the reason is given; because that in the blood is the life of the flesh. The mere act of designedly killing an innocent man, is the same to him, whether it be done by poison, strangling, or the sword; it is murder, and is punishable with death; and that punishment should be the letting out of the murderer's blood upon the earth; that the smoke thereof may ascend towards heaven, as the only offering the great Lawgiver would accept in any degree, towards opening up the way for a remission of the crime; and eternity must unfold how far even that may tend to its intended effect.

Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. In the whole Jewish economy, there was nothing strangled permitted to be used, either as food, or for sacrifice; it was an abomination. If Jesus had been strangled, hanged, or poisoned, so that his blood had remained in him, his death would have brought forth no atonement for the sins of the world,-he himself might have been saved, because he was holy, and needed no atonement; but if his blood had not been shed, he would not have become a Savior to others; and it is just as necessary, that the blood of the murderer should be shed, to bring about his salvation, as it was that the Savior's blood should be shed, to bring about the salvation of the world; and the priests, who have not taught this doctrine, when they have seen the people strangling their fellow beings, are responsible; [at this instant Gov. Young exclaimed, "perhaps they are ignorant, and know no better;" when the speaker resumed: -] and should they plead the excuse of ignorance themselves, a double curse will rest upon them for pretending to the most exalted profession, when they were ignorant of its duties, not having been called of God as was Aaron. Let such priests beware, when they are called to account for blood, and they begin to cry aloud for help, lest their Gods be found in the same dilemma with the strangled victims of their ignorance; or, like the God of Baal's prophets, so sound asleep they cannot wake them. The infidel guillotine of France, is far more Christian-like, than the Christian's halter."

Going to Law .- We are credibly informed that a recently appointed magistrate, in one of our northern counties, was applied to by a brother, to issue process for the commencement of a suit at law, against a brother. The magistrate enquired of the applicant, if he had a letter from his bishop stating the fact that he had taken the gospel steps, towards his brother, in relation to the case in question, and that the brother had refused all satisfaction; and, consequently, had been severed from the church? The applicant said he had taken no such course, and had no such letter. Then, said the magistrate, I can issue no such process in your behalf: go and deal with your brother as a brother, according to the gospel, and if he refuses satisfaction, and the bishop shall certify to me that he is no longer a brother, it will be time enough for me to let loose the law upon him. A truly commendable decision, and worthy of all acceptance and action, by all magis- attempted to pass up the Weber Kanyon, trates in Deseret; for a professed Saint, who last week, but found the snow impassable.

cannot be governed by the law of the gospel, is not fit to be called a Saint, and the sooner he is out of the fellowship of Saints, the better; then the law, which is made for the lawless and disobedient, has claim on him as its own, and can lawfully enforce obedience to its requirements.

Oculist .- Last week, Mr. John Kay, by surgical operation, removed a piece of steel and several pieces of rock from the eye of Peter Maughan, of Tooele county. The fragments were thrown from a drill and hammer, 3 weeks since, and lodged deep in the ball of the eye near the sight, which was fast fading: at last accounts the eye was doing well. We understand Mr. Kay has considerable experience as an oculist.

LICENSES .- When a President of the high priests, seventies, elders, or any other quorum in the church, shall issue a license to any member of his quorum, it is the duty of the clerk of said quorum to countersign, and record said license, in a book kept for that purpose, or in the general record of his quorum, and file a notice of that record on the back of the license issued, stating the time when, the place where, book, page, &c.; and it is the duty of the president of each quorum to see that his clerk faithfully perform these several duties, before he permits a license to be issued; and also that all his records are kept full, explicit, and in order, ready for inspection by the Presidency of the church, and general church recorder, at any time, by way of reference for historical, and other purposes; and it is the privilege of all elders, and other officers, in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, on receiving a license from his president, to examine said license; and if the license is not countersigned by the clerk, and no notice of a record on the back thereof; to mention the same to the clerk of the quorum, that all mistakes may be corrected; for out of the books that are, and shall be written, shall the elders of Israel be judged. therefore, let clerks be wise, and write by the dictation of the Holy Spirit, the truth, and the truth alone. A man may speak, and his speech may be forgotten for a season; but if he writes, he writes what is to be remembered; and those writings may look him in the face, at a time he least expects or desires it, provided there should be any error therein.

The county court, for Great Salt Lake county, will meet at the State House, on the first Monday in March: all those having complaints to make, are requested to attend.

We understand that Col. Rockwood

the same, and correct them, according to the above, as far as possible, only by a particular, and universal system, among all the Clerks, as Records Benson, Ezra Taft, Ezra Taft Church of Jesus Christ of Deseret, are instructed to copy the The above, that the number of the Saints in the Mountains can a copy which is given for a sample; Worcester, Latter Day Saints; the caption Mass., above caption on the Feb. 22, 1811, and all General Church and all those who have Twelve Apcstles, Bishops, on their so that 6, 1847, records which baptism have Aug. 6, 1847, emission of sins, and re-baptism, be concerned with baptisms in th Recorder's office

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