

BENEFICIAL TO THE DRAMA.

The inter-state commerce law is being very generally regarded as an ambiguous, uncertain, impracticable piece of legislation, too crude and incomplete to accomplish more good than evil, and, on the whole, a law that ought not to have been enacted. But it is not wholly unproductive of good, and unquestionably the drama will be benefited by it. The following observations by the *American*, convey much truth and good sense:

"Among the collateral advantages of the Inter-State Commerce Law will be the suppression of the Tramp Theatre. Under the old system of low charges under contract, the local theatre has almost disappeared in the United States. Traveling companies, carrying their costumes, scenery and everything else in special cars, have perambulated the country with no benefit to either public morals, or the wholesome cultivation of the dramatic art. All this comes to an end with the enforcement of the long-and-short haul clause, if the Commission can be brought to the point of enforcing it. It no longer will pay to transport the whole paraphernalia and personality of a troupe. If the star actors can afford to go, that will be all.

We regard this as a gain to public morals, because we think very much of the evil which attaches to the profession of the actor grows out of the homelessness of his position. He has no local public opinion to which he is amenable for his conduct, because he is generally so localized nowhere. He has not the wholesome and restraining influence of home life, as the support of his personal good conduct. From the first, almost, he has been "the strolling player," and recent railroad and theatre methods in this country have tended to aggravate the evils of his position.

And dramatic art has suffered from this system. It has prevented the rise at any point of a school of native talent commending itself to permanent patronage by means less sensational than the tramp theatre must employ to attract the attention of strangers. We hope that the day will come when every city of the country will have its local staff of home-bred and home-staying actors whose lives will be an answer to the oft reiterated charge that actors necessarily are an immoral crew. And to this end the Inter-State Commerce law will operate."

Twenty-five years ago we had in this city a good stock company which played regularly and gave us the legitimate drama in a manner that made the stage, not only a source of wholesome relaxation from toil, but an invaluable public educator. For many years, and during a period when the city contained scarcely half the population or wealth that it now does, from one to three, or even more, performances were given every week, to good houses. Home talent was encouraged, and in return it served the public with earnest fidelity. Unquestionably those were the palmy days of the drama in this community, and our theatre goes to-day experience nothing like the enjoyment they did then.

But the era of traveling troupes dawned upon us. Home talent was neglected and discouraged. Our local dramatic stage, upon which the daughters of our best citizens ventured with their parents' full consent and with no more fear of evil influences than they would have in appearing at a school exhibition, became clouded with the unsavory suspicions with which it is elsewhere regarded, until the reluctance of lady home talent to appear upon it is the greatest difficulty now in the way of frequent performances by home companies.

If the inter-state commerce law shall have the effect to give back to Salt Lake the good old times when her citizens derived so much enjoyment and wholesome relaxation from the performances of home dramatic companies, it will have wrought for us one great advantage.

The fact that Salt Lake City possesses the talent necessary to constitute a first-class stock company is fully evinced by the occasional performances of the Home Dramatic Club, which is one of the very best organizations of the kind on the continent.

TERRITORIAL ITEMS.

CULLED FROM LATEST EXCHANGES.

—Montana recently won the Louisville, Ky., cup against Lucky B. and Solid Silver, the distance being two and one-fourth miles. It is thought that this Montana horse is one of the best long distance runners in the country.

—A stepson of Chief Arlee was found four miles east of Arlee, Montana, on the 16th. He had apparently been beaten to death with clubs. The result of too much fire water. An Indian at the same place who had stolen a horse was scourged with 100 lashes.

—Florence Griffice committed suicide at the house of Emma Wallace, in Butte, Montana, by taking laudanum on the 16th inst. She had formed an attachment for an actor and grew despondent over unrequited love. She claimed to have an aunt in Salt Lake City to whom she wrote just previous to her death.

THE OATH IN THE SECOND DISTRICT.

Court Proceedings in Beaver—Unlawful Sifting of Jurors.

BEAVER, Utah, May 18, 1887.

Editor Deseret News:

The oath administered to the petit jurors here yesterday was the one formulated by the Commission for voters. Judge Boreman "did not see how any honest, conscientious Mormon could take it," but it turned out that less "Mormons" in proportion to their numerical strength declined to subscribe to it than did those of the "Gentiles." The jurors were informed that the oath related to their present and future status and of course mine and adventurers who find or wish to find a wife in every camp will not take the oath as they erroneously suppose they would lay themselves liable to prosecution for perjury, for fornication committed after taking said oath. It is said that this refusal is very unsatisfactory to Judge Boreman. Although the legal oath was administered in court, the interrogations were in accordance with the

LEAGUE OATH

which was rejected by the Commission, and several who would have subscribed to lawful questions were challenged off because their answers were not satisfactory to the prosecution. The interrogations were very pointed and so far as I could judge no part of the spirit of the league oath was omitted. Of course, as is usual, several of the most prominent men who made the country and who stood the fiery ordeal of quizzing were peremptorily challenged off.

