

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE THEATRE last night was well attended and the production of the "Lancashire Lass" a success. Miss Hinely and Mr. Thompson in their roles were excellent and the support rendered by the company was very good.

To night "Frou Frou," a French "East Lynne" full of interest and sensation, followed by the side-cracking farce of "The Devil's Own Work" will be presented, and the last appearance of the present "Lancashire Lass" should draw a crowded house.

On Monday evening the Management will present another attraction—the talented young actor, Mr. Milton Noble, will appear.

The Matinee, this afternoon, was a grand success. The Theatre was well filled and the "Persecuted Dutchman" created lots of fun and merriment for the little folks, sending them home with faces beaming with delight.

Box—In this city, on the 10th instant, the wife of Carl C. Amussen, Esq., a son, Mother and child are doing well.

REDUCTION OF TARIFF.—On the Deseret Telegraph Line, takes effect on Monday. A message of ten words, from this city to and from all parts of the Territory north of Levan, Utah, and Gunnison Sanpete Co. Levan, Utah, and Gunnison Sanpete Co. may be sent for twenty-five cents; from this city to all places south of Levan fifty cents. Messages of the same length may be sent to and from St. George, Washington County, and Gunnison, Sanpete County, for the same tariff.

A CLUE.—It is reported that a clue has been discovered to the whereabouts of a man, the escaped mail robber. If this be true we may expect soon to hear of his being captured.

LECTURES ON CHEMISTRY.—Yesterday afternoon, Dr. Benedict, Professor of Chemistry, at the Deseret University, gave the first of a series of public lectures on this branch of science. These lectures are in addition to the ordinary daily class course, and will be given before the students in the institution, the public also being invited to attend.

The subject of the lecture yesterday was "Carbon," the lecturer giving its history, sources and uses, illustrating the whole by the following series of beautiful experiments:

1. The generation of sparks in oxygen.
2. Burning charcoal and the production of carbonic acid.
3. Testing the acid.
4. Burning sulphur in oxygen.
5. Burning of phosphorus in oxygen.
6. Setting water on fire.

These lectures will be continued every Friday afternoon, commencing at half past seven o'clock, and continuing one hour. They are open to the public, free of charge, we should think that many will avail themselves of the opportunity and attend, especially the parents and friends of the students; by so doing they may acquire useful information, and at the same time satisfy themselves as to the practical nature of the instructions imparted to the students at the institution.

BENEATH NOTICE.—We have received a letter from Brother George Thackery of Crofton, Morgan County, which, were it not that experience proves that when people undertake to sing, they need a good hand to shove, we would like to publish. The person alluded to in the letter is beneath Brother Thackery's and our notice.

BENEATH AT THE THEATRE.—We understand that Miss Adams takes a benefit at the Theatre next Thursday evening. This early notice will give her numerous friends time to prepare and turn out in strong force on the occasion.

LADIES' RETIREMENT BALL.—Retirement received an excellent illustration last evening at the Social Hall. The Ladies' Retirement Society of the 16th Ward, gave a party at that favorite hall, which was sufficiently well attended to be agreeable and not crowded. We were especially pleased with this party, there were no fuss and feathers, no spicing of ridiculous and senseless fashions, no putting on of style.

Every lady was dressed neatly and plainly, and trusted to her natural graces to render her attractive; and it was acknowledged by those who were present last evening that they admired retirement and saw additional reasons for sustaining it, because so far the ladies were concerned their.

"Symmetry of form and feature, set the soul at ease, even like delicious airs of date and harp."

They appeared to better advantage, than if they had been dressed in the "loud" style which the fashions of the present day prescribe. We congratulate this Retirement Society and its Presidentess—Mrs. Juliana Smith, the wife of Elder Joseph P. Smith—upon the success of their party, and trust they will persevere in their efforts to cultivate correct taste among the rising generation.

ASTRONOMICAL LECTURES.—We understand that it is the intention of Professor Owen Pratt to deliver a series of astronomical lectures, under the auspices of the Deseret University, to the students of that institution, commencing next Tuesday evening, and continuing every Tuesday and Friday evening until the course is completed. As the rooms of the University are not sufficiently spacious to furnish the requisite accommodation to the students and their friends, it has been decided to throw open the Tabernacle, and to extend, free of charge, the privilege of hearing the lectures to all classes of our citizens, who are respectfully invited to attend them.

The wonders of astronomical science have had many expounders, and are an everlasting subject of interest. Professor Pratt has given a great share of the time at his disposal, when not engaged in the military, to the subject of Astronomy, and its kindred science, Mathematics, and in both he is acknowledged to have few superiors. Such an opportunity as the present, of hearing one so well qualified, to give an extended course of a science so attractive and delightful, is one which can rarely be had, anywhere, and we think a large share of our citizens will avail themselves of it.

The lectures will be illustrated by diagrams when necessary.

