

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

**THEATRE.**—"Ill Treated Il Trovatore" was presented on an amazingly well treated audience last evening. It is one of Byron's best burlesques and its rendition by the Howson Troupe was a success; its many puns and jokes kept the audience in the best humor.

Miss Emma dressed and acted the role of "Matteo" superbly; Miss Clella and Miss Ward were also very good as "Leonora" and "Inez." Mr. Margretts as the "Kinchin" made the most of that character; his imitation of J. A. Herne in this part was very good.

The burlesque was preceded by the comedy of "Perfection," in which Miss Emma sang several ballads, with much sweetness. The duet of "When a little farm we keep" was nicely sung by Miss Clella and Frank Howson.

To-night an immense bill is offered, Of-fenbach's comic opera of "Pierrette," after which the Howsons will appear in a Grand concert and sing several new ballads and duets. The whole to conclude with the burlesque of "Ill Treated Il Trovatore."

**DISTRICT COURT.**—In the case of the people of the Territory of Utah vs. Thomas Brannigan, Charles Howard and Jack Lavelle, found guilty of the murder of Calvin T. Russell, the Court overruled the motion in arrest of judgment, and after the prisoners making choice of the mode of execution, sentenced them to be shot on Monday the 20th day of July, A. D. 1899, between the hours of 9 o'clock a.m., and 4 o'clock p.m. The prisoners were then remanded to await the execution of their sentence.

**FATAL ACCIDENT.**—We are pained to have to record a fatal accident which occurred at Forest Farm the day before yesterday, resulting in the death of a very promising lad named Archibald Thompson, aged between thirteen and fourteen years. It appears that another boy with whom he was working was instructed to press some horses, and the deceased in a spirit of emulation strove to reach the animals first so that he could personate the driver. In his anxiety he ran so quickly that he could not stop himself by suddenly turning his hands on the hind portions of the horses; the animal not seeing him, was frightened by the sudden touch, and kicked the deceased in the abdomen. No bruises could be found nor any external injuries, but he gradually sank and died yesterday morning.

**SAILED FOR EUROPE.**—We learn by letter from Elder John Tuddenham that himself and Elders J. Toome, H. G. Park and G. Dunford arrived at New York on the 27th ult., and had secured their passages on the steamer, City of New York, of the Inman line, to sail on Saturday 29th ult., for their fields of labor in Europe. At the time of writing all the brethren who composed the party were enjoying good health, and had had a very pleasant trip from this city, which they left on the 20th ult.

**DESERT TELEGRAPH LINE.**—Seven and a half miles are being added to the northern end of the line; its northern terminus heretofore has been at Logan, Cache Co., next week it will be removed to Smithfield. The poles are all up between those two places and the wire, insulators, etc., are en route from this city to-day.

**THE NEW ASSOCIATE JUSTICE.**—Judge Hawley, the newly appointed U. S. Associate Justice for this Territory, called in this morning. "It will be seen by the proclamation which appears in another column, that he has been appointed by His Excellency Gov. Durkee to the 2nd Judicial District of this Territory. The Judge has brought his family with him and intends making his residence in the district to which he has been assigned. Mr. Hawley is the law partner of Senator Trumbull and has had a very extensive practice for the last twenty-two years in Chicago. His health being somewhat impaired by excessive labor he has found it necessary to change his occupation for awhile in order to obtain rest, and relaxation from the cares and anxieties of business.

We think the Judge is extremely fortunate in being appointed to his present position, for if there is a place in the world where a Judge has little to do, and plenty of time to do it in, Utah certainly is that place. We trust that his intercourse with the citizens of Utah may be very pleasant and that his health may soon be fully re-established.

**MONTANA JOTTINGS.**—The Montana papers assert that numbers of "Pilgrims" from White Pine and the East are flocking into that territory, all of whom readily find employment. On the 26th ult. a fire, supposed to be the work of an incendiary, occurred at Diamond City, but it was extinguished before much harm was done. New gold diggings have been started near Dempsey's Ranch, about 25 miles from Virginia City. They are said to be good. The discovery was made by a party of miners from Diamond City. On the morning of the 22d ult. the citizens of Helena, passed through their first earthquake experiences in that city. The "tremblings" lasted about three quarters of an hour. No damage was done, only a considerable scare.

**WIRE FENCES.**—The following "Fence Wire Scale" will be found convenient for reference by those who may design to put up wire fence:

A bundle of fence wire weighs 63 lbs.  
Number of rods in a bundle, 431 No. 7, 32 No. 8, 624 No. 9.  
Weight of 1 mile in length (single strand), 461 No. 7, 389 No. 8, 323 No. 9.  
Bundles required for 1 mile of four strand fencing, 30 No. 7, 25 No. 8, 21 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a Government forty, 30 No. 7, 25 No. 8, 21 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a Government eighty, 45 No. 7, 38 No. 8, 32 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a quarter section, 60 No. 7, 50 No. 8, 42 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a half section, 90 No. 7, 75 No. 8, 63 No. 9.  
Bundles required for fencing a full section, 120 No. 7, 100 No. 8, 84 No. 9.  
There are 75 staples to the pound.

## Died:

In Mendon, Cache county, on the 15th inst., of inflammation of the lungs, William Finley, 64, aged 58 years.