Brother M. M. Steel from Panguitch, who came prepared to contest an indictment for unlawful cohabitation had to return without a hearing, because, as is believed, there were still left too many of his real peers on the jury. At the next term of court the

OPEN VENIRE

will be supreme. One half of the number received this time on the panel completed yesterday were summoned on open venire.

Willford Halladay will be tried to-day for killing the fellow who seduced his wife while he was in the penitentiary. His aged parents are here to witness what is to be the fate of their son.

Our large fruits are nearly all killed with frost. There is considerable sickness in the place from influenza. Our crop prospects are not as good as we could wish, owing to the protracted drought.

DANIEL TYLER.

Going Westward.

Stealing quietly westward from Fort Fetterman, the sixth transcontinental line is attracting little attention, but although there is so little flourish of trumpets, the work of grading is going steadily on. The Chicago & Northwestern Railway Company, which has the enterprise in hand, has recently contracted for 160,000 tons of steel rails, the greater portion of which, according to statements of officials, is to be used for new mileage. Work was abandoned on the line west of Fort Fetterman last winter, but was again resumed last month.

There can be little doubt, says the *Chicago Times*, although the company has seen fit to deny it, that the one object in building westward through Wyoming and Idaho is to reach the Pacific coast. The line, as newly surveyed, will cross the Snake River at Eagle Rock, Idaho Territory, there to connect with the Oregon Pacific, in which the Northwestern directors are largely interested. Meanwhile work on the Oregon Pacific eastward is being quietly, but none the less effectively, prosecuted. Contracts have been let for the building of 120 miles of track this year. The extent of completed line will remove the eastern terminus from Corvallis, Oregon, to Camp Polk, in the same state. It is a big undertaking for a company like that of the Oregon Pacific to build a line over 500 miles in length, from the Pacific Ocean to a point so far inland as Boise City, Idaho Territory, but with the New York capital represented by John I. Blair and Percy Pyne, there can be no doubt of its ability to carry the project through. It is the confident prediction of those best posted that the Northwestern will be running trains to the Pacific Coast before the end of 1889.

It is not yet known what will be done by the Southern Pacific in the way of the railway construction in eastern Oregon. The company has recently had a force of engineers in the field examining the resources of that Territory. The line is to be built up the Klamath river to Klamath lake. It is stated that the work on the first section of 100 miles will be comparatively easy. The road is ultimately to connect with the Oregon Railroad and Navigation company's line near the northern boundary of Oregon. It is believed to be the aim of the Southern Pacific company to wrest the key of the situation in eastern Oregon from the Oregon Pacific, which is hastening to get possession of the vast territory east of the Cascade range of mountains. It will also deal a blow to the Oregon Short line, which is at present the only means of rail communication which northeastern Oregon has with the eastern lines.

COMMERCIAL.

The Stock, Money, Grain and Provision Markets.

DESERET NEWS OFFICE, Salt Lake City, May 21, 1887.

SALT LAKE MARKETS.

Corrected daily by Leading Houses.]

PROVISIONS.	Buying	Selling
Whole Wheat Flour.....	2 50	2 00
Flour, xxx.....	1 75	2 25
Patent Roller.....	2 25	2 75
High Patent Roller.....	2 50	3 00
Wheat per bu.....	75	65
Oats per 100.....	1 75	2 00
Barley per 100.....	1 20	1 40
Barley Cracked.....	1 25	1 50
Corn.....	1 40	1 75
Corn Cracked.....	1 50	1 80
Potatoes per bu.....	60	75
Lucern seed, 100b.....	7 50	8 50
Brans per 100.....	97 1/2	1 15
Shorts per 100.....	1 00	1 25
Timothy seed, 100b.....	7 50	8 00
Red top seed, 100b.....	7 50	8 00
Clover seed, 100b.....	10 00	12 50
Hay, timothy, baled per ton	16 00	20 00
Hay, timothy and clover,		
per ton.....	18 00	20 00
Hay, lucern, per ton.....	9 00	13 00
Beans per 100.....	3 00	5 00
Carrots per bushel.....	25	35
Onions per bushel.....	1 65	2 00

GROCERIES.

