

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

GONE TO OGDEN.—President Young left this city for Ogden, this morning, he is expected back to-morrow evening.

FOR HOME.—Elder Orson Pratt arrived home from the East last evening.

TABERNACLE.—In the morning a portion of the time was occupied by several of the returned missionaries, who related some of their experience while on their missions. Their names were M. F. Farnsworth, Erasmus R. Egan and Marius Ensign.

President Geo. A. Smith gave an account of his early missionary experience, and also of the recent trip of the President and family.

President Brigham Young closed the services of the morning, occupying one hour in the delivery of an excellent discourse, which will appear in the News, probably, during the present week.

In the afternoon Elders John Hardie and Ulrich Loosley, just returned from missions to Europe, told something about their labors there.

Elder John Taylor occupied the remainder of the time; his remarks were reported.

THEATRE.—On Saturday evening there was a large audience at the Theatre to witness the performance of the "Stranger" and the "Iron Chest." The first piece has been well played on several occasions before, and the performance of the title role by Mr. Warner, though good, did not present anything striking; in fact the part does not give scope for the display of great ability. Miss Lockhart's "Mrs. Haller" was enacted with that lady's usual care and skill. Messrs. Margotts and Graham, as Peter and Solomon, the former with "correspondents in all parts of the globe," and the latter when tiring and "untiring" his "little lordship" were immense, and kept the house in a roar by their most excellent delineations of the pompous and vain old father, and his idiotic son. They have seldom caused more of a sensation than on Saturday evening, and in such parts these gentlemen are exceedingly difficult to excel.

Mr. Crowther played "Tobias" in excellent style; such characters are decidedly his forte. We do not remember ever seeing the part better played.

The "Iron Chest" concluded the performance. It is a piece that has seldom been played here; and if never played again it will be no loss. The play is a monstrous production, and so far as point or moral goes, is worthless. The little interest it possesses centres upon one character, "Sir Edward Mortimer," who has committed murder, known to none but himself, and for the concealment of which he is ready to sacrifice everything threatening in the least to discover his secret.

The boy "Wilford,"—played by Miss Lockhart—who never appears to advantage in male attire—is the special object of his ill-will, but why so it is next to impossible to tell.

The piece was well played, but pleasure or good cannot possibly be experienced in witnessing it, except by those whose mental organization is as distorted and unnatural as the play itself, and we hope that such parties are extremely rare among the public of Salt Lake City.

To-night the "Ticket-of-Leave Man" will be presented. Miss Lockhart will appear as "May Edwards"; Miss Annie Ward as "Sam Wiloughby," a fast young man, with song, "Big Sun Flower." Other characters by the company.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Mr. Charles H. Alexander and Sarah C., his wife. If they, or any of their friends knowing of their whereabouts will address a communication to that effect to Mrs. Fane S. Gabbott, Salt Lake City, U. T., it will be thankfully received.

St. Louis exchanges please copy.

RUNAWAY.—About eight weeks since a boy of about 10 years of age named Henry Follet, son of Joseph Follet of Big Cottonwood, ran away from his home and came to this city. When last heard of the boy was taken somewhere by a woman whose name is unknown. Any information concerning him will be thankfully received by his parents.

LET THE TIES ALONE.—Bro. A. S. Hedden, is getting out ties for the Utah Central Railroad; at Gardner's Mill's and the Willow Creek Bridge, these ties are placed in the Jordan river to float up to the bridge across the Jordan in Salt Lake City. But long before reaching their destination many of them are taken out of the water by parties living along between the points named. This causes much loss of time, and everybody is requested to let the ties alone.

INDIAN FIGHT NEAR THE COLORADO.—President Erasmus Snow telegraphs from St. George, per Deseret Telegraph Line, to President Young, that on arriving at Washington, last Friday night, he saw an Indian runner from across the Colorado, who came to inform him that the Moquis had been attacked by Navajos recently, and that the Moquis were killed. The Navajos, it is said, intend shortly to make another raid upon the settlements in Southern Utah. President Snow is strengthening the Moquis Mission, which lies about eight days travel to the South East of St. George, or sending V. B. Maxwell, Esq. H. B. Thales Haskell and about twenty other brethren, well armed and fitted out, to that point.

FUNERAL.—This afternoon the funeral obsequies of the infant son of Bro. William Jennings took place at his residence; Elder Geo. Q. Cannon spoke words of comfort and consolation to the bereaved parents on the occasion.

REDUCTION OF TARIFF ON TELEGRAMS.—M. Croxall, Esq., Manager of the Western Union Telegraph Office in this city, informs us that on and after this date, the Western Union Telegraph Company in order to meet the wants of the public, has resolved to reduce the tariffs on telegraphic messages. The rate for ten words from Salt Lake City, to Chicago hitherto has been \$3.25; now it will be \$3.80; old rate to New York \$6.75; now \$6.50; old rate to Omaha \$3.00; now \$2.50; old rate to St. Louis \$3.30; now \$3.00; old rate to Washington \$4.75; now \$3.75. And a similar reduction to all other places within their jurisdiction, which is very extensive, their branch lines reaching to the most remote parts of the Union. This is good for the public and we have no doubt, will be for the Company.

AN ENTOMOLOGICAL SPECIMEN.—We have received an entomological specimen, sent from Coalville, by Elder Thomas Bullock, which would no doubt be a treasure in the cabinet of an entomologist, but not being posted in that science we are unable to describe it technically. It has a body resembling a very large caterpillar, color yellow, with black circular bands; four wings, grey, tinged with yellow; legs, orange, large antennae, very protruding eyes, as large as good sized beads, enormous head, covered with very dark colored feathers and a narrow shaped beak. It is a fly or "bug" of some kind, and about the size of a young canary.

In his letter, Elder Bullock says, in reference to this specimen, "I send you a something I cannot describe. I found it dragging itself out of the ground, Sept. 11th. It was pretty marked with bands. In its transformation stage, I observed it releasing itself from confinement; then unstretch its antennae and trunk, and in the course of one hour it unfolded its wings and became nearly as I now send it to you."

POPULAR STATISTICS OF ROME.—The ecclesiastical authorities of Rome have just published a census for the present year. These statistics show that the regular clergy is composed of 2,265 persons thus divided: Cardinals, 32; bishops, 26; priests and clerics, 1,366; and students at the ecclesiastical colleges, 84; the religious communities consist, 5,215 souls, 2,859 men, and 2,256 women, the lay population amounts to 197,198; soldiers in garrison, 10,207; prisoners under sentence, 328; Protestants, 637; Jews, 2,682; making a total of 220,532, or an increase of 3,154 over the year 1888. The number of cardinals residing in the Eternal City has remained nearly the same during 10 years, never having been below 29, nor above 34; at present it is 32. The same remark does not apply to the Bishops, who have never been so few. In 1864 they numbered 40, at this moment there are no more than 26. Priests and regular clerics have also diminished during the last decennial period, the number never being so low. In 1864 it was 15,041; at present it is 13,666. On the other hand the members of religious communities have augmented; in 1860, the males were 2,390, and the females 2,031; the progression has been constant, and the figures now are 2,859 and 2,266. This increase is explained by the confiscation of the church property in Italy, and the expulsion of the monks and nuns from their monasteries and convents, many of them having sought an asylum in Rome.—London Times.

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