

been granted. Advices from Caracas and Venezuela of the 23d say that the insurrectionary troubles in Arago are diminishing. Panama letters of Feb. 1st state that Guatemala dates contain an official denial that war with Mexico is imminent. Additional advices from Peru state that Cusco, while en-route for the Capitol, with a victorious army, lost a hundred men by the explosion of the Prados powder magazine.

A Montgomery dispatch from northern Alabama, says, that section has gone against the constitution. The vote in the negro counties gives 11,000 against the constitution. The white vote, thus far reported, does not reach 150 in the whole state.

Chicago.—the weather is intensely cold: The thermometer is forty degrees below zero at St. Thomas.

LOCAL ITEMS.

THEATRICAL.—The fine play of "Arrah Nacogah" and the Musical treat offered after it, drew a fair house on Saturday night for the benefit of Professor Careless. The principal changes in the cast were Mr. McKenzie as Samson, Mr. Hardie as O'Grady, Mr. Thompson as Major Coffin, and Mr. Merrill as the Sergeant, and the characters were admirably represented by the gentlemen named. In Mr. McKenzie's Samson we were even better pleased than we expected to be. Though not exactly in his line he played the character with a great deal of dash and humor, and with all his usual force where it was required, and looked the rollicking, warm-hearted, deep-feeling "boy" which he represented. Mr. Lindsay's Feeney was one of the richest portrayals of the piece. He plays the part with great ability. The characters of Arrah, Fanny, McCool, Katey Walsh, Olin, &c. were presented in good style by Miss Adams, Miss Colebrook, Mr. Graham, Miss Alexander, Mr. Maiben and others. The music which followed the drama, vocal and instrumental, was well executed, and drew repeated bursts of applause. "When we went a-gleaning," sung by Mrs. Careless, drew an encore; and so did "And Robin Gray," on the English Concertina, by Anthony Godbe, Esq., the audience calling loudly for "The Chimes" with which the gentleman obligingly favored them. The chorus was large and most efficient; the other vocalists and the instrumentalists are well known for their ability; and the finale of the evening's entertainment was very successful.

To-morrow evening the very popular and intensely sensational play, "The Colleen Bawn" will be performed. This is a piece which continues to draw crowded houses every where it is presented. For wit, pathos, poetical ideas, exciting circumstances and situations, and sensational effects, we presume it stands without a rival in the whole range of the sensation drama. Our company play it well. Mr. Dunbar appears as Myles. It will be preceded by a "A Kiss in the Dark," a very humorous farce.

WE APPRECIATE.—Almost every mail brings us a number of letters which speak in most encouraging terms of our efforts, and highly laudatory of the News. We trust our correspondents will not think us lacking in appreciation because we do not publish them. It is certainly very gratifying to read such comments as this, extracted from the letter of an Ogden correspondent: "I cannot do without the News, and keep the spirit of the times;" and we feel like making increased efforts to continue to merit such expressions of good feeling and approbation of our labors. But we are opposed on principle to publishing laudatory comments, as we would rather the paper should increase its popularity by its intrinsic merits. We thank our correspondents and subscribers for their many good wishes; they are stimulating and encouraging; and we hope those who express them will not misunderstand us, when they do not appear in print, as is too often the case in newspapers.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Orson Pratt occupied the forenoon in a very interesting discourse on the Word of Wisdom and dietetics. He showed the superiority of a vegetable diet, and some of the evils arising from a liberal use of flesh meat to those who so indulge. The importance of not taking animal life, unless when necessity requires it, was forcibly dwelt upon, and sustained by quotations from published revelations.

Afternoon, Elder Erasmus Snow treated on the prophecies relating to the establishment of the Kingdom of God in the last days; and, in view of the great work thus devolving upon the Saints, the necessity for their qualifying themselves to perform it. This they can only do by living in righteousness and purity, so that the Spirit and power of God may be and abide with them.

"OUR DIXIE TIMES."—The second number of this newspaper enterprise in our Southern settlement, has reached us from St. George, the first number not having come to hand. The difficulties attending the establishment and successfully conducting of a paper in almost new and not over populous settlements, where the people have, in many instances, a hard struggle to secure the necessities of life, and constant and severe labor to lay the foundation of a permanent home, can scarcely be realized by those who have had no experience of the kind. Viewed in this light, the starting of Our Dixie Times, by Dr. J. E. Johnson, its Editor and Proprietor is considerable of an enterprise. But our settlements south are rapidly increasing and growing in wealth and importance. The people have so far overcome the great struggle of establishing these settlements, that their tolls, though perhaps equally arduous, are sweetened with many comforts and aids to happy existence, which lightens them of half their heavy burthen. They can now begin to afford to represent themselves in type, by sustaining a local press and paper; and we look for this herald of literature in southern Utah to be the inception of a growth, which, widening and deepening in influence, will be proportionate to the growth of the country, which is evidently destined to become rich and populous before many years have elapsed. There are openings in other parts of the Territory, too, where a local press could make its influence felt for good. The Times is a very creditable little paper, very credible, indeed, considering the difficulties its editor has to labor under in publishing it; and a goodly supply of advertisements speaks well for "home" enterprise and patronage. We cordially wish Our Dixie Times success.