	Buying	Selling
Eggs per doz.....	12 1/2	15
Table butter.....	20	25
Cooking.....	12	15
Home Cured Breakfast Bacon.....	10	12
Home Cured Side Bacon.....	8	10
Eastern Cured Breakfast Bacon.....	12 1/2	14
Eastern Cured D. S. Short Eastern Cured Hams.....	14	14
H. M. Cheese.....	12 1/2	14
Eastern Cheese.....	18	18
Z. C. M. I. Tea 1/2 lb papers.....	34	34
Pride of Japan Tea 1/2 lb papers.....	34 1/2	34 1/2
Pioneer Tea 1/2 lb papers.....	34	34
Arbuckle Coffee per lb.....	26 1/2	26 1/2
Roast Java.....	28	28
Green Java.....	25	25
Roast Mocha.....	34	34
Green Mocha.....	31	31
Roast Rio Pioneer.....	22	22
Green Rio Pioneer.....	17	17
Granula'd Sugar per 100.....	7 25	7 25
A Sugar.....	7 15	7 15
Extra C.....	6 75	6 75
Gold C.....	25	25
Out Leaf.....	12 1/2	12 1/2
Honey, Utah pr lb.....	8	8
Molasses, Utah pr gal.....	65	65
Candies, per box 20 lbs.....	2 00	2 00
Candies, per box 40 lbs.....	4 00	4 00
Cal. Raisins, L. M. 20 lbs.....	2 40	2 40
Cal. Raisins, L. M. 20 lbs.....	2 65	2 65
Coal Oil, 110 t. p. c. 10 g.....	3 20	3 20
Coal Oil, 150 t. p. c. 10 g.....	3 50	3 50
Coal Oil, 175 t. p. c. 10 g.....	3 60	3 60
Currants, per b.....	8 1/2	8 1/2
Salt, per 100 b.....	60	60
Vinegar, 60 grain.....	25	35
Valley Tan Beans.....	3	4
Navy Beans.....	4	4

	Buying	Selling
Peaches, peeled.....	12 1/2	15
Peaches, unpeeled.....	12	15
Plums.....	12	15
Apples.....	12	15
Apricots.....	12	15
Lard, 3 lb pails, per b.....	10	10
Lard, 5 lb pails, per b.....	9 1/2	9 1/2
Lard, 10 lb pails, per b.....	9 1/2	9 1/2

FRESH MEATS.

	Dressed
Beef, choice steers, 4c. gross, selling	80
" medium " 3 1/2 c. " "	7
Cows, 3 1/2 c. " "	7c.
Sheep, 3c. " "	6c.
Hogs, 4c. " "	7c.
Home cured hams, 15c.	
Bacon, 10 1/2 c.	

CHICAGO MARKETS.

By Telegraph to-day.]	1 p. m.
Wheat—Firm; Cash, 87 1/2; June, 88 1/2; July, 87 1/2.	
Corn—Easy; cash, 38 1/2; June, 38 1/2; July, 40 1/2.	
Oats—Irrregular; cash 25 1/2; June 26 1/2; July, 27.	
Pork—Strong; cash and June, 23.	
Lard—Easy; cash 6 1/2; June 6 1/2; July 6 7/8.	

OBITUARY.

WHITON.—By the death of Sister Ellen Emmett Moran Whiton, which event transpired on April 28th, 1887, the city of Wellsville, Cache County, lost a faithful and devoted Latter-day Saint, whose whole life, during her membership in the Church, was a living exponent of the doctrines and principles which she had embraced.

Sister Whiton was born May 28th, 1816, at Olden Mill, Lancashire, England, and was the daughter of Richard Emmet and Ann Taylor; was baptized in the year 1832, and arrived in Utah in company with her husband, Henry Moran, October 17th, 1833. For a short time they lived in Salt Lake Valley, and afterwards removed to Cedar Fort, Cedar Valley. During the winter of 1835 and 1836, Brother Moran was engaged in cattle herding with George and Washington Carson, near Utah Lake, and was killed with them by Indians, Feb. 17th, 1836. Sometime after this sad event, she married Brother Isaac Whiting, and with him moved to Wellsville in the spring of 1839, where she lived until the time of her death.

On the 4th of July, 1868, she was appointed treasurer of the relief society of Wellsville, and in 1873 she became president of the society, which office she held at the time of her demise. During her presidency she had the confidence of the society and the esteem of the saints of that Ward.