DEFINITION OF COUNTERFEITS.—We had a call yesterday afternoon from Mr. W. A. Rooks, of Washington, D. C., who is the General Agent for the Western and Southern States for "Heath's Infallible National Bank Note Detector," a work issued under

the authority of the Treasury Department. Mr. Rooks is also associated with another gentleman, by the name of Mr. A. W. Bell. The object of Messrs. Rooks and Bell's visit to this city is to dispose of this book, the "National Bank Note Detector," and with this book impart instructions which will enable every banker, merchant and business man to detect at a glance any counterfeit note that may come under his eye. These instructions are of the most complete kind, for with the aid of a microscope, which they furnish with the book and the use of which the learner is taught, as an infallible system of detection of spurious or counterfeit notes is obtained. An excellent feature of these instructions is that they are not confined to peculiarities which counterfeiters can correct in another issue of bills, but cover points which are impossible for them to correct, so that a man who learns the system of detection taught by Messrs. Rooks & Bell to-day can pick out a spurious note ten years from this time—the tests being in each instance infallibly correct. All persons who have the handling of currency will find these instructions of great value, and should avail themselves of the opportunity of obtaining them. It may reasonably be expected that when a portion of our business men become acquainted with this system, if there be counterfeit greenbacks in circulation, they will throw them out. We do not think counterfeiters have found ready circulation in Utah; there are doubtless some well-executed ones that would pass through the hands of many shrewd men, not acquainted with the principles upon which the genuine currency is manufactured, without detection. Mr. Rooks showed us some very good-looking, well-executed bills, which, we should imagine, would pass readily with all but experts. We have seen it stated that no less than \$50,000,000 are in circulation throughout the Union, and the States and Territories west of the Missouri have been favorite fields for counterfeiters to operate in. These counterfeiters are of all denominations. Messrs. Rooks & Bell will call upon our business men.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANNIVERSARY.—We have received, from Elder Albert Jones, of Provo, an account of a Sunday School anniversary, held at that place on the 10th instant. The room in which it was held, the basement of the Meeting House, was crowded on the occasion, with the children and their parents. Mayor A. O. Smoot was present. A report of the work accomplished during the past year was read, which showed that the various superintendents and teachers had been energetic and industrious in prosecuting their labors of love. A number of songs, recitations, etc., were given by the children, after which, in the afternoon, they engaged in a dance. For want of space, we are unable to give the report in full.

MORONI.—Elder John Kirkman, writing from Moroni, Sanpete county, on the 10th inst., says: "Improvements are going on here in the shape of buildings of various kinds, such as dwelling houses, a co-operative saw mill, which is said to have the best foundation of any mill in the county, etc. The other day I entered the new meeting house and found the ladies of the Female Relief Society busy at work making clothing and quilts; carding wool, knitting stockings, lace, etc., all for the benefit of the poor. This society is composed of young, middle-aged and old sisters, all doing a good work. The health of the people is generally good. The weather is very mild, being more like Spring than Winter."

[SPECIAL TO THE DESERET NEWS.]

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## AFTERNOON DISPATCHES.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston, 13.—A private Washington dispatch says Dr. S. G. Howe, Boston, has been appointed Third Commissioner to San Domingo.

## WASHINGTON.

Washington, 13.—Allan A. Durham of Kentucky, was appointed, and accepted the Secretaryship of the San Domingan commission, in place of Gen. Sigel, declined.

## NEW YORK.

Invitation to Theatrical Managers and Professionals

NEW YORK.—The following invitation is addressed to managers and to the theatrical profession in the United States for the object of honoring the memory and aiding the family of the late Geo. Holland, who, in his long and brilliant career, as manager and actor, appeared in all the principal cities of the country. "All the theatres in the United States are invited to participate in the Holland testimonial in New York, by a simultaneous performance on Thursday afternoon, Jan. 19th. All the New York theatres will unite in that performance, will you?" Signed, Lester Wallack, Edwin Booth, J. Jefferson, John Gilbert, Ben. Swaner to Wallack's Theatre, New York.

## FOREIGN NEWS.

## GREAT BRITAIN.

LONDON, 13.—The Times, to-day, has the following: "A special dispatch, dated Versailles, 12, evening, says: The bombardment has been heavy up to this p. m. Several fires are to be seen within the French lines. The Prussians are crowding in to the front. A picket was surprised, near Clamart, by a sortie. The French have erected new batteries."

## A DEAD HORSE.

Is He Worth More than the Living An Animal?

The Scientific American recently contained an article on the uses to which dead horses can be applied, in the course of which it is remarked that the animal must be a remarkably good one if he is worth as much when alive as he is to the retorts and kettles of the chemist. As soon as the horse is dead his blood is sought by the manufacturers of albumen, and by sugar refiners, and the burners of lampblack. Not a drop is allowed to go to waste.

The mane and tail are wanted for

hair cloth, sleeves, bow-strings and brushes. The skin is converted into leather for cart harnesses, for boots and shoes, and strong collars. The hoofs are used for combs, horn-work, glue, and in old times were the chief source of hartshorn, now obtained from the gas-house. The flesh is boiled down in the rendering vat, and much oil and fat is obtained from it. Some of the choice bits may find their way into cheap restaurants, and play the part of beefsteak, or help to enrich the hearty plates of soup of these establishments. The flesh left after all has been extracted from it that is of any service, is sometimes burned, to be used as manure, or is worked up into nitrogenous compounds, such as the cyanides, to be used by the photographer in taking our pictures. The stomach and intestines make valuable strings and cords for musical instruments, and out of the bones so many useful articles are manufactured that it is almost impossible to make a complete list of them. Among them are buttons, toys, tweezers, knife handles, rulers, cups, dominoes, balls, and the residue from all these things is burnt into boneblack, to be used by the sugar refiner, who puts in a second claim on the dead horse, and some part of the backbone is burned white to be used by the assayer in testing gold, and when the assayer and refiner have finished with it, it is converted into super-phosphate to serve as a valuable manure on our land. The teeth are used as substitutes for ivory, and the iron shoes, if not nailed over the door to insure good fortune to the household, are worked up into excellent wrought metal. Some portion of the bone black is converted into phosphorus for the manufacture of matches, and lately a valuable bread preparation is made of the phosphorus, and medicines are prepared for the cure of consumptives.

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