

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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SABBATH MEETINGS.—In the morning, President Geo. A. Smith delivered an address on the political status of this Territory and the reasons why it should be admitted into the Union as a State. In the afternoon, Elder Orson Pratt delivered a discourse on the earliest colonization of this continent, as recorded in the Book of Mormon, showing God's dealings with the colonists, and His promises to all who have, or yet may inhabit, this land. Both discourses were reported.

THEATRICAL.—"Under the Gaslight" attracted another large house on Saturday night; the performance passed off with great eclat and the railroad train swept over the stage with terrific effect.

To-night the favorite actor, Mr. D. McKenzie, takes a complimentary benefit tendered to him by Madame Scheller, Mr. Waldron and the entire company. Mr. McKenzie certainly deserves a substantial benefit. He is at all times a reliable actor. There is an earnestness in his acting, quite refreshing in these "walk-through-the-park" times. He evidently feels, when he acts, that he has to give the people something for the worth of their money. There is feeling, impetuosity and enthusiasm in his acting too. We trust Mr. McKenzie may be persuaded to delight his numerous admirers occasionally and not retire entirely from the stage. "Rosebud," an interesting comedy, and "When Women Weep," a petite comedy, constitute the bill for this evening. In the former Mr. Waldron and the company and in the latter Madame Scheller, Miss Colebrook, Mr. Graham and Mr. Lindsay will appear.

To-morrow night there will be a most interesting performance. In addition to the regular performance in which Madame Scheller and the company will appear, the Salt Lake Minstrels will make their debut on the Salt Lake boards. This attraction is something new for our theatre-goers and we have no doubt they will enjoy the novel and highly amusing performance of these songsters hugely. These are the first professional "Negro Minstrels" that have appeared in this city.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—Bro. F. Sharp, writes from Smithfield, that the anniversary of the Sunday school was held on the 7th instant. After the exercises, rewards of merit were distributed among the children. The number of scholars was 175, number of teachers 15. There was about \$70 in the school fund towards purchasing a library.

PROGRESSING.—The survey of the U. P. R. from Ogden to this City has reached Centerville; and Mr. Morris expects to complete it to this City in a few days.

THE BENEFIT TO-NIGHT.—We sincerely hope that Mr. McKenzie will have a house, crowded to repletion to-night, on his retirement from the stage. He has claims upon the public for a substantial recognition of his services which should not be forgotten. He has never trifled with them nor his duties on the boards. He has been an earnest, careful and assiduous student. Every character entrusted to him the public could justly be said to have been creditably played. And for a length of time he has honorably and faithfully held the position of leading man, during which he has sustained the esteem and respect of his fellow-citizens and we expect to see a tangible manifestation of these feelings this evening as he makes his farewell bow on the boards which he has so long appeared on with honor and ability. The selections for the evening—"Rosebud" and "When Women Weep"—make a very strong bill, and apart from other considerations should draw a crowded house.

POLICE.—James Hogan, the young man who forgot the difference between mead and foam at the Revere House and whose name was given on Saturday as Craigan, was tried on Saturday evening and fined in \$10.

Tom Sayers—not the renowned P. R.—at the same time was fined in \$7.50 for drunkenness.

Starkey, Thomas Horton and Hicks, were arrested and fined this morning \$10 each for drunkenness.

Wm. Van and Gus Sprouse were arrested and this morning examined on the charge of assault and battery. The case was continued till this afternoon.

While our reporter was at the City Hall obtaining the report, a nice young man in light blue pants and dark blue jacket, came in, heavily assaulted by an officer, and stretched himself in the hall as a candidate for a cell.

This begins to look like "civilization."

THE LOCOMOTIVE IN ECHO.—From Bishop A. K. Thurber, who left Echo on Saturday, we learn that the locomotive was in the canyon. The track-layers were three or four miles this side the summit when he left, and the prospect was that they would come right down. The bishop thinks that by this time the ties are laid to the mouth of Echo, and that after making allowance for storms, they will be at Echo city by the 10th of January. Dr. Durant was expected at the Summit on Friday night. The snow is lighter at the head of Echo than at any point this side of it.

SEVENTEENTH WARD GOING AHEAD.—The members of the 17th Ward Female Relief Society, held their picnic ball in the Music Hall, 14th Ward, on Christmas evening. Committee of arrangements J. C. Rich, W. Calder, M. Davis; floor managers Zebulon Jacobs. The object of the society in having a party was, in addition to a social reunion and the "light fantastic toe" exercises, to raise means wherewith to assist in the erection of an edifice suitable for the business transactions of the Association. The sisters of the 17th Ward have entered into the duties devolving upon them as a Relief Society with a spirit of earnestness and enterprise second to no similar organization in the Territory. Already have their charitable labors become widely known, and their blessings to the needy extended with an unswerving hand. The dance was a decided success, not only financially, but in point of good order, enjoyment and thorough satisfaction to all present. An excellent supper was prepared by the sisters for the music and the committee at the residence of Col. Rich. Not an ill look, an unkind word or anything verging on unpleasantness occurred to mar the harmony of the occasion, but all went merrily as a marriage bell; the assembly retiring about half past two, in good order, blessing the efforts of the 17th Ward Female Relief Society.

Special Notices.

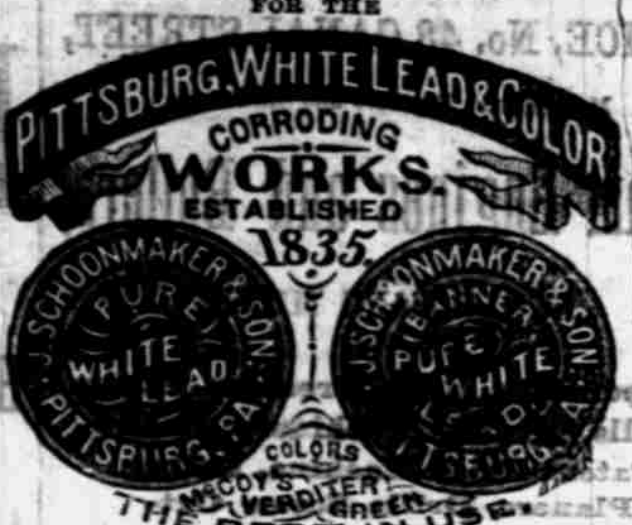
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