Sister Whiton had been a great sufferer for many years, but she hung on to the thread of life with amazing tenacity, desiring of living to still accomplish more good. But she at last succumbed to the call of her Master, and died as she had lived, with a full assurance of the truth of the Gospel and a fervid hope of a glorious resurrection. [Com.]

DEATHS.

FRYER.—At the residence of his parents in Deweyville, Box Elder County, May 19, 1887, Joseph Thomas, son of Robert C. and Basham D. Fryer. Deceased was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, December 20, 1872. His death was caused by being accidentally thrown from a horse.

WRIGHT.—At Nephi, Utah, May 9th, 1887, Tabitha Matilda Wright, wife of Thomas Wright, Jr., and daughter of David and Tabitha Norton, born Dec. 28th, 1835, at Willard, Box Elder Co., Utah, from hemorrhage. She died in full fellowship, beloved by all who knew her, leaving a husband and four children to mourn her loss.

THOMAS.—At Lampeter, Cardiganshire, South Wales; February 27, 1887, Evan, son of Evan and Mary Thomas; born June 9, 1859.

He was noted for his devotion to the kingdom of God and his kindness to the Elders. His father died some ten years ago and he has continued to make his home with his mother, whose house has ever been open as a home to the Elders. He leaves two brothers, one of them in Utah.—*Mill. Star*.

BURT.—In this city, Thursday, May 19, 1887, Hazel, daughter of the late Marshal Burt and M. A. Burt, aged 3 years and 4 months.

HENSLEY.—In Denver, Colorado, May 10, 1887, Willie, only child of Mr. and Mrs. William Hensley, aged 3 years and 9 months. Mr. Hensley was formerly with the Continental Oil Company in this city.—*Ogden Herald*.

PERKINS.—In the 16th Ward, this city, of erysipelas and inflammatory rheumatism, John Perkins; born at Buckinghamshire, England, Dec. 28, 1821. He embraced the Gospel in his native land in 1842, and emigrated to Utah in 1868. He died as he had lived, a faithful Latter-day Saint, in full hope of a glorious resurrection. *Millennial Star*, please copy.

CRAGIN.—At his residence in St. George, Utah, February 13, 1887, after an illness of six days only, Elder James Cragin. Deceased was born July 28th, 1814, in Fayette Co., Indiana; was baptized in 1843 by Elder Nathan Porter, and gathered with the Saints at Winter Quarters. He with his family shared in many of the persecutions which were heaped upon the Saints in the early days of the Church, and came to Utah in the year 1849, arriving on the 24th day of October. In 1853 he moved to St. George, Utah, where he resided till his death. He was a kind and indulgent father, a man of great faith and a firm believer in the Gospel of Christ. One Sunday witnessed him in the Tabernacle bearing his testimony to the truth of the latter-day work, the next witnessed his death. He leaves a wife and eight children to mourn his loss. He had fifty-two grandchildren, forty of whom are living, and one great-grand child. *Burlington papers* please copy.

HUGHES.—At the residence of her parents in the Seventh Ward, Salt Lake City, of hemorrhage, Jane Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Hughes, of Farmington, and daughter of William and Rosina Tolhurst, born in Denbighshire, North Wales, March 7, 1831, and died May 20, 1887.

HELM.—At Mill Creek, of inflammation of the lungs, Margaret D., daughter of Marshal and Margaret Helm. Born Oct. 16th, 1854.

BURNHOPE.—At Spanish Fork, Utah County, April 16, 1887, of old age, Elizabeth Charlton Burnhope, aged 81 years and 6 months. Deceased embraced the Gospel at Sunderland, England, in 1847, and with her husband, Isaac Burnhope, and part of her family came to Salt Lake City in 1868. Her husband died in February, 1869, and she married Nicholas Boak, of Spanish Fork, in 1872, and since has resided at that place. She was a kind mother and faithful friend, and leaves four sons, two daughters, forty-seven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren to mourn her loss. *Mill. Star*, please copy.

MARGROFT.—At 5:30 p. m., May 16th, in the Fifth Ward, Charlotte Margcroft, wife of John Margcroft. Deceased was born March 17th, 1817, at Saddle Creek, Yorkshire, England. She was baptized March 13th, 1842, and came to Missouri in 1854 and to Utah in 1859. She died firm in the faith and leaves a husband and four sons and fourteen grandchildren to mourn her loss.

