

ed this morning. They are at the Montana Corral. If not claimed soon they will probably be sold.

**Twentieth Ward Institute.**—Last evening Elder Geo. Q. Cannon visited the Twentieth Ward Institute, and after the exercise, which consisted of the reading of a portion of number five of the *Index*, he delivered a very instructive and encouraging address.

**Who Has Lost a Boy?**—This afternoon a chubby little boy, about three years old, was brought to the City Hall. He had wandered away from home and couldn't find his way back. He has light hair, blue eyes, is dressed in calico shirt, gray jacket and pants and is bare footed. He cannot tell his name, or where he lives.

**Noah Gee.**—Randolph W. E. Gee, 130 North 3d Street, Philadelphia, Pa., is anxious to obtain information concerning Noah Gee, or any of his family, who left Philadelphia several years ago; address as above. As there is a legacy in the matter it will be to the advantage of the parties inquired for to communicate with the enquirer.

**Stealing Flowers.**—To-day the police obtained possession of some fine specimens of geraniums, which they took from a dumb boy, named Barnard, who had evidently stolen them. They are at the City Hall, where they can be identified and obtained by the owner. Barnard also had a fishing rod, which it is supposed he had got hold of in the same manner as the flowers.

**More Dog Cases.**—Summonses have been issued by Justice Pyper requiring another batch of keepers of unregistered dogs to appear before him and show cause, if any there be, why they should not be fined for non-compliance with the dog ordinance. Dog owners will soon discover that the cheapest *modus operandi* is to either kill the brutes or register them.

**Disappointed Again.**—The threatening and clouded atmosphere overhead this morning inspired people generally with the hope that the now parched ground and thirsty vegetation were about to receive a drenching from a good refreshing shower, but there was but a light sprinkling, which scarcely had the effect of laying the dust, when the sun again shone out in unobstructed splendor.

A good wholesome shower would be worth a great deal of money just now.

**District Meeting at Sheffield.**—From the *Millennial Star* we learn that a district meeting was held in the New Brunswick Hall, Sheffield, on Sunday, March 14. Services morning, afternoon, and evening. Present on the stand—Joseph F. Smith, President of the European Mission; E. N. Freeman, President of the Sheffield Conference; Elders F. M. Lyman, John Woodhouse, George L. Farrell, John Squires, Peter Barton, and Joseph H. Parry, by most of whom the meeting was addressed.

**Juvenile Dramatists.**—On invitation of the Sunday School officers of American Fork, Brother S. L. Evans this morning took to that place the members of the Juvenile Dramatic Association of the 5th and 6th Wards, who will there give a dramatic and musical entertainment to-night and another to-morrow night.

We are informed that the greater portion of the funds with which the 5th and 6th Wards meeting-house was built were the proceeds of dramatic of concerts and entertainments given by the association named.

**How It is Done.**—Not long since a very barefaced mining swindle was perpetrated in Stockton district. Mr. M—y was owner of a "hole in the ground" in that locality, and set his wits to work to "make a raise" on it. He wrote to a friend in an eastern town, that he had struck it immensely rich, and asked him to meet him at a certain point and he would tell him all about it, and give him a chance. The proposed meeting took place, when M—y enlarged on the richness of the strike. He was willing to sell for \$20,000, but, as he wanted to retain an interest he would dispose of two-thirds for \$15,000. The friend, elated at the prospect of making a fortune in a twinkling, went around among other friends and acquaintances and succeeded in raising \$5,000, some putting in \$1,000, some \$300, &c. This was handed over to

M—y with the assurance that more would be raised soon.

M—y desired that the stock takers should send with him a man who could, in behalf of the others, "go and see for himself." This was done, and when this delegate, who had never seen the inside of a mine in his life before, arrived in Utah, whenever he made inquiries concerning the mine in question, he was told that it was the "biggest thing out," the parties being evidently "posted" by M—y. He was taken through the mine, and was given a piece of ore, which was from another location, which he had assayed in this City, and which ran over \$200. These circumstances made him anxious to secure the rest of the money for M—y, who kept saying if this was not done he would sell to an English company who wanted it. Some more money was soon pocketed by the rapacious M—y, who then suddenly disappeared, and it soon began to dawn upon the man's mind that himself and friends had been duped. Four others of the stocktakers came out to Utah and then the bubble was completely bursted, the mine was next thing to worthless and M—y had vamoosed with their money. One of the dupes is M—y's own brother-in-law, and another is an irate Dutchman, who was at Stockton the other day, venting his wrath in wordy ebullitions of ferocity against mining swindlers in general and M—y in particular. This is only a sample of many other cases of a similar character.

