

interview took place with the
Italy, who came there to meet
King George expressed with
telling his thanks to Victor
for the sympathy of the Italian
behalf of the Cretans, and for
placing Italian men-of-war
disposal of Cretan families in
odus to Greece proper.
an, Russian and French frigates
lately been in Cretan waters
same purpose. Much admira-
been expressed by the Courts
in and St. Petersburg, and in
and Russia generally, at the he-
termination of the Cretan people
lay down their arms until they
conquered their independence.

SWITZERLAND.
The Switzerland is to follow the ex-
of little Belgium. A commis-
of staff officers is hard at work on
scheme for increasing the efficiency
the army, and another commission
been charged with the duty of se-
the sites of new fortifications to
acted on the frontier. It is under-
that the defences at Basle and
will be materially strengthened;
du-pont will be built on the
at, the Reusa and the Sanne; and
a large intrenched camp will be
ed at Berne. The execution of
plans involves a ruinous expendi-
of public money. An "armed
is not "fun" to the great powers,
it is death to the little ones.

CHINA.
Prices from Tientsin to October 5th
of the import business in foreign
manufactures and sundries as still de-
pressed. Native merchants declined to
purchases on account of the famine
which prevails in the northern parts of
empire and the boldness of robbers,
believed by starvation. Tientsin had
placed under the protection of
of soldiers, stationed on the
banks.

LOCAL ITEMS.

M. CANNON is the General Business
agent of this Office, and is authorized to make
collections and settlements connected there-
with.

EXPLANATION.—We understand that a num-
ber of people were disappointed at finding the
market closed on Christmas morning,
when it was advertised to be open. We wish to
state that the advertisement was forwarded to
this office, on Monday morning in all good
faith, a majority of the butchers having sent it,
for some reason, unknown to us, they decided
not to open on Christmas morning.

RECOVERING.—We are pleased to be able to
state that Bishop Sheets, our worthy Supervisor
of streets, is recovering from an attack of sick-
ness from which he has suffered for over a week
past.

FINE.—A frost last night hardened the ground
and cleared up the atmosphere, and to-day the
sun shines out, making everything look bright
and cheerful. A sprinkle of snow whitens the
mountains nearly to the base, but there is none
in the valley.

THEATRICAL.—To-morrow evening "The Lion
of St. Mare," or the "Chief of the Council of
Ten," is the play, Mr. Couldock appearing as
the old, implacable chief. The play is a stirring
one and is well calculated to please and gratify.
Fine scenery, rich and picturesque costumes,
startling incidents, and exciting situations
abound in it. Miss Couldock plays Lesbia, Mr.
McKenzie, Fallier, Miss Adams, Viola, with a
full cast. The "Valet de Sham" is the farce,
with McKenzie, Margetts, Graham, Matthews,
Miss Adams and Miss Alexander representing
the characters.

RE-COMMENCED.—Councillor Groo informs us
that the gravelling and grading of East Temple
street, suspended during the late stormy weather,
has re-commenced, and will be prosecuted,
weather permitting, until finished. It is a good
work and everybody wishes success to it.

THE PUBLIC AND THE DRAMA.—Critics are not
slow to express their disapprobation of theat-
rical managers, if the plays produced are not
such as the public have a right to expect; and
they have not only the right to do so, but it is
a duty which, when necessary, they should
faithfully and honestly perform. Still, the pub-
lic have much influence in moulding the action
of managers; and there is an equal duty on the
critic to call the public to account when it is
needed. There has been considerable odium
cast upon the managers of some theatres east
for producing what is called "the naked dra-
ma,"—such pieces as the "Black Crook." But
the public flock to see them, and month after
month the theatres are crowded to witness the
performances. As those managers run their
theatres for the purpose of making money, they
present to the public that class of pieces which
will bring the most money into the treasury.
The morality of such a course is very question-
able, and, at times, execrable. Its tendencies
and results are most injurious. Yet the public
pay for being demoralized, and they are to a
great extent responsible for it.

