THE EVENING NEWS, I E O RGE Q. CATCOL COTTO AND PURIAMENT. Materials and security, and emisage and practice the descrimts and security and emission of the security of the sec the present time are of a very peculiar obaracter; probably at no period of our history has the work of the Last Days at-tracted the attention and the curlosity of the people generally to the extent that it the cause of this doctrine. What then was the cause of th persecutions of the people, and why abould they have been singled out and made so remarkable above other people, many of whom believe in several of the principles that they believed in. There is not a religious denomination in the people generally to the extent that it does to-day. There are several reasons for this, but that which more than anything dise at this time, has directed the minds of the principles that they believed in. There is not a religious denomination in Christendom which does not believe in this, but that which more than anything does not believe in repenting of ain and also in some form of baptam. They may doubtedly added greatly to the intersant which has ever been feit in this strange land, and in the strange people who inhabit it. The best method of disposing of is and our system has given rise to much contro-warsy and discussion in years past. That in the strange people who inhabit we ought to be disposed of is some man-nar has been a very general opinion and bur system has given rise to much contro-vary and discussion in years past. That we ought to be disposed of in some man-nar has been a very general opinion and marked? I will explain it in a few words nor has been a very general opinion and realing in certain quarters; there has seemed to be a disposition manifested by some from the heavens, the everlasting priestpersons to do something so as to effectual- hood,-that eternal authority by iy diapose of the system called "Mormon-tum." They have apparently falt that it ded that God has restored this once more was in the way and ought to be ramoved to earth and we have received it, and that or that something should be done to re- by virtue of it we act as apostles, members tard its growth and progress, and the in- of the seventies, high primets, elders, bis-duence which it is exercising in the world. hops, primets, teachers and descons, and in Did we not know through our own hit- the several offices God has placed in His that God cannot or will not speak to man tar experience in the past that this feeling church. This is the secret, my brethren again from the heavens; that God will not ter experience in the past that this feeling is entertained by a great many people, is would be difficult for us to imagine that such is the case, for an examination of our principles, and an understanding of their pentance of sin, and buytism for the re-tainly not lead to conclusions of this char-soter. So far as I myself am concerned, if did; we might say, as some of the sects do, this matter were submitted to me without that it is necessary to lay on hands; we asunder, and quarreling and contending, my knowledge and past experience in might gather the people together, and do -even members of the same church divi-relation to it, I should say that the principles and doctrines believed in and prac-ticed by the Latter-day Saints, and the re-suthority there would be no particular by terian church north, and the Presbytesuits which have been wrought out by their opposition to us. Of course, the nearer a rian church south; the Baptist church operation would not have had the effect of man draws to God, and the more he lives north and the Baptist church south, and according to the plan which God has presing other than kind, brotheriy and affee | cribed the more opposition he meets with. split asunder, and there is no authority to Satan will stir up strife, animosity and say what is truth or who shall proclaim it; What is there about this system called hatred against him. On this account there are none to say in the midst of the lonate.

which

lation and that there is a necessity for it is set down as one who is unworthy the society of his fellows! Qa, the dreadful effects which have followed the proclamation of this failacy for so long a period ! What are the effects, resulting form it, that we see today? Christendom rent asunder, divided into sects and parties, the name of Jesus derided and speered at, and the pure goapel lost because of the propogation, for centaries, by so-called curistian ministers, of the soul-destroying and damnable heresy "Mormoniam" that should evoke the ter- Luther, Calvin, John Wesley and other re- people, "Thus saith the Lord," or "Here rible amount of animosity and hatred formers have been persecuted. The near- is the path, walk ye in it;" and if a man rible amount of animosity and hatred which have been displayed at various times? The Latter-day Saints believe in feans Christ, they believe that he is the Sa-redemption; that through His death we may, by obscience, be brought into the presence of the Father, and made helps of stermal slow. The Latter day believe that he is the Sa-it, the more opposition they met with, Men, in reasoning upon this subject, say that, every sect, at the commencement of is the path, walk ye in it;" and if a man comes forward claiming that he has this authority he is met with the accusations: "You are deluded, you are an impostor, you preach false doctrine, we will have none of your teaching. Mes who believe in prophesy and revelation are liable to be deceived, and we are afraid of you, we do

presence of the Falhar, and make beirs of starmal glory. The Lattar-day Saints believe that mankind should repeat of and forsake all sina, and be baptized in the name of Jasma for their reminision of not only be baptized for the reminision of I God, and If Faul or Feter were to