FROM SATURDAY'S DAILY, MAY 1.

**The Statistician,** for April. A valuable monthly for reference in regard to a large variety of statistical information. L. P. McCarty, 423 Washington Street, San Francisco.

**Last Day of the Term.**—This is the last day of the January term of the Third District Court. The May term commences on Monday.

**In the Estray Pound.**—The seven unclaimed horses of the band brought from the north by deputy sheriff Florida have been turned into the estray pound of this city.

**Removed.**—The Working Men's Co-operative Association have removed to their new premises, the Town Clock Store, where they are prepared to wait upon their friends and patrons, as usual.

**Notice.**—The superintendents and teachers of Sunday Schools will hold their usual monthly meeting at the City Hall on Monday evening, May 3rd, at 7 o'clock.

A punctual and full attendance is requested.

**More Dog Cases.**—Still the man who has charge of the City dog department keeps going for the keepers of unregistered canines. A row of them were before Justice Pyper this morning and most of them were fined in the sum of \$5 each.

**Discharged.**—Mr. King, charged with shooting and wounding William Bean, appeared before Justice Pyper for examination yesterday afternoon. The prosecuting witnesses did not appear, and the Court therefore discharged him.

**Abusing His Mother.**—This morning a precious young hopeful was before Justice Pyper, on a charge of abusing his mother. The charge was sustained and the youth was fined \$10, in default of which he was sent to jail. He has been frequently before the police court before.

**Departed.**—Yesterday Elder Peter Evans, an old citizen of this place, breathed his last, at his late residence in the 9th Ward.

He was born at Denbigh, Flintshire, Wales, July 13, 1813. He was an unobtrusive gentleman, respected by those acquainted with him.

**Mortuary.**—Sexton's report for April. Males 20; females 15. Of these, adults 15; children 20. Causes of death as reported—lung disease 9; still born 4; heart disease 4; paralysis 2; inflammation of bowels 2; whooping cough 2; suicide 2; ulceration of stomach 1; convulsions 1; cerebro spinal meningitis 1; alcoholism 1; marasmus 1; croup 1; not reported 4. Total interments 35. JOSEPH E. TAYLOR, Sexton.

**The Bear Lake Grangers.**—A gentleman from Bear Lake Valley states that the snow has disappeared from the level in that region, and the farmers have been busy

for some time plowing and sowing. This is very early for that part of the country, as plowing in past seasons has not generally commenced till well along in May, and augurs well for a good harvest.

Without rain comes to the relief soon there is a general belief that crops will be rather light in other parts of the Territory.

**Horticultural.**—At the meeting of the Horticultural Society, last evening after an interesting discussion, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

"Resolved, That the cottonwood and black locust, as shade trees, should be supplanted, as soon as practicable, by the honey locust, maple, elm, sycamore, mulberry, and other handsome, valuable and unobjectionable trees.

"Resolved, That the scrubby, worm-eaten and unsightly cottonwoods growing within the confines of this city should be removed without delay, as affording shelter for nearly every species of destructive insect and vermin."

The subject of premiums for the ensuing exhibition will be discussed at the next meeting.

**A Stranger in Distress.**—Last evening we were called upon by Mr. Mirza Ismail, a Persian Israelite, a native of Teheran, whose history for the past two or three years is somewhat romantic, and furnishes a forcible illustration of the instability of human affairs. Mr. Ismail is the son of the physician of the Shah of Persia, and he himself was formerly in the service of that monarch, and was one of his suite during his visit to England two or three years ago. On his return to his native country, having become considerably imbued with the liberalism of western Europe, Mr. Ismail became involved in a political discussion during which he gave expression to views and ideas that were far too liberal in character to suit the Persian ruler, and, with the high handed style of settling matters distasteful to him, that majestic personage ordered the decapitation of Ismail. The latter, however, not having any especial desire to shuffle off this mortal coil on such short notice, left the dominions of his Persian majesty with all the haste possible, since which time he has wandered through various countries of Asia and Africa, including Hindostan, Beloochistan, Bokhara, Turkistan, Egypt, Abyssinia, Tunis, Arabia and Tarabos; and has also been in Russia, Turkey, Scandinavia, Austria, Switzerland, all the states of the German Empire, Great Britain, and finally made his way to America.