BENEFIT.—A number of the gentlemen having had Benefits it is now time that some of our ladies should be so favored. That others more closely interested than we are, entertain a similar opinion, is shown by the announcement that Miss Alexander will cater to the public taste, invite public favor, and take her Benefit on Thursday evening. The young lady is so great a favorite with the public that to set forth her claims for their attendance on the occasion would be superfluous. To simply state that a very attractive bill of fare is promised will be sufficient.

TAXATION IN IDAHO.—A correspondent of the Idaho Statesman, writing from Idaho city, says that there are many cases of real suffering from destitution among the Chinese in that neighborhood. This is attributable to some extent, according to his statements, to their being overtaxed. He says:

"And no system of taxation ever adopted by any nation or people is founded upon a just or correct principle, that impoverishes or reduces any class to beggary, thievery, starvation, and destitution. It was for no such object, that governments were ever instituted among men. It intended to rid the country of an incubus of a particular population by unfriendly legislation, it commences by inviting an ignorant but industrious people into a country to rob them at pleasure after their arrival. It is a certain grinding of the faces of the poor, which those who are disposed to enter into the pleasant little pastime of doing by way of a nice little joke for the benefit of their pockets, had better consult a certain old, fastidious and little read, but pretty good book, as it contains not a little information apparently designed for their especial use and benefit, and from all I have ever been able to gather there, there are no special immunities in favor of territorial legislatures contained there either. Still the authority cited may have very little weight in modern times with legislatures."

They can't steal, he says, from the whites what they lack to sustain themselves and pay their taxes, because the whites themselves are too poor. Their taxes are very heavy and bind heavily upon them.

ABOUT RATS.—A paragraph has been going the round of the papers, saying that the DESERET News some time ago asserted that there were no rats in Salt Lake City. The News did not say anything of the kind; for, though we have never yet been troubled with the quadruped vermin, we have occasionally had to suffer from another kind—"land rats," you know, as Shylock has it. Just now they are somewhat scarcer than they have been; and we would not view as a heavy affliction a total deprivation of their presence.

SCANDINAVIA.—By letter from Elder C. Widerborg to W. Clayton, Esq., which has been courteously placed at our disposal; we learn that the labors of the Elders in the north of Europe continue to be greatly blessed. Last year 881 were baptized; and in spite of the opposition of priests and returned apostates, the work is still progressing. The poor Saints are looking forward with great anxiety for the day of deliverance, and are much encouraged by the efforts being made in this Territory to gather the Saints from abroad.

THE ELECTION.—The Municipal Election was progressing with unusual spirit this afternoon, as we were preparing to go to press. Several of the candidates were bestirring themselves in the matter, and the voting was being prosecuted with great activity.

INFORMATION WANTED.—JOSEPH GREEN would be very glad to hear of JOHN MONK, if he is living, who emigrated from Birmingham in the year 1864; or from ENOCH MONK his son; and would be glad of any information about either of them, either by letter to the address given, or inserted in the Millennial Star. Address, 12, Alma Terrace, Wandsworth Common, Surrey, England.

THE WEATHER.—It was very cold last night, but beautifully clear. To-day the sun shines brightly, with frost in the shade.

By Deseret Telegraph Line:—
Provo; this was the coldest morning we have had this winter. The sun is shining but it is cold.

Nephi; clear and cold; three inches of snow fell on Saturday last. There was a severe frost last night.

Mount Pleasant; clear and very beautiful; froze hard last night.

Chicken Creek; fine; but rather cold; snow five inches deep.

Parowan; quite clear; very cold last night. The snow is ten inches deep, but drifts on the main road, of two and three feet, are making them almost impassable.

Tokerville; clear and pleasant; hard frost last night.

St. George; the coldest morning we have had during the winter; clear and pleasant. Thermometer 45.

The Wisconsin Farmer renews a suggestion that farmers pack the snow on their fields of wheat by rolling it. The design of this is to cause it to remain on the ground longer, pack the soil more firmly in its place, and protect the wheat roots from the freezings and thawings of early spring. The better crop of wheat in one case, on a strip of land over which wood had been hauled, suggests this course.

Special Notices.

Mrs. White has arranged to prolong her stay in the city for a little time longer, and those who desire to rapidly obtain an acquaintance with music should see her, for she communicates a knowledge of the science, by "Robbins American Method" so quickly as to astonish those unacquainted with it. We think our musicians who wish to fully understand Harmony or Thorough Bass, applied to the piano, organ, &c., ought to make themselves acquainted with the system soon, as she will remain here but a short time. She can be found at the Townsend House.

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