading, etc., at Thistle, Sanpete is evidently soon coming to the front among her fair sister counties in this Territory.

Between forty and fifty thousand sheep are now annually exported from Sanpete county.

The prospects of an abundant harvest both from fields and orchards are more promising this year than they have been for a good many years. There was in the spring some fear of the grasshoppers, but it is supposed that the cold weather saved the crops from their ravages. At all events, they have made no available damage.

Hon. John T. Caine has just paid the valley a visit and lectured on political subjects to crowded houses. The gentleman is respected by all who know him, even by many political opponents, and his lectures were highly appreciated. Mr. Caine does not indulge in nonsense. The impression he creates in standing before an audience is that he has something to say, and that he means what he says and says only what he means.

The president of the Stake, Canute Peterson, who some time ago was sick, is again well and able to attend to his many duties.

One of the few still living Saints who were personally acquainted with the Prophet Joseph and took an active part in the early history of the Saints, is Brother Wareham in Mantli. His health is very feeble, but his mind is bright and his spirit is youthful. He always delights in talking about the times of the early days of the Church.

The DESERET NEWS is very much appreciated among the people here. It is looked upon as the always reliable friend of the people. J. M. S.

#### TRYING TO CRAWL OUT.

"It was pretty hard on Justice Laney to fire him out of an office where he, really has had no authority from the first to act; that is, no legal authority, but that was not half as hard for him as it was for him to be forced to bear the sympathy and slobbering praise of both the News and the Herald."

Of course that is from the "Liberal" organ, which endorses every species of meanness and petty tyranny perpetrated for "Liberal" purposes. If Justice Laney had "no legal authority from the first to act" in his office, why was he placed there, and paid by the City Council, and recognized by that body which regularly received his official reports? And why was he kept there and endorsed by the City Council as Police Magistrate, until a "Liberal" convention ordered his dismissal because he had seceded from that faction? And why was his ejection founded on the alleged fact that he had "spit on the hands that gave him his bread?"

Further, what has the DESERET NEWS said in "slobbering praise" of Justice Laney? If any word of praise concerning him can be found in these columns, please let us have it.

The cowardly scribes that set forth these falsehoods cannot deny the facts we have adduced as the cause of Mr. Laney's removal, so they resort to their common custom of lying, to cover up their meanness and the cowardly course pursued towards a man who dared to come out from under their "Liberal" lash and refuse to bow to the mandate of the "Liberal" boss. Again we cry shame upon them all!