TOWKES.—While working on a section at Riverside, U. C. Ry., Jas. Towkes dropped dead, the cause being stagnation of the blood. Deceased was born at Castledownington, Leicestershire, England, July 25, 1825; embraced the Gospel in 1847; emigrated to Utah in 1880. He leaves a wife and children to mourn his loss. He lived and died a true Latter-day Saint.—[Com.] *Millennial Star*, please copy.

TERRY.—At Pleasant Grove, Utah County, May 13th, 1887, of fever, Eva Amelia, daughter of Joshua P. and Amella Terry, aged three months and five days. This makes two children Brother and Sister Terry have lost by death.—[Com.]

DUTSON.—At Oak Creek, Millard County, May 6th, 1887, after a lingering illness of fifteen months, John W. Dutson; born September 28th, 1829, in Herefordshire, England; embraced the Gospel September 24th, 1840; emigrated in 1843, went through many of the trials and persecutions of the Saints in the days of Nauvoo; crossed the plains in 1857; moved to Fillmore and was called from there to Oak Creek in 1871. He held many prominent positions in the Church and at the time of his death was one of the seven Presidents of the Twenty-first Quorum of Seventies; was highly respected and was followed to the grave by a numerous and respected family and a large circle of friends and acquaintances.—[Com.]

SHAW.—At Nephi, Utah, May 13, 1887, Eva, relief of James Shaw, born July 16th, 1822, in Lancashire, England; embraced the Gospel and emigrated in 1848, and resided in the Fifth Ward, Salt Lake City, till the move, when she removed to Nephi where she resided until her death.—[Com.]

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ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One small sorrel roan MARE, 3 years old, three white feet; no brands. Said mare has a colt.

If said mare is not claimed on or before Thursday, May 26th, 1887, it will be sold to the highest cash bidder at the estray pound at Panguitch, at 10 o'clock a. m.

A. DELONG, Poundkeeper, Panguitch, Garfield Co., May 15, 1887.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

Three black and white sow PIGS, slit in each ear.

Two white sow PIGS, square crop off left, upper and underbit out of same ear.

Also, three small PIGS. If not claimed and taken away within ten days from date, they will be sold to the highest cash bidder, at 2 p. m., May 25th, 1887, at Glenwood estray pound.

SAMUEL SHORT, Poundkeeper, Glenwood, Sevier Co., U. T., May 16, 1887.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One black MARE, 3 years old, both hind feet white, a few white hairs in forehead, brand resembling — on right thigh.

One dark bay HORSE, about 14 years old, branded W on left shoulder.

If said animals are not claimed and taken away, they will be sold to the highest cash bidder, May 26th, 1887, at 10 o'clock a. m., at Escalante.

EDWARD WILCOCK, District Poundkeeper, Escalante, Garfield Co., Utah, May 13, 1887.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One blue roan HORSE, about 10 years old, branded JH on left shoulder.

One roan HORSE, about 8 years old, star in face, branded BR on left shoulder; both horses are collar marked.

If said horses are not claimed and taken away within 10 days from date, they will be sold to the highest cash bidder, Thursday, June 2nd, 1887, at 2 o'clock p. m., at my place of residence.

L. HEMENWAY, Poundkeeper, Granger, S. L. County, May, 23, 1886.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One brown, curly three year old HORSE, branded — on left thigh; has two white hind feet. CS

Also one bay MARE, coming two years old, branded — on left thigh; has some other brand CS that cannot be described.

Also one dun or blue bald face HORSE COLT, coming two years old, branded — on left thigh. CS

Also one sorrel HORSE COLT, coming two year old, branded A with a dot on each side, also, — on left thigh. CS

Also one sorrel yearling MARE COLT, with two white feet. No brands visible.

If said animals are not claimed and taken away within 10 days, they will be sold on Saturday, May 28th, 1887, at 1 o'clock p. m., at Richfield precinct pound.

JOHN W. COONS, Poundkeeper, Richfield, Sevier Co., Utah, May 17, 1887.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

I HAVE IN MY POSSESSION:

One sorrel MARE, 6 years old, white face, hind feet white branded — on right thigh. F

One sorrel MARE, 2 years old, white face, four white legs, branded — on right thigh. F

One light grey MARE, 5 or 6 years old, branded — on right thigh. F

One dark grey HORSE, 4 years old, branded — on right thigh. F

One bay yearling mare COLT, with lamp under belly, small white spot in forehead, branded — on right. F

If the above described animals are not claimed on or before May 30th, 1887, they will be sold at public auction at the estray pound, Toccole City, at 11 o'clock a. m.

M. B. NELSON, Poundkeeper, Toccole City, U. T., May 20, 1887.



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