largest for years. and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." They never can prevail against a church built on the rock of revelation. "Upon this rock will I build my church, and I will give unto thee, Peter, the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatsoever thou shall bind on earth shall be bound in hea-ven, and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Now this Peter, who held this authority when it was withdrawn from the earth, still held it as an angel in the presence of God. What messengers better adapted to the exigencies of the case than Peter, with his two associates, James and John, to come and lay hands upon Joseph Smith and ordain him to the authority to preach the ed to join the procession. gospel and to lay on hands lor the reception of the Holy Ghost?" It is the exer-cise of this authority, thus bestowed, which

has gained the thousands from the various nations of the earth that people these mountain valleys! It is this authority which has enabled the elders of this church to traverse remote continents and islands of the sea without purse or scrip and, in the name of Jesus Christ, proclaim His gospel in its ancient simplicity, God confirming the word by signs following the name to know that it is understood the very same work and the very same results that followed the preaching of it in the days of Peter and his fellow spostles. muskets shotted.

How very singular, is it not, that Joseph Smith should have claimed to receive the headed by a band of music, turned out authority from John the Baptist! How to-day to bury one of their number very singular that he thould claim autho- killed in the right on Eighth Avenue. rity from the erdination of Peter, James and John,-that is if it were not true! How very singular! And then, to add to the singularity of the whole case and to the re- pageant. markable features of it, to think that the elders of this church have accomplished a dangerously wounded this morning

in our day? We find in this Territory vieti na in all from the dead, and go amongst them, and men representing nearly every country. Many reporters on the daily journals proclaim the principles they taught an- They have come here by thousands from were, on Wednesday, sworn in as ciently, they would clese their churches remote continents and isles of the sea, and and chapels, and would say, "We will have they are united, not so much as they should special policemen, and did good service. none of you, you will deceive us, you are one of the faise prophets spoken of," for-getting that, if there are false prophets, there will in all probability, also be true ones; and that it would be inconsistent to talk about false prophets if there were no there would as they will be; but still there is amongst them a remarkable amount of union, peace, love and goodwill, and an absence of litigation, drunkenness, theft, and of the evils and vices that prevail in the world. The people are united, and from the world. The people are united, and from the world as they should perform the men ordered out of town by the true ones. talk about false prophets if there were no true ones. There never is a counterfeit, begus or imitation without a true one to copy after! Can you wonder, brethren and aisters, that the world is in the condition that it is, when unbelief has been handed down for generations, until it permeates the minds of all, both priest and people, even the children learn it in the Sanday schools, until every fibre of their minds becomes indoctrinated with the idea? The present condition of the Christian world is not to be wondered at, the wonder is that



but that baptism should be adto officiate in this ordinance.

Is there anything about or connect with this faith that should excite opposition, create illeviling and arouse hatred? Certainly, when we look at this dispassionately, we must admit that there is not.

ately, we must admit that there is not. Is there anything connected with this faith, or the principles to which I have re-ferred that does not harmonize with the suriptures? Peter, who preached the first seruion of which we have any second after the resurrection of Jesus, declared prediesly the same principles which I have all be dansed.' On the strength of this commission they have gone forth for can-tartes, and why do you Latter-day Saints other apostles tanght the same principles, and enforced them upon the people to the extent of their ability and power. I know that there are difficulties and pon-

or proper for all the members of the call her the mother of harlots; we have aburgh of Christ to receive the imposition come out of her and have renounced of hands. But as I have said in reference and her wickedness. Neither she to baption so I say of this ordinance : it is her priests have any authority."

their size, but that beptiam should be ad-ministered by those only who have au-thority. Not vague or ill-defined author-ity, based upon a commission given to others centuries ago; but an authority pro-useding from God that will be recognized on earth and in heaven. The Letter-day Saints believe that, having repended of sin sho been baptized for the remission of it, they who have complied thus far with the goanel requirements, should have hants faild upon them for the recognized for the goanel requirements, should have hants fails upon them for the reception of the goanel requirements, should have hants into a hands should have suthority from God to officiate in this ordinance. that we claim to have the holy priesthood "But," says one, "has not this authority always been on the earth? Why, minis-

ters have gone forth and preached now for conturies, authorized by the divine commission of the Apostles,-'Go ye unto all point in our minds respecting the principle

of revelation and communication between God and man. There is not a servant of the extent of their ability and power. I know that there are difficulties and pon-tentions in the religious world as to the mode and efficacy of baptiam; some amore that immersion is not the true model but we are willing to stand by the scriptures and to abide by their decision, faeling as-sured that, if they be taken literally, those who read them will have a perfect convic-tion that immersion is the only true mode. But even should there be a difference of opinion on this point, it is not of stich a character as to stir men up in deadly hos-tinty towards us. There may also be a difference of opinion God af whom we have any account, from Genesis to Revelation, who did not receive revelation. Can any person point out a man who was one of God's servants, of whom we have any account in the acriptures, that did not receive revelation? No one. It may be said, and is argued, "Why is it, if it he God's will that man should have revelation from Him, that the world has been so long without it?" This is very easily explained You recollect that Jesus, on one occasion, went into a certain place and it is said concerning Him that He could there may also be a difference of opinion in relation to the laying on of hands. Some may say this is only necessary where men are ordined, and that it is not right not do many mighty works there because of the people's unbelief. Unbelief, therefore, has a tendency to prevent the communication of God's will to man by closanother very good reason is that when men were on the earth who did have these communications they were not allowed to live

