

to fifteen days he expects a steady flow of from forty to fifty feet of water will be running into the company's ditch."

The Millard county *Blade* has the following: A hot set-to without gloves occurred in Deseret the other day between two of our citizens. Three rounds were fought when the battle was declared a draw. Both contestants drew claret. The encounter was to settle a dispute as to whom of the two parties were entitled to the irrigating stream. One bill of corn was lost. Mrs. Rutherford of this place last week experimented with coal oil as a means of driving away grasshoppers, which are rather numerous at the present time. She secured a long rope, wrapped it with cotton and saturated this with kerosene. One person, holding in each end of the rope, dragged it over the ground, where the hoppers were plenty. Whenever a grasshopper touched the rope, she says, it died, and the balance have emigrated, not being able to stand the odor of the oil, and they have not returned. Lucian Noyes of Oasis and Peter huntsman of Fillmore have deposited forfeits for a \$300 horse race to come off at the Oasis race track August 1st.

When H. H. Hartley died at Meadow Lake last fall, says a dispatch from Nevada City, those who gathered about the bedside were convinced that death was the result of poisoning. A San Francisco merchant named R. A. Campbell, who also has a fruit farm near Vacaville, was the only person with him at the beginning of his last sickness, which lasted but four or five hours, although several other men arrived just before his death. Campbell insisted he died of paralysis, but the others agreed that death was caused by poison. Upon Mrs. Hartley's arrival from England, and on hearing it was believed by some that her husband's death was caused by poisoning, she determined to have the matter investigated. A coroner went to Meadow Lake a short time ago and unearthed the remains. They found the body in a remarkable state of preservation. The stomach was removed and shipped to a chemist in San Francisco for analysis a day or two ago. The coroner received the report of the chemist showing that the stomach contained opium in large quantities. A searching investigation into the whole matter is to be made and sensational developments are anticipated. Hermit Hartley, as he was commonly called, was one of the promoters of Meadow Lake's remarkable boom in the early sixties, when a city of 2000 people, having immense mining works, sprang up inside of six months. When the collapse came, in the following spring, he refused to leave. Ever since he has lived there alone, locating and prospecting claims in what he thought would eventually become the richest gold mining camp on the coast.

ENGLAND DONATED more than ten times as much for wedding presents for Princess May as it did for the widows and orphans of the Victoria's victims. Nineteenth century generosity has evidently outlived its constancy.

MAILED TWELVE YEARS AGO.

A postal card which has been to Europe and come back has just been turned in at the postoffice department in Washington, to give the officials there a chance of discovering who is responsible for its long delay in transmission. It was mailed in Washington late in December, 1881, addressed to a bookseller in London, directing him to send to the writer a large number of books which were even then sufficiently rare not to be readily accessible in this country. The card reached its destination late in May, 1892. The bookseller, apparently without noticing the disparity between the date written on the card and the date of receipt, filled the order, after taking time to hunt up the books, which in the course of the ten years' interval had grown still rarer. The surprise of the author of the card may be imagined when, so long after having concluded that the dealer could not fill his order, he suddenly had this large supply of literature dumped upon him from the postoffice. When he charged the dealer with neglect the date on the card appears to have been examined for the first time; but it was pleaded that a dealer would be justified in filling such an order in spite of the antiquity of the written date, because he would have a right to assume that his customer had himself been careless about dating the card, a slip of the pen making 1891 read 1881.—*New York Evening Post*.

RETURNED ELDERS.

The News today received a call from Elder Wm. Crowther, of the Fourth Ward, this city, who has just returned from a two years mission to Great Britain. He left home on the 25th of June, 1891, and was assigned to the Leeds Conference, in the various districts in which his entire mission was spent. He met with many friends and found some that were desirous of giving obedience to the Gospel. Elder Crowther has enjoyed fair health the greater portion of his sojourn in England. He was released and left Liverpool on June 17th. When in Chicago he stayed a week with his son, who is a resident of that city, and then continued his journey homeward.

STRANGELY INCONSISTENT is the suggestion attributed to the German government, to put a tax on advertisements. The same thing more clearly expressed would be to propose a tax on enterprise, sagacity and sense. These, it would seem, ought to be encouraged, not discriminated against in any country. Far better to tax those who lack them—for instance, those who try to do business but do not advertise.

RELIGIOUS.

Sunday Services.

Religious services were held in the Tabernacle as usual Sunday afternoon, Elder Joseph E. Taylor of the Stake presidency presiding.

Elder Claudius V. Spencer addressed the congregation. He said that what the world termed "Mormonism" was the true Gospel of Christ. It contained all the gifts and graces enjoyed by the

former-day saints, yea all the blessings promised by Jesus Christ and His Apostles to the true believer. Here is a test that the whole human family may know, if they will, of the truths of the Gospel believed in by the Latter-day Saints. It is the promise made by Him who spoke as never man spake. "If any man will do His will he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God or whether I speak of myself." The Prophet Joseph in all humility, but by the power of the Holy Ghost, promised the honest in heart in his day that if they repented of their sins and were baptized for the remission thereof they would know of the doctrine that He taught, whether it was true or not. The same promise has been held out by all the Elders of this Church to the present day. Whenever the Church of God has existed on this earth the gifts and blessings pertaining unto it has prevailed and been enjoyed by His followers. It is a very remarkable fact that whenever God had a people on the earth to whom He revealed Himself, and gave them laws and commandments for their guidance, they have in every instance been persecuted by the children of men, and in very many cases put to death for the truth's sake. Our Savior in His day asked the populace "which of the Prophets had their father's not persecuted and slain." Since the year 1827 up to the present time, the Church of God, of which we are members, has endured all manner of persecution for the truth's sake. Many of our Prophets, Elders and people have laid down their lives for the word of God; have been slain by the enemies of righteousness. The speaker recalled some of the hardships, trials and persecutions endured by the Latter-day Saints since the organization of the Church in this generation, and pointed to some of the marvelous manifestations of the Lord in behalf of His downtrodden and oppressed people, as for instance the feeding of the people in the prairie of Iowa by quail, after their exodus from their beautiful city of Nauvoo, while they were camped out in the bitter cold winter of 1846-1847, after being robbed of all their possessions; their protection on the plains from the Indians and again their deliverance from the ravages of the grasshoppers, by the gulls shortly after the settlement of this valley by the Saints. God had been merciful to us ever since we came here and would continue to be through all the scenes of life, as in the past, if we were true and faithful to Him. Joseph Smith was and is a Prophet of the Most High. His successors in office, Presidents Brigham Young, John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff are also Prophets of the Lord, and their teachings, together with that of the Apostles and Elders of the Church in this dispensation will save or condemn the people of this generation according as they observe or reject the word of God. The Gospel was far reaching in its nature. It not only effected this life but the life to come, hence the Latter-day Saints have erected several temples, the last of which stands on this block or square east of this building, that ordinance work may be performed for the dead and they be prepared to enter the place of rest prepared for all the redeemed of the Lord.