

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—Last evening a slim audience witnessed the representation of the play "The Wood" and "The Wept of the Wash-ton-Wish." The whole of the performance was very good.

At night the management announce the theatrical drama, translated from the French, expressly for Miss Lucille Weston, "The Child Stealer," in which Miss Weston personates Maggy Hookley, a child stealer, an English prize fighter and a pickpocket. The rest of the characters are played by the troupe.

THE R. F. R.—We learn through the Western Telegraph line that the end of the week was within three miles of Bear River.

RETURNED.—President Geo. A. Smith and Elders Joseph F. Smith, Thomas Taylor and Amos Neff returned to this city last evening. During their trip, which has extended to St. George, the party have held city public meetings, at forty-four of which President Smith was present and addressed the Saints. He also attended some meetings of the Female Relief Societies and other local assemblies. The members of the party speak highly of the spirit of improvement in the South and have enjoyed their trip very much. We are happy to greet our friends once again in our midst and are pleased to see them looking so well. Elders Amos Neff and A. M. Cannon, also belonging to the party, reached the city this morning.

DEATH.—In this city at 8:25 p.m., yesterday, of scarlet fever, Alice S. V., daughter of J. Q. and M. E. Knowlton, aged 2 years, 11 months and 25 days.

A funeral will take place at 1 p.m. tomorrow from the residence of J. Q. Knowlton, 19th Ward. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

BEAR.—An advertisement on the infallibility of a patent "Red Bug Exterminator," in the Omaha Daily Herald, after thoroughly establishing its efficacy winds up as follows:

"Be aware of spurious imitations—of druggists in Omaha sell them."

"Be pretty rough on the Omaha druggists."

RIVERDALE.—We have received a communication signed "Ammon," dated Riverdale, April 2nd, giving the details of the recent horrible tragedy near Ogden.

We should gladly have inserted our correspondent's communication but had already to hand the details of the same occurrence received from our regular correspondent "Ammon." We gladly accept our Riverdale correspondent's offer to furnish us items of interest occasionally and shall promptly insert them.

CALLER.—We had the pleasure of a call today, from our old friend, Professor C. J. Thomas, former leader of the Theatrical orchestra, who has come in from Beaver, Iron County, to attend conference. He is well known in our community as a talented professor of music, and if circumstances are propitious his numerous friends may have an opportunity to greet the Maestro once again in a public capacity. We wish him success.

MRS. ST. CLAIR'S LECTURE.—This lady announces that she will again lecture on Monday evening next. The subject is her travels and experience in the Southern States; narrating her interviews with Mr. Jefferson Davis and Gen. Robert E. Lee, and her conversations with the "poor whites," plantation negroes, etc., while on her visit. This, Mrs. St. Clair claims to be her best lecture, though she says she has only delivered it once to a select circle of her friends in New York City.

"WHOM SHALL I MARRY?"—Between three and four hundred people attended at the Assembly Rooms last evening, on the occasion of Mrs. St. Clair's third lecture. The subject, "Whom shall I marry?" was well and ably handled by the lecturer. She advised all young ladies to cultivate self-reliance and independence of character. It was better to earn a living by means of employment than the humble, than to eat the bread of idleness. She was very hearty in their should train themselves to habits of industry. Many were induced to marry because they entertained a horror of becoming an old maid, and in consequence, took the first chance that presented itself to enter into the matrimonial state without duly considering the suitability of the match.

The lecturer referred to the confidence that ought to exist between mother and daughter. Many mothers entertained the foolish idea that the marriage relations were a subject of too delicate a nature to be mentioned to her child. This false idea has been a prolific source of misery in the world. Much of the wretchedness existing in families was the result of ignorance, which might have been avoided by a little judicious teaching from parents to their children.

Judging from the manner in which Mrs. St. Clair spoke of bachelors her opinion of these specimens of the genus homo is not very exalted. Every year of a bachelor's life was so much deducted from the sum total of human existence.

Marriage, the lecturer said, was an ordinance of the most sacred and holy character, and it was the right of every woman to have a husband and a home. It was the design of God and nature that it should be so. By way of palliation for the offensiveness of bachelorhood the lecturer was of opinion that many men remained in a condition of celibacy on account of the thoughtless extravagance of the female sex.

Our brief report can give but an inadequate idea of the lecture. The audience appeared to be much pleased with the evening's entertainment. Another lecture was announced for Monday evening, and the last one of the course to be delivered on Wednesday evening next.

WEATHER.—American Fork, cold, with wind blowing.

Payson, very cold; wind blowing from the north; appearance of snow.

Nephi, storming cold.

Moroni, very cold and disagreeable; every appearance of rain.

Mount Pleasant, is very cloudy and storming.

Maui, snowing.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY STAGE.