to baptiam so I say of this ordinance : it is clearly revealed in the scriptures and can readily be substantiated from them that the members of the oburch of Christ in an-deut days had hands laid upon them for the reception of the Holy Ghost, and that is was the ordinance and the only ordi-nance instituted in God's economy for the bestowal and the reception of that gift. Well, is this all the Latter-day Saints be-live in? No. I do not expect to be able to tail all we believe in, or to allude to every principle this afternoou; but these are the founded by Henry the Eighth, a daughter of the world. In addition to these there is another, --namely the gathering together of Every such man was hunted and persecuted, and his life was sought after until there was not one left who had the power, authority and great gift and blessing to say to the people, "Thus saith the Lord;" and revelation and the spirit of revelation were withdrawn from man, and the whole earth fell into unbelief and darkness, and gross darkness prevailed over the hearts of the people. It is a very excellent reason why revelation should cease when the earth was drenched with the blood of Hea-ven's messengers, and that blood was cry-ing for vengeance on those who had slain them

But there was a time predicted by the But there was a time predicted by the Prophets,-John saw it, and has said in his revelations "I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the everiasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kin-dred, and tongue, and people, say-ing with a loud voice, 'fear God and give glory to him, for the hour of his judgment is come.'" Now the testimony of the Latter-day Saints is that God has sent

is come." Now the testimony of the Latter-day Saints is that God has sent this angel, and has actually restored the holy priesthood, --that authority which was held by the Apostles and Jes. In ancient days, and by Joseph Smith, an humble, unlearned, but God-fearing boy, in our day. Joseph sought the Lord diligently and earnestly to know which was the right way; his mizd was distracted by the various claims set forth by one sect and another, and he was determined to seek

not to be wondered at, the wonder is that stored; for beit known there is an authority belief and faith exist to the extent they do. There are a few things more I would like to say in connection with this subject while I am upon it. One is that a perusal of the scriptures will clear up one belief and faith exist to the extent would like to say in connection with this subject while I am upon it. One is that a perusal of the scriptures will clear up one belief and faith exist to the extent to the people, "Thus saith the Lord," just as we might suppose a servant of God would do anciently. Do I delieve that Joseph Smith was a

prophet because it was told to me in my childhood? Do I believe that Brigham Young is an apostle and prophet because it has been told to me? Partly, but more from the fact that God has borne testimony to me by the revelations of the ho.y spirit; and I have grown in the belief and know-ledge, and I know that Joseph was a pro-phet; I know that he was ordained of God; I know that he had the authority which Five persons were poisoned, one fa-tally, near Cerro Gerdo, Ill., by drink-ing bitters supposed to be made with spread abroad. It is on this account, my brethren and sisters and friends that we are so hated, for the adversary knows it, and hence this persecution which seems so

May God bless us, help us to keep His ing the channel of communication. And



Ku-Klux committee.

OAT WASHINGTON .- A letter was received at the Treasury Department to-day, from General Spinner. He reports his health is gradually but cortainly im-

proving. Judge A. B. Wright, of Georgia, who was examined yesterday before the Ku-Klux committee, said: "If the people of They is simplicity, have called upon the people wrather is and to gath and you derive to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is optimized yearing to caperior to experie you of the second is the provise of the second is Or Retail.

CHICAGO .- John Hise, an old and

well known citizen of Ottawa, Ill., committed suicide at that place on Monday last, by jumping off a bridge into the Illinois river.

There was a terrible hurricaue at St. Joseph, Mo., last night. Houses were unroofed and blown down in all parts of the city. Four or five persons were killed by lightning and falling timbers, and many more or less severely injured. The loss of property is estimated as being at least \$200,000.

Five persons were poisoned, one fa-

FOREIGN NEWS. At Farmington,

CREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, 14 .- In the House of Lords to-night, during the debate on the army At Brigham City, re organization, Earl Derby astonished the Tory benches by denouncing the purchase system and proposing a fair scheme for the retirement of officers. Earl Carnervon vainly sought to break the force of Derby's argument. There are reports from Nice of viotous At Logan,

demonstrations there against the French authorities, who were assaulted by a THO GRAND PERFOR SANOPS. mob with cries of "death to the French." | WEDNESDAY, July 19th.



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