LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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THEATRICAL.—In "The Life of an Actress," to be presented to-night, there are a variety of good characters, which will admit of the ladies and gentleman in the cast treating the audience to some excellent acting. The dialogue is piquant and lively, the situations good, and the piece displays in an eminent degree the peculiar powers which have made its author, Dion Boucicault, the most successful play-wright of the day. Violet is a character in which Madame Scheller has won lavish encomiums for her impersonation of it, together with her sweet singing; and in the performance of the comedy we expect a capital evening's enjoyment.

THE CONCERTS.—Madame Parepa Rosa and troupe will appear on Thursday and Friday evenings, in two grand concerts. To speak eulogistically of the lady and her support would be superfluous. Her fame is world-wide, and they stand accredited as artists of high reputation. Of course everybody will be on the *qui vive* to hear the great cantatrice, and we expect the house will be crowded to excess on each occasion. Considering the great expense attending this engagement the increased prices which the Management announce are very reasonable; and we presume all will agree with us, that the most liberal patronage should reward their efforts to place before our citizens the first talent of the age, when opportunity offers.

LOSS BY FIRE.—We learn from a gentleman who was present that on Thursday last about noon, a stack of hay in Bishop Edward Hunter's stackyard, at American Fork, was set on fire by a boy shooting a gun near it. The hay was dry, and the fire ran along it in a few moments; and two other stacks close by were set on fire from it. The quantity of hay in the three stacks was estimated at from 75 to 80 tons, which was totally destroyed, with considerable corn that had not been husked. Through the great exertions of Bishop Harrington and the brethren there, the dwelling-house and sheds, with a little barley, oats and corn, were saved. The loss is from a thousand to twelve hundred dollars to Bishop Hunter, and about three hundred dollars to the tenant.

The folly of permitting boys to have and handle fire-arms is very apparent when such things as this occur; and would be all the time if proper reflection was bestowed upon the matter. The man or boy who would shoot off a gun close to a quantity of dry hay, possesses no more sense, or if any, but little more, than to fire it off as close to a powder magazine; and as far as possible fire-arms should be kept out of such hands. In another part of this column will be found the notice of another lamentable accident which occurred through the handling of a pistol by a boy who was unfit to be trusted with it. Such examples are, unfortunately, too numerous.

NEW RESTAURANT.—The "Star Restaurant" was opened to-day by Messrs. W. Groesbeck & W. J. Revilin, in Groesbeck's buildings, fronting on East Temple Street. A courteous note invited us to go down, inspect the premises, and pass an opinion on the *cuisine*, in response to which a representative paid the institution a visit. The place is well adapted for the business; the culinary department is roomy and well furnished; and the tables are supplied in a manner that reflects credit on the caterer and cook. The number of restaurants in the city is not too great to supply the demand; and there is little doubt but the "Star" will speedily receive a paying business.

MORE ATTRACTION.—We understand that John McCullough, the eminent actor and Californian favorite, will play a short engagement in our Theatre, commencing at an early date. Our citizens should appreciate the enterprise of Messrs. Clawson & Cane, in catering for their gratification as they do. Few towns far removed from the great cities have the opportunities of witnessing such eminent talent as we are being favored with in such rapid succession—Madame Scheller, Madame Parepa Rosa, and John McCullough shining on our boards within the space of a couple of weeks.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday morning a little son of J. P. Thompson, of the 11th ward, and another boy, were handling a small derringer, it was discharged, and the ball struck Bro. Thompson's boy. It entered below the mouth and passed round the lower part of the jaw, knocking out a couple of teeth and tearing its way along, and lodged behind the windpipe, from whence it has been impossible to extract it without danger. Dr. Anderson was called for, and administered to the little fellow, who was doing pretty well this morning, not suffering much pain. His condition is not deemed critical, if the swelling is kept down.

THE WEATHER.—We have received the following per Deseret Telegraph Line:

Nov. 10, 11.30 a.m.

St. George, clear and very cold nights, thermometer 26°.

Parowan, clear and cold; hard frost last night.

Fillmore, fine.

Moroni, very cold last night with a heavy frost, but quite warm and pleasant to-day.

Nephi, clear and very cold—freezing very hard at night.

Spanish Fork, very clear but cool, freezing very hard during the night.

Logan, fine and clear with the sun shining brightly; nights cold.

Brigham City, clear and rather cold.

Kaysville, very fine and pleasant.

ONLY THINK.—The Cincinnati *Chronicle* of the 23rd ult., chronicles the following:

"Five thousand Mormon emigrants have been added to the population of Russia this year."

There, now; that means something! It's astonishing how easily news can be manufactured, if it can't be found in the usual way. Somebody is responsible for that bit.

POLYLINGUAL.—We thought on Sunday afternoon, when in the Tabernacle, of the facilities which exist in this city for the acquisition of a knowledge of modern languages. The number of nationalities and different tongues represented in meeting, and the number of Elders present who have studied the languages of different countries while on missions to them, elicited the reflection. In this city students of languages can be instructed in French, German, Italian, Danish, Swedish, Welsh, Norwegian, Russian, Dutch, Portuguese, Hindoostanee, Kanaka and other languages of the Pacific islands, various Indian dialects, and others of which we cannot now think, when rapidly penning a "local;" and that too, by persons competently qualified to teach accent, idioms and the language desired. With this fact existing, we felt sometimes to wonder why there are so few students of widely spoken languages, compared with what there might be; and why students in most cases pursue the same course they would do where such facilities do not exist—acquire the knowledge they take solely from books and from teachers who have studied from books. Young men and young women, you who wish to extend your linguist knowledge, when you study a language, do it at "the feet" of somebody competent to teach you so that if you have to travel in the country whose language you have studied, you will not be compelled to write your wishes through being unable to express yourselves so as to be understood. And you who are well qualified to teach, circulate, by available means, that fact; that those who wish to study may know where to apply.

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