From the West.—C. J. Sprague, C. A. Haskin, Peter Knight, Mr. Reeves, Mrs. H. F. Smith, Alex. McKeever, Wm. Clairmont. From the East.—L. P. Walker, C. F. Walker, wife and children, Miss M. Young, J. F. Fennor, H. A. Eastman, Miss Deppa, W. Miller, Wm. M. Patterson, A. J. Hopper, C. Chesborough, H. N. Benson, L. H. Head, D. Rutherford, A. Rutherford, Jas. Keltie, John Keltie, Wm. Brown, M. Toby, H. Trille, B. F. Miner, Alex. Allen, Mr. Brooks, John.

To the North.—W. P. Smith, E. P. Johnson, M. J. Chittenden, M. Seigel, M. Greenwald, Miss A. Willenbeck, J. Walsh, Wm. Keat, Ben Helman, F. S. Newman, Wm. Fly, W. Douglass, A. J. Bailey.

To the East.—John Banning, L. S. Walker, D. T. Walker, wife and two children, Miss M. Young.

To the East.—Col. Faggart, J. E. Withington, Richard Brown, J. W. Powell and wife, Geo. W. Tavey, Mrs. E. M. Ottinger and boy, James Harrison.

Correspondence.

The following article terminates a remarkable philosophical review, written by brother Peter A. Droubay, and translated by brother Louis A. Bertrand. Many readers of the NEWS will confess, we think, that the former Frenchman discourses very logically in his vinicultural communications, and handles with great ability all philosophical matters.

A few words on the Philosophical System, Exposed by Mr. Ch. Faurety in La Revue du Journal de Principes, Paris, 1886-68.

PINE KANYON. Tooele Valley, March 26th, 1860. Mr. Faurety has been led, I think, to this conception of Deity, by the necessity in which he was morally involved in having a God performing no miracles at all. And indeed, here is the great objection that philosophers oppose to the theologians:—

"If your God performs miracles, He breaks the laws which He has previously decreed. He contradicts Himself. He is no God. Besides, it is impossible to stop for a single moment one of the laws ruling the physical world, without at the same time destroying all other laws. For instance, had Joshua stopped the sun, all the solar systems must have been annihilated, equilibrium have been destroyed, the earth precipitated on one side, the moon on the other, and the final result must have been a cataclysm, ending the whole world."

Now, this objection falls to the ground, if we restore to the word miracle its true sense. Miracles are facts of which the determining causes are still unknown. For as soon as miracles are no more the result of a caprice, as soon as, like other facts, they are ruled by laws, God does not contradict Himself, but He applies the law in this as in everything.

It is on account of this objection that Mr. Faurety, who had adopted the definition of miracles as it is given by the Catholic Church, could not conceive of an instant being, distinct from other beings, having his own will and reasoning and acting, because such a God would certainly be able to perform miracles, and that is why He has been led to conceive and to present to us his God who contains within Himself a little of all existences, but yet, definitively, is nobody.

Now, let us examine the aim which is pursued by Mr. Faurety. This aim is, indeed, as great as it is meritorious, and worthy of tempting the ambition of a noble mind. Should his dream be realized, the law, being the direct expression of reason, would rule the whole world; minority or majority would exist no more, but mankind, calling themselves brothers, would form a united family. No more murders; hatred and envy would vanish away with individual interest; no more sins, no more adulteries, our senses would only awake to satisfy legitimate aspirations. War, the old relic of barbarism, would decline, no more of mankind. Our will, being determined by reason, would rule our desires and would only gratify legitimate ones, so that our bodies, receiving no more, as formerly, all those poisons which were accumulated there by a depraved taste, would by degrees regenerate and all the gross routine of vices, pleasures, etc., would soon disappear from the face of the earth, and pleasures would become healthy as well as human bodies. Besides, individual merchants would disappear to make room for a general co-operative society; and humanity, being rescued from the social evils by which it is now tormented, would stride like a giant towards its glorious destiny.

But it seems to me that this is no more a dream; what I am going to say is not perhaps very modest, but perfectly true. The Latter-day Saints are a people who have no majority nor minority, but they vote unanimously on all political or religious questions which are submitted to them. Shedding of innocent blood is the high of villainy. Prostitution and adultery cannot exist among them. A privileged caste or social serf is unknown in Utah. All their women, without exception, affirm themselves in their dignity of mothers and wives, and they consider it their paramount right and duty to raise and educate the rising generations. The Latter-day Saints have forsaken the use of tobacco and strong drinks. This regime bears already its own fruit—secret diseases are unknown among them; and lately the mass of the people have constituted themselves into Co-operative Societies.

