

THEATRICAL.—The Wife's Secret is a pleasing drama, fairly colored with light and shade. The characters of Lady Eveline, Sir Walter and Jabez Sneed were rendered by Julia Deap Hayne, Mr. McKenzie and Mr. Lindsay in the same excellent and carefully natural manner as when the play was presented before. Mr. Graham's Arden was easier and more finished. Mrs. A. Clawson's Maude and Miss Alexander's Page were piquant and full of life. When the laugh came in, it was given heartily. The playing throughout the piece was spirited and well received.

The Yankee Peddler, though a farce, gives scope for several distinctive characters, the chief of which is the dodging dodger Hiram Dodge. As Hiram, Mr. Dunbar was decidedly successful, and was excellently supported by the entire cast. Miss Alexander's Jerusha was a very laughable portraiture. Miss Parks as Maria gave evidence of becoming a very useful member of the Association. "She has a fine figure, a good voice and considerable self-reliance for so young a debutante. Mr. S. A. Kenner by cultivation will also make himself useful in the company. The farce was well played and would bear repetition.

ARRIVALS.—President Brigham Young, jun., arrived in Liverpool, in company with Elder John W. Young, at 3 o'clock a.m., on Wednesday the 25th inst., from Hamburg, where he had been on business connected with the Scandinavian Emigration, having satisfactorily accomplished the object of his visit. [*Mil. Star*, May 5.]

DEPARTURES.—Elder William Jennings and Charles W. Stayner sailed from Liverpool on the 5th inst., for New York, per steamship Java. Elder Jennings made but a short stay in this country, but thinks that the short time he did stop was occupied to the very best advantage in accomplishing the object of his visit.

Elder Stayner has labored for the past three years in the ministry, and was, at the last Birmingham Council, released to return home. He has been a faithful laborer in the vineyard.

These brethren have our best wishes for a safe and pleasant transit across the ocean to New York, and from thence to "Our Mountain Home" in Deseret. [*Mil. Star*, May 12.]

THE FIRST TEN DAYS OF JUNE.—The ancients called Noah's flood *Hamabool* in Hebrew, which simply meant "the great rain water;" and, as we have had rain, snow and hail enough, during the first ten days of June to produce 5,320 of water, which is more than five and a quarter inches over the surface, we can shout *Hamabool* as the great rain storm of the mountains. And I guess that the adobe buildings and fixtures, though they imitate rocks and riches in sunshine, really meditate mud and misery in these storms; but a rainbow last night increased my faith in fire to finish the folly of Satan and sin.

On Monday and Monday night .265 of rain fell, being a little over a quarter of an inch more.

THE JUDGE.

MAILS NORTH.—The northern mail arrangement, upon every alternate week, threw a Thursday's mail out of connection with the Cache Valley and other home mails beyond Brigham City. We studied several plans to obviate this difficulty, but could not devise one that would accommodate all. We are now reliably informed that Wells, Fargo & Co. will have a daily express running north on or before the 1st of July next, when, if the mail is not also ordered to be carried daily on that route, we shall endeavor to arrange with the Express Co. to carry the News packages on alternate Thursdays, that our numerous and good friends in Cache, Richland and other places beyond Brigham may be supplied with all possible dispatch.

DELIVERY OF PAPERS.—Owing to sickness and death in his family, the regular carrier on the east side of the city was not able to deliver the papers of last Thursday and Sunday mornings. The temporary carrier, employed for the occasion, may have failed to deliver the papers to some of our subscribers. If so, they will oblige by notifying this office and receive the lacking copies.

FROM THE NORTH.—We had a call on Tuesday from our friend, Bishop Budge, of Providence, who got into the city from Cache Valley on Monday. Cache has been blessed with abundance of rains lately, but fortunately escaped the infliction of hail which visited this county last week. In Davis County there had been snow on the level, but none north in Cache County. The Logan, Muddy and Blacksmiths Fork rivers were falling when Br. Budge left, but there was an abundance of snow in the mountains. The only news of interest from Cache is that everybody is minding his own business and thriving at it; that is characteristic of our friends north.

BUTTERFIELD'S AGAIN.—Wm. Martin, Esq., representative of the Butterfield Company, got in on Monday, and arrangements are pending for the adjustment of matters connected with their freighting contracts, and the delivery of goods, still detained on the road, to the merchants who own them or who purchased on commission. Mr. McWhirt, the sub-contractor, is also in the city, manifesting a disposition to do the honorable. From the character borne by these gentlemen we hope this matter may be at last adjusted in such a manner as to give some satisfaction to the owners of the goods.