But since landing in this country the experience of this unsuspecting Persian has been something like that of the man mentioned in the Scriptures, who, while traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho, fell among thieves, by whom he was robbed and beaten. Mr. Ismail, while in Cincinnati, had the misfortune to fall among thieves, who robbed him of his watch, what money he had, and his railway ticket for San Francisco, and since that occurrence the unfortunate man has had a pretty rough time, having had to depend upon the charity of the benevolent to make his way thus far to California, and being unable to speak English his position was rendered doubly embarrassing. He has been assisted along chiefly by Hebrews in the various places he has passed through, to whom he made known his position, being able to talk Russian and French fluently and a very little German.

The preceding is the substance of Mr. Ismail's statement, as gathered in conversation and from letters from citizens of standing in the east; and as he is evidently a man of intelligence and culture, being able to converse in eleven languages, there seems to be little or no reason to doubt its truth. He is now staying at the White House in this city, hoping to obtain some assistance to help him on to San Francisco, whence he intends to embark for China, and we insert this notice in the hope that the benevolently inclined, especially those who are of the same faith and can converse with him, may call upon him themselves, hear from his own mouth a recital of his adversity, and then, if they feel disposed to do so, extend to him the aid of which he seems so much in need.

In conversation with Mr. Ismail this morning, he made various in-

quiries concerning the rise of "Mormonism," the name and fate of its founder, and other matters connected therewith, and also informed us that, in the year 1830—the year in which the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized—there appeared in Persia a great religious reformer, who founded the sect called Babees; that he preached against polygamy as practised in Persia, and that in consequence he aroused the wrath of the people, and was finally massacred by them. But the sect still survives, and its members are today the reformers of Persia, being strong lovers of liberty, and the determined opponents of despotism and of religious sectarianism.

**The Tooele Contest to be Re-opened.**—The action of E. S. Foote and Ezra C. Chase, the former Probate Judge and the latter Selectman of Tooele County, in summarily ousting Selectman C. W. Bates from office, is likely to re-open the Tooele election contest, the peculiar proceedings heretofore connected with which are probably still fresh in the minds of many of our readers.

This morning, in the Third District Court, in the matter of Cyrus W. Bates vs. the County Court of Tooele County, and E. S. Foote and Ezra C. Chase and George Atkin, members of and a quorum of said Court, Messrs. Sutherland & Bates, attorneys for plaintiff, presented the following application for a writ of mandamus, notice of which had been already served on the parties defendant—

"Cyrus W. Bates complains, and alleges—

1. That the plaintiff Cyrus W. Bates, in 1868 was duly appointed a selectman for Tooele County in said Territory, to fill a vacancy in said office; that he gave official bond and took the oath of office, and served, pursuant to said appointment, for the remainder of said term, which expired in August, 1870; that at the general election held in August, 1870, he was elected for a full three years term of said office to succeed himself therein; that he gave official bond as required by law, which was duly approved and filed by the Probate Judge of said county; that he took the required official oath; that he continued in said office and performed the duties thereof during said full term; that at the general election held in said county in August 1873, he was re-elected to said office, as his own successor, for another, the ensuing full three years term; that he was then eligible to and qualified for said office, and accepted such re-election and continued thereafter, of right, by virtue of such election, to fill and serve in said office until April, 1875; that, as a selectman elect for said last mentioned term, he took the oath of office and gave the official bond, with sufficient sureties, which were approved by the Probate Judge of the County, and filed in his office; that hereto annexed as part of this application and marked 'Copy A,' a copy of said instrument filed as aforesaid, in 1873, as such official bond, together with affidavit of justification and the certificate of approval and filing; that the defect in the execution of said bond was inadvertent, and did not come to this plaintiff's knowledge, until about the first day of April, 1875, when, to remedy such a defect, the plaintiff immediately executed a new bond, containing the substance and conditions required by statute, and which was executed by two sufficient and responsible sureties, who justified their responsibility as required by law; that the plaintiff presented the said bond to Erastus S. Foote, Probate Judge, and a member of the County Court of said county, on or about the first day of April, 1875, and requested him to approve and file the said bond, and now has the same in his office, or under his control; that he expressly admitted that the said bond was in the form and contained the condition required by law and was executed by sufficient sureties, but declined to approve the same for the reason that the said bond was not executed and presented for approval and filing during the period fixed therefor by law, after plaintiff's election.