Thus we have, as a people, arrived at this same end which is pursued by an eminent philosopher of the old world. Are the Latter-day Saints a people of philosophers? Have our leaders spent their lives in reading the books of the wise and intelligent men of the earth? Verily no; at least they do not look as if they had done so. Then to what fountain-head did the creation of this society, the fountain of the religion, go? The simple, the poor, the unlearned Joseph Smith applied directly to God to ask wisdom, and God revealed to him principles which will save mankind. Now, this God, as unknown to you, philosophers, as He was to the Athenians when they were visited by Paul, revealed daily to the leader of His people what is to be done by His worshippers in order that they may live and prosper. Every philosopher has discussed or rejected God; hence their impotency. Every true Latter-day Saint knows, before he is a little child, saying: Father, what dost Thou want of me? I am ready to do Thy will. Hence their strength and wonderful prosperity.

The philosopher says: "My reason, my science, my principles! I am of age! I am free! No more songs by which my childhood was rocked. No more of the caresses of my nurse! I have searched, I have found! Mankind here is my book! French people, here is the remedy which shall save you! But no man has time enough to hear his words."

ly love; and from Him, we possess the full assurance that we are invested with the promises of the present life and the life that is to come.

Sigmund, a philosopher and a Latter-day Saint, are the two masons engaged in constructing a different building. The philosopher is losing his time to prove to his architect that he is not an architect. The Latter-day Saint has immediately commenced his work, and he adds every day a few stones to his building which towers already most majestically towards the heavens.

OGDEN, April 1, 1899.

Editor Desert News.—I have just this moment been an eye-witness of one of the most heart-rending sights that a journalist can be called upon to record. A woman and two of her children butchered in cold blood, within the precincts of a populous city. Verily, civilization hath come at last!

This afternoon, about three o'clock, a fiend incarnate, name not certainly ascertained, entered the house of the wife of Wm. Butler, of Market Settlement, near the track of the U. P. R. R., and, standing alone, excepting the presence of two little girls and a sucking babe, announced at once the base object of his intrusion. Finding his entreaties, his importunings, and his maledictions all alike unavailing, he suddenly turned, grasped a hatchet, lying in a corner, and sprang upon the woman, and, by three furious blows, burying the weapon in the side, top and back of her head, stretched her upon the floor. Having thus rendered her powerless to resist, the monster turned upon the two little girls, one aged seven, the other five years, who were shrieking with fright at the horrid murder of their mother, and inflicted upon each of them the same number of blows on the head, each cut entering the brain. The fiend then defiled the dying woman.

The cries of the children had been heard by the neighbors, and two or three females ran to the house to learn the cause, but to behold the atrocious scene of butchery and outrage, and the monster engaged in his horrid work. As soon as discovered, he threatened he would kill them too if they did not leave. Two youths, sons of brother Horace Tracy, were the first on the ground to render any efficient aid. These he fiercely attacked with a club, but fortunately his blows were parried, and the boys and women so dexterously handled clubs and stones that he fled, taking down the railroad track and finally crossing into the willow swamps in the suburbs of Ogden. Being barefooted and very stout, the constabulary, his pursuers, and but for the opportune assistance of a young man on horseback, might have escaped. By a random shot the fugitive was somewhat disabled, when Butler, the father of the murdered children, having by this time heard of the deed, overtook him, and with deadly aim, sent a bullet through his brain.

The body was conveyed to the Ogden jail, to be consigned to a murderer's grave to-morrow.

The excitement here, upon the arrival of the body was intense. The whole tragedy, probably, occurred within five minutes, that taken to relate it, and the people know nothing of it until the remains were brought in. A gentleman, late from Montana, remarked that he ought not to have been shot. "He should have been burnt," said he—"to smolder over a slow fire." The dreadful act, with its unparalleled connections, is appalling to every one.

But yesterday it seems, when a female was outraged at Morgan, Weber valley; and another at North Ogden—the heathen perpetrators of both finding a speedy, summary and a self-admitted, justly-merited retribution. To-day brings its sad refrain of crime quadruply intensified—a female outraged and three innocent helpless human beings most horribly butchered!

Regret it as we may, the recurrence of such atrocities can but result in sealing up the hearts and hospitalities of our population from the stranger in our midst. It can but generate suspicion and dread, per- adventure even to the social proscription of the passer-by of fair intent. Who will dare hereafter, to leave his family without immediate and plenary defense?

Friday 24 noon.—The woman and older girl still linger. But the doctors in attendance says they cannot long survive. They are lying at the house of Bro. Horace Tracy. I saw them this morning; and also in company with bro. E. and S. Hunt visited the house where the awful tragedy was perpetrated. The blood of the five victims almost drenched the floor. The horror of the deed was vividly before us.

The Probate Court for Weber County commenced its sitting on Tuesday. Grand and traverse juries were empaneled. A. Minor, Esq., acts as prosecuting attorney. A true bill of indictment was presented to-day against Garrett Wolverton for killing Sinclair, the defiler of his wife. The case will be called to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Seth M. Blair, Esq., appears as counsel for Wolverton. No person here entertains the idea that Esc. Seavey's insidious strains will be at all requisite to remind the jury of their solemn duty to acquit the prisoner.

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