He was born May 10, 1831, in the parish of Markinch, in "Fase of Kirkfather," Scotland; was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in 1845, and emigrated to Utah in 1847. He removed to this place in 1882, and from that time he has held high and responsible positions, being for several years a member of the High Council of this State of Zion. He was always on hand with his property, and used his influence to sustain and perform every duty required by the Priesthood, to whose authority he was devotedly attached.—(Orr.)

**WOOD HAULERS, ATTENTION!**—Several workmen have been busily engaged for several days past, putting into thorough repair, the road up City Creek Canyon. We understand their labors will terminate to-day. If a real first-class road be any advantage, wood haulers will hereafter find the road to City Creek Canyon all they can desire,—in fact, faultless! Try it.

## Correspondence.

ROME, GEORGIA, May 25th, 1899.  
**Editor Deseret News:**—As we wander down the current of our temporal existence, we are attracted on every side by the many beauties of nature. The air is filled with the aroma of sweet flowers, and the limpid waters flow smoothly and gently—the festive notes of birds commingling with the still music of the woods—the blossoms of the trees predict fruit for our enjoyment—the vast verdant carpet under our feet and all nature, as we saunter along, bid us welcome. When we contemplate the works of nature and of nature's God, we realize that all the material elements of the universe are eternal; and that through these material elements there is a divine spirit widely diffused which contains all intelligence, wisdom and power. This spirit is the life and principle of all things by which they move, and of intelligences by which they think. Is it not evident from the pages of sacred history, as well as from the living oracles of to-day, that man has the privilege of placing himself in conjunction with this all-wise spirit, through obedience to the commandments of God? Oh! that fallen man could realize that the Great Ruler of the universe still lives, and bearken to His voice, and obliterate all his ideas of modern, bogus, Christianity, and identify himself with the people of God by the law of adoption and thereby come in communication with this Divine Omnipotent spirit, that leads in the ways of all truth, that dictates hundreds of thousands of Saints to render their *Te deum laudamus* with the same mind and will.

The tree of knowledge planted by nature's God now stands upon the tops of the mountains in bold relief as a beacon light for all the world. This tree, perfect in all its branches, extends its prolific boughs over all nations, and upon it hang the buds and blossoms of temporal, spiritual, and eternal knowledge. The angels or messengers are leaping from branch to branch crying with a loud voice: "Fear God and give glory to Him for the hour of His judgment is come." Stretch forth the hand of humility and nip the bud, and mature it, and it will blossom and bring forth the fruit of mature knowledge. Then mystery vanishes—all nature puts on her beautiful garment; we are enabled to draw aside the curtain of time and look into the before, mystic future and there behold on the great panoramic sheet our future state of existence as "Apples of gold in pictures of silver." It enables us to look within the veil of myriads of worlds, and communicate with angels and the spirits of just men made perfect, in that celestial world where all is perennial youth, and neither death nor decay are known. It also enables us to know God the Father, and Jesus Christ the Son which is life eternal.

But Oh! how changed the scene when men attempt to find out God by their own wisdom without this divine spirit. All is chaos,—men's opinions, instead of a sure and abiding knowledge. Men without authority—educated in a college—attempt to preach the gospel, when they know nothing more about God than a cat knows about the science of mathematics. "They teach for doctrines the commandments of men." They teach for life and divine for money. "They use false words and make merchandise of the people, who will not think for themselves, but allow their hireling preachers to think for them. These preachers are educated by men, they are called to preach by men, they are paid by men, and their final reward will be damnation if they do not repent, for Paul said that no man could preach any other gospel except that given by immediate revelation, short of the curse of God. Why will not these sectarian preachers come out and meet the Elders and reason together upon the Scriptures? I have challenged them all, either directly or indirectly, in the neighborhoods in which I have traveled, in both Georgia and Alabama, to meet me in either private or public discussion, but none has dared to do so. I gave a week's notice on one occasion, that I was going to preach the funeral sermon of both the Baptist and Methodist churches, and that all the preachers in the vicinity were respectfully invited to attend and participate, if they pleased, in the funeral services, but none was their answer again, so we had it all our own way as usual. When we get any out from among their bundles, they howl, and cut them off for embracing heresy. We baptized five persons in the vicinity of Bowen, from which place we have just returned; several others in that vicinity are believing. We ordained Bro. Alexander Stewart to the office of an Elder at that place. He is a very zealous, intelligent and apparently, a very good man to leave as a watchman on the tower. Counting both children and adults, there are 29 in that vicinity that expect to go to Utah in our company this Fall, and about 40 from this vicinity.

Fruit is nearly all killed here. Cotton almost an entire failure on account of the cold weather; some are replanting. Prospects for crops, in general, are very poor. Stock very high—the poor getting poorer—the rich richer—lies popular—truth has a hard road to travel. Whenever a vagrant zephyr happens to wander over this burning desert of iniquity, it soon folds its feeble pinions and dies of the pestilence that springs forth to meet it. Anarchy appears inevitable. But there are a few honest people here, who have not given heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils, to whom the Lord has given us access, and has blessed our labors in their midst. I expect to start in a few days to Pennsylvania, to visit my relatives. Bro. J. W. Crosby, Jr., will remain here and gather out the Saints from this vicinity, to start for Utah about the middle of October. Brother Crosby unites with me in love to all Saints.

Yours, etc.,  
O. H. RIGGS.

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