

paraded in some form or other—makes a sensation because it is almost always exaggerated and distorted out of all semblance to the reality. A recent illustration of this is afforded by an occurrence in the South.

Mr. F. M. Rhodes, of Augusta, Georgia, died July 28th, of intermittent fever, described by the papers as "a precarious attack." He was attended by Dr. A. E. Salley, who, on being called, pronounced it a serious case and prescribed a course of medicine and diet. This was followed for some days till the patient tired of it and declined taking any more. His death would perhaps have occasioned no particular flurry—as people die even when attended to the last by skilled physicians—but it appears that previous to his death two "Mormon" Elders prayed for him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord, and this raised a local tempest. The Elders have been accused in the papers of causing the man's death, and the grand jury have been urged to indict them for manslaughter!

The doctor who attended Mr. Rhodes, and the wife of the deceased seem to be greatly incensed, and they have joined with the "Man About Town" of the *Augusta Chronicle* in endeavors to stir up animosity against the Elders, who only sought to do the man good. As several misstatements have gained publicity concerning this matter, we will give the facts as reported to us by the brethren on the spot. They are attested by Elders Vance and Jex and also by Elders J. B. Reid and J. M. Anderson.

About three months ago Mr. Rhodes was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, after waiting for several months since believing the Gospel for his wife's consent, she being bitterly opposed to it. When he was taken sick he desired the attendance of the Elders, who called occasionally to see him, and on the day before his death he sent for Elders J. R. Vance and George H. Jex and requested them to administer to him. They found him very weak, but he desired to go into another room where there was more privacy and persisted in doing so contrary to their advice. They prayed for and anointed him, and told Mrs. Rhodes they thought a little soup or tea would be good for him, as he declared he would take no more of the medicine and diet prescribed, for it did him no good.

The report circulated that the Elders ordered the man to cease taking medicine and prescribed "herbs from Utah," and also made him get out of his bed to go into another room while they attended to him. These and other misstatements and exaggerations, with epithets about "polygamous saints," have been scattered broadcast and occasioned no little excitement. Comments have been made by papers in different places and the Elders are held up to public execration and threatened with violence.

It is strange that people pretending to believe in and be guided by the religion of the New Testament, should raise such a tumult over the practice of a New Testament injunction which could not possibly do the weakest invalid any harm. Anointing the sick with oil and praying for their recovery, is a simple ordinance commanded by the Apostle James (v:14), and need not interfere with any medical treatment or the advice of any sane physician.

That the sick have in numerous instances been raised to health by "the prayer of faith" is attested by thousands of witnesses, and only the ignorant, the prejudiced and the bigoted would fume and rage over so harmless a Christian remedy. But anything "Mormon" is a fruitful source of popular opposition and, we are sorry to say, the learned and professional will often join with the illiterate and superstitious, in absurd and yet malicious attacks on the Elders because they are "Mormons."

LOOK OUT FOR THEM.

"THERE were forty gamblers and sporting men went to Salt Lake City yesterday. Such is the report of the police and the members of the fraternity left. They say the boys in Salt Lake City sent word for them to come down; that there was no trouble to operate in the City of the Saints, so Ogden gracefully said *bon soir* as the last train pulled out, and the hope was expressed that the boys might succeed in getting their names on the registration list and remain and help carry the election."

The above is from an Ogden paper. It is quite likely there is some truth in it. Will the police of Salt Lake keep their eyes open for the fraternity of the green cloth already here and those who are coming, or will the deputy marshals have to take a hand in suppressing the gambling evil?

No doubt the "Liberal" ranks will be strengthened by an exodus

of the sports from Ogden to this point. These gentry are all "Liberals" and it is not at all likely there will be any complaint about "colonizing" in their case.

"LIBERAL" VIEWS ON GAMBLING.

THE Ogden *Union*, an intensely "Liberal" sheet, contains the following peculiar paragraph, as comment on the recent movement to suppress gambling in that city, where it has grown to immense and impudent proportions:

Gambling is one of the necessary evils that will exist in spite of the law, and it should be governed as it is in other cities. Haul them up occasionally and make them pay a fine. Sometimes it is necessary to make a cleaning out in order to keep up the peace and dignity of a city, but to entirely suppress the evil is not a very good advertisement for any town. Under present circumstances probably it is done for the best, but to say the least it looks bad for any prosperous city dependent upon a reputation of general results, to take a sudden step in this direction. A club room, if conducted in a respectable way, and tin horns not allowed to live off of them, there might exist some respectability of feeling about the matter.

"FREE WATER" WANTED.

MONTANA is suffering severely from a water famine. It is felt in town and country. Great loss of stock is predicted and there is fear that sickness will be the result in the cities and settlements. Why not raise a howl against the city councils and county governments in Montana and demand their expulsion from office? The "Liberal" logic (?) used here ought to be applicable there, or do the rules of reason change according to locality?

In order to relieve the situation why do not some of the stump-shouting "Liberals" of Salt Lake go up there and proclaim "free water" to the thirsty souls and famishing herds? When asked for some practical suggestion as to an adequate supply, either "free" or at any cost, they could respond as they have answered here, by the munificent reward of \$50 to any one who will show them how to get it. But perhaps "Liberal" hollow promises and "Liberal" adamant "cheek" would not be valued very highly up in Montana.

To owe gratitude, oppresses a coarse nature; to receive it oppresses a fine one.