

their rights. This action against the people of God, he added, was in fulfillment of the prophecy given in the early rise of the Church to Joseph Smith, who said that this nation would yet make war against this people. I wonder if they are doing it now to please him. I wonder if the Congress of the United States is doing this to prove that Joseph Smith was a true prophet? This is just as true now as in Christ's day, when He said: "If ye were of the world the world would love ye; but because ye are not of the world, the world will hate ye."

May God help us to improve from day to day; may His blessing rest upon the righteous of every denomination wherever they are, whatever their belief, so long as they do no injury to their neighbors and seek to build up righteousness on the earth.

The choir sang the anthem:

"Lord, what is man?"

Benediction by Elder Robert Campbell.

NEWS FROM NEPHI.

Two flourishing banks are now representing Nephi in the financial world.

The three district schools of Nephi have, together, an attendance of 160 pupils.

An assay, made the other day, of a metallic "find" in the mountains eastward, runs—silver, 6.5; gold, a trace.

Good drinking water piped from the mountains will add a specially inviting feature to Nephi's material conditions.

Willie Bryan, aged 12, a bright little son of Hon. W. A. C. Bryan, died today of diphtheria after a week's illness. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community.

The autumn days have come, when sombre hues and hollow winds and rustling leaves seem to favor those who are peculiarly inclined to indulge in gentle, dreamy melancholy.

The public are notified of the dissolution of the Ensign Publishing Company. Mr. J. S. Rollo, the former editor, now assumes entire ownership of the paper and announces that it "will undergo no change either in policy, principle, style or tone."

The subject of matrimony is at present claiming special attention in this borough. Last week two couples were united in hymenial bonds; today Mr. J. S. Rollo, of the *Ensign*, and Miss Jennie Fenn, of Provo, were made happy by the silken knot; while cards are out announcing the wedding, Sept. 18, of Mr. J. S. Ostler and Miss Louie Udall, both of this city.

A proposition offered by the City Council to establish a system of waterworks to convey to Nephi City the water of Marsh Springs, about four miles up Salt Creek Canyon, has been accepted by the city. It is proposed to bond the

city for \$10,000, to add to this sum probably \$1,500 or \$2,000 of the city's revenue, and to complete as much of the work this season as the latter sum will permit.

A party from Nephi, interested in the limestone deposits four miles to the west of here, made a triphither last week. They report that the deepest explorations in the marble deposits have, as yet, discovered only broken, and consequently valueless, marble. As, however, the mineral is said to be of very fine grain, of snowy whiteness and chemical purity, if, at greater depths, massive, unbroken stone be found, the deposit will prove of inestimable value because of the scarcity in the United States of statuary marble.

For a week past "first class" accommodations on the San Pete R. R. have been of a peculiar character. Some six miles up Salt Creek Canyon a bridge, damaged by the recent heavy storms, has been replaced by a more substantial structure. In the meantime passengers have been transferred to and from that point to Nephi on a flat car; trunks, passengers and coal-dust interminably commingled. This condition of things, however, was punctuated yesterday with a period and the traffic has resumed its wonted *modus operandi*.

Last Wednesday evening a ball was held in the Court House, the proceeds to be given to immigrate from the East Indies one Captain John H. Cooper, whose little children, by the recent death, in Nephi, of their mother and grandmother, are left orphans. Everything connected with the ordinary expenses of a ball was, in this instance, given gratis; and the youth of Nephi are deserving of commendation for their liberal patronage of the charitable scheme. Many gave donations who did not attend the party; and, in all, over a hundred dollars will be realized.

The picture of a Maori Chief, exhibited in the Tabernacle last Saturday and Sunday, is that of a man over eighty years of age, who some fifty years ago was a cannibal. For many years, until recently, the Bible has been the only book translated into the Maori tongue, so these dusky people, and especially the chiefs, have become well prepared to judge of the consistency of the Gospel when it is preached to them. The Chief in question on becoming converted, exhibited his faith, notwithstanding his great age, by discontinuing a long habituated use of tea, coffee and tobacco. He is now a counselor to the presidency of a branch of the Church in that far off land; and, not being able himself to immigrate, he was pleased to present his life-sized picture to be carried hither. It represents a man, tattooed, with a long grey beard, and apparently, as one might judge from the features, of a bold and resolute character. The painting will doubtless be placed in the Manti Temple.

For a few years past a few of Nephi's citizens have been supplied, by a system of pipes, with filtered water from Salt Creek. Spring water from

the mountains has been furnished to others in portable water tanks; but perhaps the majority of citizens have had to content themselves with the waters of Salt Creek undiluted from its "lees." Besides being a saline solution, sometimes, for want of a rigid sanitary protection, it becomes otherwise impure, and in rainy seasons exhibits the phenomena of turning white as milk, and again, like the Nile, red as blood. The city is to be congratulated upon a now determined solution of the water question, especially so because of itself assuming to accomplish the matter instead of putting it into the hands of an Eastern capitalist who had made a proposition on the matter to the city.

A SPECIAL CONFERENCE.

Friday last President Wm. Paxman returned from a three and a half years' mission to Australia and New Zealand. On Saturday special meetings were held in the Nephi Tabernacle on the occasion, which exhibited some tasty decorations supplemental to those remaining over from the Twenty-fourth. The gallery was festooned with evergreens; several vases of flowers ornamented the stand; while, back of the stand, surmounting the picture of President Young, were the words, "Welcome home." On the wall was also displayed a large oil painting of a Maori chief, a member of the Church. Outside, over the entrance to the building, were inscribed on a banner the words, "Welcome to our President."

The programme for the forenoon meeting was an address of welcome by Elder John R. Chase; a song, "Home again," by Mrs. S. A. Andrews; address by Counselor Wm. Sperry; congregational singing; address by President Wm. Paxman. A graphic description was given by the latter of his labors in the mission field, and a strong testimony borne of the manifestations of God's power and blessings. The mission of New Zealand and Australia, of which Brother Paxman had been President, comprises fourteen conferences, seventy branches, numbering some 3500 converts, over 3000 of whom are Maoris. The speaker replied to the generous expressions of welcome by acknowledging a reciprocity of kindly feeling and joy in his reunion with friends and acquaintances.

The afternoon services comprised, in addition to songs by Grace McCune and Alice Paxman and choir, pieces and anthems, speeches by Elders George Kendall, Andrew Love, Nielsen S. Bishop (Fillmore, Willard Co.), Counselor Jas. W. Paxman, and President Paxman. After each meeting came general handshaking.

On Sunday the large audiences were addressed by President Paxman and Apostles F. M. Lyman and John Henry Smith, whose instructions were well calculated to produce, for those who might entertain them, an enduring benefit and a lasting impression.

AN ANCIENT LAKE-BED.
East and south of Mt. Nebo is a