

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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**SABBATH MEETINGS.**—In the morning Elder F. D. Richards addressed the congregation, contrasting the position of the religious sects of the world, and that of the Latter-day Saints. The faith of the former is pinned to man-made systems of religion, and in consequence of this no matter how sincere they may be, are in a state of doubt and fear, and in relation to the future. They have obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ, and have received the testimony always according to His true disciples and followers. Through this testimony, fears or doubts with regard to the present or future, are unknown, and in life or death, so long as they are faithful, they know that all is well with them.

Afternoon.  
Elder W. Woodruff delivered a very interesting discourse on the power of God, as manifested in preserving this Church and people through all the vicissitudes through which they have been called to pass since the commencement of the mission of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He predicted that that power by which we have hitherto been sustained will be all-sufficient in the future, and that, no matter what powers may oppose, the Kingdom of God will go on until its triumph is secured, and it has accomplished all that God ever designed it should accomplish.

**THEATRICAL.**—The thrilling drama of "The Avenger" and the farce of "The Rough Diamond" attracted an excellent house on Saturday evening. Mr. McKenzie as John de Proclia and Mr. Hardie as Alessandro carried off the honors of the evening. Mr. Lindsay's General de Bullie was also a good piece of acting. A part in this piece is Stella, enacted by Mrs. Bowring with commendable care. It requires, however, more power to successfully delineate this character, than Mrs. Bowring possesses. Valentin is rather a milk and water heroine, and gave Miss Adams little scope to display her talents. She was more successful as Margery in the "Rough Diamond." We are forced to the conclusion that Miss Adams will show to better advantage in subordinate parts than in the leading role. She appears to us more natural and free from affectation in such characters as Margery. The Stollmans made a good appearance, particularly Mr. R. F. Nelson, who distinguished himself by his excellent make-up. Mr. Hyde as Malcor deserves honorable mention. Once in a while the performance dragged, but on the whole it was a success. Mr. Margaret as Cousin Joe made a "hit."  
This evening the benefit of the veteran actor, Robert Beauchamp, takes place, when the drama of "The Old Chateau" and the farce of "The Artful Dodger" will be presented.  
Jaco McCullough, failing to connect with the stage at Bryant City, McCullough seems to be unfortunate in his connections. The company will therefore, appear to-morrow in the Irish drama of "Ireland as it Was" and the elegant comedy of "Time Tries All."

**CONFERENCE AT ST. GEORGE.**—By Deseret Telegraph we learn that a conference commenced on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, at St. George, at which there was a large turn-out of people from the settlements around. It closed on Sunday night.

**THE GREEN RIVER RIOT.**—Mr. Harris one of the editors of the *Frontier Index*, called this morning and related to us the origin of the recent riot at Green River. He says it originated through the occasional arrest and imprisonment, for drunkenness, of some of the graders, which infuriated their fellow-workmen, who determined to release them. For this purpose, a mob of about two hundred, consisting of graders and gamblers, armed with revolvers, started for the jail and effected their purpose. The cry was then raised to destroy the *Index* office and hang its editors, the cause of this being, that the *Index* had cried down the lawless and riotous proceedings of certain desperate characters with which the town had been infested, and had spoken in favor of the vigilants in hanging the three desperadoes some two weeks since, which excited the hate and rage of the gamblers; and in addition to this, the proprietors of the *Index* had pressed Tom Smith, one of the leaders of the mob at Bear River, but formerly City Marshal at Green River, for \$70, which he owed them for printing done for the city while at Green River.  
At the time of the onslaught on the *Index* office, the editors, very fortunately, were in another part of the city, or they would have all probably have been killed. Mr. Harris was afterwards secured by the mob, but managed to escape by declaring that they were mistaken in the man, that he had nothing to do with the *Index*, but was cook at the Star Restaurant. Mr. Freeman was subsequently secured by the mob, who seemed determined to kill him, but through the kind offices of Patsey Marley, the pugilist, he managed to make his escape, and he and Mr. Harris, through the assistance of friends and a good disguise, succeeded in escaping from the city, leaving there on Saturday morning. Mr. Freeman going to Bridger, and Mr. Harris coming to this city. Upon arriving at Bridger, Mr. Freeman, after taking steps to have the military sent to Bear River, immediately telegraphed to Chicago for a new press and other material necessary to resume the printing of the *Index*, as the citizens of Bear River have promised him all the assistance necessary to do so.

**THE CAUSE OF THE EARTHQUAKES.**—The past two or three years have been remarkably prolific in earthquakes, indeed so much so, that the present time, has been denominated the "earthquake era." Various causes have been assigned for these subterranean convulsions, but philosophers, as well as doctors, sometimes disagree, and no very satisfactory result has been arrived at until quite recently. Though it might not at all decrease the danger to know the real, veritable cause of these visitations, it might at least satisfy the curious in such matters. This difficult problem has been solved by the Rev. S. M. Thorpe, Professor of Greek and Latin in the Nebraska College, and, in a letter to the New York *Express* he magnanimously makes known his discovery to the public. His theory, and certain predictions founded upon it, were sent to the *Express* at the time of the eruption of Vesuvius, several months ago, but were not published. This great discovery, however, has since been ventilated by *bono publico*. The Professor's theory is that the interior of the world is a seething caldron of molten fire, around which is a crust of earth but ten miles thick. A vast mass of the crust of the earth, under the West Indies having become detached, fell into the burning mass below, and had given rise to the antecedent disturbances in St. Thomas and vicinity; that the shock sent rolling eastward an irresistible although sluggish ocean of life, seeking a vent; that the eruption of Vesuvius was the first demonstration, and that the various outlets of the globe, especially in the line of march, would in regular succession of time give similar tokens of the surging commotion beneath them. Professor Thorpe says that when Hawaii was shaken up he told the people of San Francisco they would be the next in the line of shake, and now he says the Atlantic coast from New York southward will feel the effects of the subterranean surging wave of fire, though now subsiding into a moderate ground swell.  
The New Yorkers had better get ready seeing that their turn is coming. If the ancient Weyly who wrote about "vain philosophy," and "science, falsely so-called," had lived in these days he might have entertained different views. Truly the discoveries of this age and generation are wonderful!

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