SNOW.—It was an unusual sight for June, to see the mountains covered down to their base with snow, on Friday and Saturday mornings. We learn from a gentleman who came in from Wasatch County, that he passed through new snow three feet deep, near the Summit, having been compelled to dismount, break a road through it, and lead his horse, until he got to where it was not quite so deep. He reports it nearly a foot deep, on the average, up the canyon towards the Summit. Rather more like January than June; but a few days' hot sun will make it disappear. Everything looked as calm and serene through the city, on Friday afternoon, as if there had been no storm, no injured adobies, nor buildings suffering with an excess of the aqueous element.

The snow is reported to have fallen to the depth of twenty-two inches in Lamb's canyon, and eighteen inches in North Mill Creek canyon, up towards Br. Joseph A. Young's steam saw mill.

THE STORM.—The rains of the past few weeks culminated in the most severe storm of hail and rain that has visited these valleys for several years, which commenced on Wednesday, 6th inst. It had rained pretty heavily the previous night, and on the morning of Wednesday; but towards noon the sun appeared for a little as if indicating fine weather. Shortly after noon, however, a black cloud gathered to the north-west, over the lake, which burst in a terrific hail storm about one p.m. The hail fell with unusual violence and very large, some specimens being picked up over half an inch in diameter. For nearly half an hour it swept down, cutting through fruit trees and scattering leaves, twigs, and young fruit on the ground in large quantities. Grape vines, squashes, young corn, tomatoes, strawberries, and everything of the kind were cut down as if immense volleys of grape shot had swept through them, and in some parts of the city they were almost destroyed. Much of the young fruit still remaining on the trees is so badly injured by being cut open with the hail, that it will be comparatively worthless.

After the hail ceased, the rain commenced pouring down, accompanied by thunder and lightning. The rain continued with little intermission until Thursday evening, falling as snow on the mountains around, and covering them to a considerable depth. The streams were swollen in an unusual degree, and the waters ran over the seats in the 3d, 8th, 9th, 10th and 11th wards, sweeping through and washing away, part of a number of gardens, and doing a good deal of damage to the streets in some parts. City Creek was raised about as high as at any time this season, though so much gravel did not come down as formerly; but the people on North Temple Street escaped damage through being prepared previously for a rise. Red Butte Creek was swollen much above its ordinary bounds, and was the cause of the flooding reported in the 10th and 11th wards.

Altogether the storm was a most severe one, and attended with no little damage to many. Among other things, a great number of adobies were destroyed, forming unmitigated mud piles to the serious loss of the owners.

THE WEATHER.—The sun shone forth on Friday, after the lengthened storm which appeared to have wound up on Thursday night. On Saturday morning the weather was very weatherish-looking again, with storm-clouds drifting around the mountains, threatening an addition to the deposits of rain and snow which have already dropped their "fatness" in a most unusual degree.

FROM THE SOUTH.—By letters from Elders Silas S. and Jesse N. Smith, to Elder George A. Smith we learn that quietness prevails in the southern settlements, while guards are vigilantly watching to be prepared for any sudden attack from the Indians who keep themselves out of sight for the present. The men of Pangwitch have moved their families to Circleville, Paragonah an Parowan. It is believed that they will be able to attend to their crops at Pangwitch, about 500 acres being under cultivation there.

DIED.—On Tuesday, 5th inst., at noon, George K., son of Hon. W. H. Hooper, nearly ten years of age, died of inflammation of the stomach, after an illness of about three weeks. There was a large number of the friends of the bereaved parents, including some of our most prominent citizens, accompanied the remains of the deceased to the Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon.

On Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock, Ezra T. son of Elder Franklin D. and Charlotte Richards, aged six years, of inflammation of the brain, after a very brief illness.

POTTERY.—We dropped in to the City Pottery lately, and, after a brief inspection of the place and the machinery at work, hauled up before a splendid "spread-out" of home-made pottery, mottled and brown, which was highly creditable to the workmanship of Croxall, Cartwright & Co. Some of the articles had a finish that showed much ability in manipulation and skill in carrying them through the various processes of the manufacture. From specimens of work shown, and specimens of the crude material on hand, we think it likely that it will not be a great while before the finest Queensware may be produced here, instead of having to import it and pay more for the freight than it costs where purchased. The materials for making the choicest articles which come from the potter's hands are said to exist in abundance in the Territory; and we hope they will be developed without any extra amount of prospecting.

