

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE MINSTREL TROUPE.—Last evening at the Theatre a goodly company, both in size and appearance, witnessed the "trouble" caused by the gentleman who have been so freely talked about for some days past. The entertainment was different to what our Theatre-goers are accustomed to witness, and this class of amusement when it is good, is good. In the world-wide reputation of minstrelsy, what is looked for is first-class vocalists, splendid musicians, dancers of new and difficult steps, gentlemanly deportment, "end men" that can use the "bones" and "tamborine" to make music and mirth, and this with the puns, stories, etc., told as only minstrels can tell them, make an evening's entertainment worth witnessing by everybody of every temperament.

In the "Murphy and Mack's" Minstrels are found professionals of the above type, prominent amongst whom is the inimitable Ben Cotton, whose "Love among the Roses," and "Mickey's Gone Away" each drew forth a well deserved and hearty encore. Joe Murphy, in the Parlor Entertainments, is some, and his comicallities drew for him a warm appreciation. Armes Beaumont is a splendid tenor, his "Little Foot-steps" being executed in a finished style, and J. W. Baker is quite an acquisition in the vocal department. Messrs. Sutcliffe and Jackson were also good.

We do not profess to be able to criticize the clog dancing, but as we felt pleased with it, and some who sat around knowingly told us that it was the best they had ever seen, we put it down as a fact, that Master Beanie is pretty smart at the business. The sketch of "Dead and Alive" by Joe Murphy and Johnny Mack made lively. The "strange" scenes from the "Stranger" were heavy, when Ben and Joe piled it on to the high amusement of the audience.

Next followed the Nightingale Polka by the orchestra, which in itself was worth the price of admission, and lastly came the "Fishes upon the Doctor," where Ben and Joe again displayed such an amount of genius in their line that the house was in a continued state of mirthful uneasiness until the curtain fell, then we went home perfectly satisfied that all who miss seeing the minstrels, will miss a jolly chance for fun. Space keeps us from particularizing the instrumentalists, but we caution that they are very good performers.

RETURNED MISSIONARY.—We had a call this morning from Elder Osmond B. Shaw, who returned on the 8th instant, with the company of Saints under the charge of President O. C. Olson. Bro. Shaw is in good health and spirits and has enjoyed his mission. He left here in June, 1888, and arrived at Liverpool during the next August. He was appointed to labor in the Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire Conference; he continued there until released. He took time, however, to visit Staffordshire, where he joined the church, nearly thirty years ago, while President Geo. A. Smith was laboring in that section.

INFORMATION is wanted by Mrs. Susan Walpole, of St. Benedict's, opposite St. Swithin's Church, Norwich, England, of the whereabouts of her daughter Mrs. Susanna Tilloms, who emigrated to Utah about the year 1880.

PREVENTION BETTER THAN CURE.—Those large green worms that are so prevalent upon our potato and tomato vines, are known to almost every one of our readers. We never knew of their resulting from handling them; but our attention has been called to the following, clipped from an exchange:

"People at this season should look out for the large worm that infests the tomato vines. Its sting is deadly poison. It is of a green color, two or three inches long, and as large as a man's finger. At Rock Creek, Wayne County, Ill., a few days ago, a servant girl, while gathering tomatoes, received a puncture from one of these worms, which created a sensation similar to that of a bee sting. In a short time the poison manifested itself, part of her system, and she was thrown into spasms which ended in death."

HOT WEATHER AT HENNEFERRVILLE.—We were informed to-day, by a resident of Henneferrville that the weather in that locality has been of an uncomfortably high temperature lately, having reached 100° in the shade and as high as 120° in the sun.

ST. JOSEPH.—We extract the following items from a letter written by Elder Joseph W. Young to President B. Young dated St. Joseph, August 3rd, 1899.

"The weather has been very dry and hot all summer, and the thermometer has ranged between a hundred and six and a hundred and twelve degrees for the past eight weeks. We have had no rain during all that time, and our crops have suffered very much for want of water. The creek above here has not been so very low, but there has been so much evaporation going on that by the time the stream has found its way through the large swamp at the head of this valley, there is but little left. But we shall overcome this evil in time by making a channel through the swamp for our farming land, and getting our city ditches completed around on the bench. All the trees and vines I had out, are dead, but next spring I shall try again."

We are going farther up the bench to build our city where we think we can bring the water.

On my way down, I met a great many of the brethren going north, some who were called last fall going after their families, others taking their families with them. To-day there is not more than thirty of the one hundred men belonging to this place here. This state of things of course makes those who are here feel very dull, but when our brethren from the north begin to return and the weather gets cooler we shall all feel more cheerful.

The Indians are peaceable at present and I hope they will continue so.

As soon as the weather cools a little I intend to go out and hunt for telegraph poles, and for the best route to lay the line upon.

PARADISE.—Brother H. A. Shaw, of Paradise, sends us the pleasing intelligence that that settlement is now entirely free from the measles and scarlet fever, not however until ten children, between the age of three and eleven, had died from these diseases during the last two months. The Sabbath and day schools are doing well, the same can be said of the Female Relief Society. A new saw mill had just arrived from the east, for Bishop Jones, and would soon be at work sawing ties for the Utah Central.

INFORMATION WANTED.—A Mrs. Mellan, E. Howard, of Randolph, Riley Co., Kansas, writes in a very anxious strain to A. W. Street, Esq., making inquiry about her sister, Ellen Rutherford, whom she has not seen for several years, but who she has been told, lives in Salt Lake City. If she meets the eye of any person of that name she may have news of her relations by applying to this office or to Mr. Street, at the post office.

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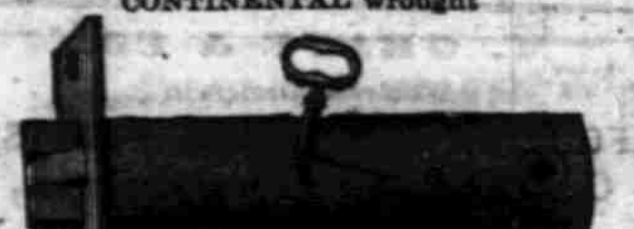
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