2. That at a meeting of the County Court of said Tooele

County held, pursuant to notice on the 5th day of April, 1875, at Tooele City, in said County, the plaintiff being notified and present with the said defendants, qualified and ready to serve, was then and there, by the said County Court, said Foote and Chase, voting therefor, and said Atkin not voting, they being the members of said Court, from said office unlawfully removed, ousted and expelled, that the said plaintiff was then and there, by the said Court and by the said members, and ever since has been and now is precluded from the use and enjoyment thereof.

"Wherefore the plaintiff prays and demands judgment and a peremptory mandamus directed to said defendants, commanding that said plaintiff be restored to said office, and that he recover his damages for the said amotion and the costs of the suit."

Messrs. Tilford and Hagan are engaged as attorneys for the defendants, and by agreement of counsel the matter went over the term and the arguments will probably be made sometime next week.

**Conference at Nottingham.**—According to the *Millennial Star*, a conference was held at Nottingham, England, on Saturday and Sunday, April 3 and 4, Elder F. M. Lyman presiding, and Elder John H. Burrows acting as clerk.

The Priesthood met at the Meeting room, Shakespeare Street, on the Saturday evening, at which there were present on the stand, Joseph F. Smith, President of the European Mission; Elders F. M. Lyman, John Squires, Geo. L. Farrell, H. S. Gowaas and B. H. Watts, also Elder John H. Burrows, from the *Millennial Star* office.

The Saints generally met on the Sunday morning, afternoon and evening, at the Co-operative Hall, Grey Friar Gate, and were addressed by most of the above Elders. Singing by the Nottingham and Mansfield choirs.

Prest Lyman read the statistical and financial reports of the Conference for the year ending Dec. 31, 1874—

"Statistical.—19 Branches, 95 Elders, 23 Priests, 13 Teachers, 17 Deacons, 436 Members; Total 534. 78 baptized, 8 cut off, 7 died, 7 removed, and 64 emigrated.

"Financial.—Receipts: Tithing, Books, Individual Emigration, Poor and Public Collections, £489 9s. 4d.; Expended in the Conference, for Hall and House Rent, Fuel; Food and Travelling Expenses of Elders; Stationery, Postage, all other Conference Expenses; and I. E. money returned to individuals, £193 5s. 7d.

"Sent to Liverpool Office: Individual Emigration, Book-money and Tithing, £234 0s. 1d., leaving a balance in the hands of Conference President of £9 3s. 7d.

"There are 209 Tithe-payers; 220 *Millennial Stars* and 128 *Journals of Discourses* are taken in the Conference."

**News From England.**—Elder Henry C. Fowler, now laboring in the London (England) Conference, by letter, dated at Chichester, on the 13th of April, writes encouragingly as to the prospects in that part of the vineyard. Seven persons were baptized in the North London branch on Sunday the 7th of March, and more have given in their names for baptism. There have been more baptized in that conference than the number emigrated last year, and the country branches are increasing. Elder Fowler is baptizing in Hampshire, and expects to continue so doing in Portsmouth branch. Many are enquiring earnestly respecting the principles of the gospel, and the servants of the Lord are rejoicing in their labors.

**Missionary Appointments for Salt Lake Co., Sunday, May 9th—**

South Cottonwood—Elders S. A. Woolley and S. Neslen.

Mill Creek—Elders John Van Cott and George Swan.

Neff's District—Elders R. F. Neslen and C. F. Wilcken.

Sugar House—Elders D. James and C. W. Stayner.

West Jordan, (Mill District)—Elders G. G. Bywater and Geo. Teasdale.

A number of Bostonians are going to emigrate to Florida to engage in the cultivation of oranges.