CITY CREEK.—City Creek has been on the rise again through the week, in consequence of the storm. We are glad to learn that, while no damage has been done by it this time, measures are being adopted to prevent the washings away of houses and heavy deposits of gravel on lots, that have done injury to some of the citizens on North Temple street occasionally when its creekship swelled to overflowing with spring floods. Our worthy Water Master, Bishop E. F. Sheets, informs us that dams are being put in at various points for the collection of gravel, to save hauling from a distance, preparatory to paving and grading the channel of the creek, when the waters are taken out for irrigation and the bed of the creek becomes dry. We look for the banks of City Creek, on North Temple street, being a favorite promenade before a great length of time passes away. The foliage of over-arching shade trees, and the murmuring of the cool and pleasant waters of the Creek, as they dance down from the Canyon, will be inviting to leisure-loving pedestrians, who can admire nature's music and nature's beauty combined. Dropping to the prosaic, property instead of being diminished in value will rapidly rise in that quarter, when City Creek is confined in a nicely graded and well paved channel.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—A letter from Elder Jesse N. Smith, bearing date June 1st, to Elder Geo. A. Smith, kindly handed to us, contains the following paragraph, concerning an accident to a son of Elder Amasa M. Lyman, which will elicit feelings of sympathy on the part of our readers for the young man and his parents:—

"A very painful accident occurred at Parowan yesterday morning, as I learn by express from there. Roswell Lyman, while taking his gun off a wagon, in the canyon where he had gone for wood, accidentally discharged it, inflicting a severe and, it is feared, fatal wound in his body. Br. Lyman and his son Marion immediately left Fillmore for Parowan, passing through here [Corn Creek] this morning early."

NEW BOOKS.—The Great Rebellion, a new work by J. T. Headly; The Field, the Dungeon and the Escape, by Richardson, the *Tribune's* war correspondent, and the Assassination of Abraham Lincoln and trial of the Conspirators, by Ben. Pitman, the phonographer, are new books that are offered to the public by subscription, and, we understand, are commanding a large sale. These works are published by the Pacific Publishing House, whose sole agents for books sold only by subscription, in Utah, Montana and Idaho, are Messrs. Sleater, Fuller and Pratt. Mr. P. P. Pratt called upon us on Friday, with specimen copies of the works named, for which he is canvassing subscribers. They are got up in good style of workmanship, printed on good paper and well bound; and from the names of their authors and compilers we judge favorably of the contents. Mr. Pratt informs us that the firm will supply books of every description, scientific, historical, educational, &c., and can fill orders for stationery to any amount. We wish Br. Parley well, and hope he may be as successful in the book business as his friends can wish, of whom he has many.

CHEAP FILTER.—Surprise has been intimated why many people should drink impure water when a cheap filter could be easily procured. Suggesting that perhaps the fact was not generally known, we were furnished with the following by Messrs. Croxall, Cartwright, & Co., of the City Pottery.

Take a large jar, and place in the top a common flower pot. Lay a small piece of sponge over the hole in the bottom of the pot, and cover it with a little calico. Over this place a layer of clean washed sand and a layer of charcoal. Drill a hole in the jar, towards the bottom, which is easily done, and insert a tap, wooden if cheapness is simply the object aimed at, and the filter is complete.

The value, in point of health alone, of drinking pure water, is sufficient to induce a very general use of filters where they are get-at-able; and the above would be easily procured at a cheap rate.

FILLMORE.—Our esteemed friend, Bishop Callister of Fillmore, dropped in to see us on Friday, and reported peace, prosperity and good prospects in Millard county. The Indians around Fillmore are peaceable and at home; the people are busy, in accordance with the "Mormon" creed, minding their own business; and crops are looking well, being watered with a fair share of rains that have obviated the necessity of irrigation up to the present. There is every prospect for an abundance of fruit. Several fine brick buildings are being put up, and the spirit of improvement prevails.