In this city we have a Theatre designed for
healthful amusement, and for the enjoyment
and recreation of the people. The plays which
have been produced here have been such that
every man could take his family to see them
without the risk of virtue or morality being of-
fended. Still, the public appreciation of the
plays presented, manifested by their attending
or not attending a performance, under ordinary
circumstances, must have its weight in the se-
lection of pieces to be produced. In the engage-
ment of Mr. and Miss Couldock, the Manage-

ment displayed enterprise, and a desire to place
before the public the most refined and exqui-
site natural class of performances presented
on the stage anywhere, which should command
general approbation. As an artist, Mr. Could-
ock has no local or ephemeral reputation, but
his fame is world-wide and his position
in the profession was established years ago.
His vigor is unimpaired; his judgment is ma-
tured by experience, his ability is everywhere
acknowledged and it is known that whatever
he appears in will be well done. His daughter
is a very promising actress, exceedingly natu-
ral, of clear conception, and manifesting great
pathos and power. The company here is admit-
tedly a good one. The class of plays produced
since the engagement of the Couldocks, have
been of a very elevating tendency, mostly pre-
sented pictures of life which place honesty,
virtue, domestic affection and probity in such
situations as to elicit sympathy and claim imi-
tators. Much wit and humor have sparkled
through the pieces, not vulgar wit, at which the
thoughtless laugh while the reflecting are an-
noyed; but refined wit, caustic humor, and sar-
casms which cut folly and deal trenchant blows
at ignorant and empty pride, as in the fine
comedy of "Self." Yet, although the weather
has been unfavorable, it is questionable if these
plays have been as well patronized as those of the
sensation school would have been, which,
though not presenting anything particularly
wrong, either in language or incident have
a tendency to create a desire for the unnatu-
ral and improbable. Like strong condiments
in food to the body, or sensational novelettes
to the mind, they excite an appetite for that which
is injurious. It does not speak well for public
taste where unnatural, improbable and over-
strained acting, or worse still, immodest pre-
sentations, take the precedence of natural,
artistic and truthful impersonations. Yet such
is the manifestation of public taste in many
places, and it marks the decadence of sound
morality. Very many people desire to see on
the stage something the very opposite of that
which, under circumstances similar to those
assumed, would be found in actual life. Actors
and actresses must strut and fume and rant, and
play the fool in the eyes of sensible people, to
gratify such a taste; and it is no uncommon
thing for members of the profession, in their
desire to please the many, to outrage common
sense by their unnatural mouthings and actions
on the stage. A higher taste should be culti-
vated among us; and the performances of such ar-
tists as Mr. and Miss Couldock have a tendency
to aid it. Now that we are likely to have bet-
ter weather, we hope, for the very brief time
that they remain, our people will feel a disposi-
tion to attend the Theatre, will evince their
appreciation of such playing as is now offered
to our public, and cultivate a taste for the natu-
ral, rational and truthful, in preference to the
inflated and sensational class of plays which
now claim an immense but necessarily an
ephemeral popularity throughout the world.

THE WEATHER.—By Deseret State Telegraph
Line we learn the following state of the wea-
ther at the points named at noon to-day:—

Brigham City; very pleasant; clear air; froze
last night. The high water has carried away all
the bridges in the Kaanyon, and in some places
cut out the road. It is falling very fast now.

Ogden; clear and frosty.

American Fork; very pleasant, with the ex-
ception of a few scattered clouds. Heavy frost
last night. No snow.

Payson; very fine, warm and pleasant; some
clouds hovering near the mountains south. It
froze some here last night. No snow in the
valley.

Nephi; pleasant and a little cloudy. Froze
last night.

Ephraim; mild and somewhat cloudy, sun
shining at intervals. Slight frost last night.

Manti; cloudy and cold. Roads very bad.

LOCKED UP.—Snedaker, whose arrest we chro-
niced yesterday, for possessing and showing
obscene pictures, was brought before Justice
Clinton, and fully committed to appear be-
fore the Probate Court. \$300 security was de-
manded from him, which he was unable to
procure, and he was conveyed to the County
jail where he remains a guest of the public un-
til his trial.

WET.—Our exchanges bear evidence of the
extent of the late rain storm, many of them
having come to hand as wet as Paddy Ryan's
wife said her husband was, when he was hung
out to dry in Sidney, with a rope round his
neck lest he should fall and hurt himself.

DIED.—In this city, Dec. 26th, 1887, James
Kewley, formerly of the Isle of Man. His fune-
ral will take place to-morrow morning, at ten
o'clock. The friends of the family are respect-
fully invited to attend.

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cial District of the Territory of Utah, I have
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thirty days, commencing SATURDAY, DECEM-
BER 14th, at the house lately occupied by Morse,
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tion.
d19-1a J. D. T. McALLISTER,
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