

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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**THEATRICAL.**—Miss Adams will take her benefit this evening, and no doubt her admirers and friends will all be present to give her a substantial token of the esteem in which she is held by the public. Miss Adams has evinced considerable talent during her career on the stage, and if she were to follow nature more closely, discard all limitations of other actresses, avoid stilted declamation, acquire a more natural pose and graceful movement, in fact infuse more originality into her character, she would in a very short time take a prominent stand in the profession she has chosen! If she does not listen to flattery, pursues her course assiduously and strenuously and studies hard and diligently she will yet attain that position she undoubtedly craves. If a critic, be he painter or actor, studies and follows nature closely he will soon be on the right track. Miss Adams has selected for the occasion of her benefit the beautiful play by Mrs. Mowatt, entitled "Armand, or the Peer and the Peasant." The play will be presented with a strong cast. It is to be followed by the very amusing farce "The Optimistic Family," translated from the German. Miss Adams presents a very interesting entertainment and we trust a crowded house will reward the young lady for her efforts.

John McCullough, the favorite actor of the Pacific coast, will commence an engagement next week. Madame Scheller will rest during his engagement, thus gaining time to prepare for her great pieces. We shall give a sketch of Mr. McCullough in our next.

**POLICE.**—John Burns, alias Doyle, a recent arrival from Green River, was arrested last night for being drunk and disorderly; this morning he was fined ten dollars.

John L. Doe, another lover of "pizen," was fined a \$5 for a similar offense. James O'Connell, released yesterday from the chain gang, having received kind treatment while a member of that distinguished corps, and probably anxious to resume his lost position, made an effort to regain it by getting drunk and doing some tall swearing, but instead of being re-installed he was only fined fifteen dollars. James doesn't seem to be discouraged under the disappointment, another trial and you will probably have better success.

A. H. McCauley took a notion to have a little "diversion" in the way of fast driving on the side walk, and was fined five dollars for it.

It does seem a pity that a fellow cannot amuse himself, even if he does jeopardize his own life, or somebody else's, but city ordinances are terrible things, they must be respected.

**A HARD NUT STORY.**—The Territorial Enterprise of the 6th inst., contains a rather hard yarn about a wonderful nut, in the possession of General J. Van Bokkelen, of Virginia city. The story is so strange that one might very readily suppose it is intended for a "goak," but the editor avers that it is truth. The properties ascribed to this wonderful nut are of the vegetable kingdom are such that, although it neither "wraps" nor "writes" like the spirits or "planchette" are said to do, one might readily suppose there is some relationship between them, for it keeps on the continual nut. It is said to be the product of a tree in Mexico. It is about the size of an ordinary hazel nut and triangular in form. When placed on a plain or in any place where it is not confined it begins crawling and hopping about, and the more it jumps the more lively it becomes. These movements seem to be caused by a sort of throbbing within and through the entire nut. It will jump about an inch at a time and occasionally considerably more. The editor of the Enterprise says that had not General Van Bokkelen assured him it was a genuine nut he should have believed it was some chemical preparation; and should any person still feel sceptical, his doubts can be removed by calling upon Gen. Bokkelen and having an ocular demonstration of the truth of this statement. If Barnum only knew about that nut it might prove fortunate for its present proprietor.

**CULTIVATION OF THE OYSTER.**—The cultivation and propagation of fish have been considerably talked of in our columns, and we are happy to say, not without effect, as several of our citizens in different parts of the Territory are paying practical attention to the matter. The remarks made on this subject hitherto have been intended for and confined to the shell-fish varieties. Now, shell fish, if not really so valuable as a substantial portion of human diet, are yet very useful, and some kinds are classed among the luxuries of life. Among the latter the favorite bivalve, the oyster, has ever held a leading position, and it is cultivated extensively and very profitably in many parts of Europe and America. It may be true that our Territory is not so well off in this respect as localities bordering on the sea. Still with our numerous salt lakes, we can produce a comparatively easy matter, with care and attention to successfully and profitably multiply this great adjunct to gustatory pleasure and enjoyment, even here, in the centre of the once "Great American Desert."

A letter on this subject to a gentleman in this city, from Mr. W. F. Haywood, of West Creek, Ocean county, New Jersey, contains the following remarks: "Oysters will not thrive at all where the water contains more than two parts of salt in 100 of water. For fattening the bivalves, the salt should be as low as one in 100, some part of the ocean water, say at least half that quantity will be sufficient. We have found in practice, along the bays and creeks on the Jersey coast, that a brisk running tide water of about half salt in the hundred of water is the best for the rapid development of oysters. For a perfect healthy growth a variation of from two down to one-half is desirable, i. e. the quantity of salt in the hundred of water."

Under any other conditions Mr. Haywood says the attempt to cultivate the oyster will be utterly in vain. We may not possess these conditions naturally, but if not, can they not be secured artificially? Any person desiring more information on this matter can obtain it by applying to Mr. Haywood.

Who'd have thought out in this branch of home manufacture and make a fortune by furnishing the markets of this Territory with a liberal supply of fresh oysters? It might be almost as profitable as silk culture, who knows?

**UTAH ARRIVAL.**—The Olympia (W. T. Transcript) says:

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The Transcript is wrong this time, we can go ahead of that in Utah. Here from Salt Lake City to Santa Clara in Southern Utah, a distance of three hundred and forty miles, there is not a single saloon to our knowledge. And in that distance there are thirty-three towns and settlements, with a population averaging a thousand each, and a vast amount of travel back and forth continually. Sixty miles free from drinking saloons may be a wonder in any other settled portion of the United States of the world, but in Utah it is thought nothing of. We do not believe in supporting such institutions, and were it not for our kindness of heart, which prompts to extend hospitality and accommodation to strangers, even if we have occasionally to violate our principles, it would be a difficult matter to find such an institution in our whole Territory.

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