WATER SECTS.—Humanity is apt to put off the doing of necessary duties as long as possible. This may account for a number of water sects through the city not being cleaned out and in a condition to receive their fair share of water during the past week. The result was a small edition of Venice in some parts, lacking the gondolas and other ecceteras, but offering aqueous accommodation for canoes, and rendering walking all but impossible in places. Bishop Sheets, the City Water-Master, regrets very much that the ditches throughout the city are not opened so as to take off all extra floods of water, like that we have just had. He hopes the Ward water-masters will attend to it, and not compel him to put the law in force which requires it to be done. We hope they will oblige him, and save him and themselves further trouble.

INDIANS.—Various unreliable rumors have been floating around for a few days past, concerning reported Indian depredations south. From information which we received on Tuesday morning we are enabled to say that the savages made a raid on Round Valley, a few days ago, and run off rising of 200 head of stock. Three men and a boy are missing. We hope to be able to publish favorable information concerning matters in the southern settlements at an early date.

RAIN CONTRAST.—It will be noticed among the news items, that in portions of the State of New York, where the rain-fall in April has for a long time averaged about $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, it was only six-tenths of an inch during last April; while here from the 1st to the 12th of June, a period in which we usually have little or no rain, there has fallen over $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

HOME TELEGRAPHY.—A telegraph wire has been stretched by Bishop C. W. West, of Ogden, from his office to the new rock grist mill being erected by West & Young, a distance of nearly a mile and a half. It is in good working order, and the "talk" is flashed along it from point to point. This, we believe, is the initial step in practical telegraphy in the settlements outside of this city; a respectable little pioneer of the home telegraph line.

SPANISH FORK.—Bishop Wilkins, from Spanish Fork, dropped in to see us on Friday, feeling well and looking hearty. He caught the storm of Wednesday, including hail and rain, at the point of the mountain, between G. S. L. and Utah counties, and described it as the severest he ever encountered. Spanish Fork continues to flourish; everybody is busy, crops look fine, the general health is good, and the people are vigilant looking after the safety of themselves and their property.

FURNITURE.—Friend Dinwoodey apprises the public that he has a large assortment of furniture on hand, and can do with a very large quantity of lumber. Bro. Henry turns out good work, and has a big establishment in full blast. Patronize him.

READ Estray Notices.

SEE NOTICE of dissolution of partnership.

A CLAY COLORED Horse is on hand for the owner at Wanship.

SEE NOTICE of County Clerk to tax-payers.

TELEGRAPH IN ITALY.—In Italy they have a printing telegraphic machine that works between Milan and Neuchâtel—forty miles—at the rate of twenty words in twenty seconds. This is the joint invention of Bonelli and Hipp. Between Paris and Marseilles they use the Caselli apparatus, which reproduces the autograph of the person transmitting the dispatch.

THE NORTHWESTERN INDIAN COMMISSION.—The Government has thought proper to again send a Commission up the Missouri River this Summer, to complete the negotiations which they successfully commenced last Fall with the hostile Indians of that country. The present commission consists of Governor Newton Edmunds, of Dakota; Maj. Gen. S. R. Curtis, of Iowa; Hon. Orrin Guernsey, of Wisconsin, and H. W. Beed, of Iowa. They have chartered the new and staunch steamer Ben. Johnson, Captain La Barge, to make the round trip; and having purchased supplies and stores for the Indians, were to have sailed to-day (May 7.) This expedition will proceed up as far as Fort Benton. They intend to hold councils with all the different tribes in that upper country, at different points along the river. So far as we have heard, the Indians with whom they concluded treaties last Fall, have been very quiet since; and we hope the efforts now being made by the Government will be successful in establishing a permanent peace with all the Indians in that country. [*Chicago Journal*.]

HYDROPHOBIA.—Within a few weeks ten coroner's inquests have been held on persons who have died in London of hydrophobia, and in most cases evidence was given showing the disease to have arisen from the bite of mad dogs in the streets.

FRUIT OF SPECIAL LEGISLATION.—San Francisco, June 4.—In the suit of the California State Telegraph Company vs. United States Pacific Telegraph Company, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Nevada, Judge Baldwin to-day awarded injunction restraining defendant from telegraphing between the cities of Nevada and California, on the ground that plaintiff has exclusive franchise from the Nevada Legislature, which even Congress cannot invade. This closes defendant's line. [*Stoetson Independent*.]

"Ice formed in pails and pitchers in many houses in" Austin, Nevada, June 7; so says the *Reveille*.