

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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THEATRICAL.—"The Love Knot" and "Too Much for Good Nature" went off well and to the evident delight of the small but select audience that witnessed the performance yesterday evening. As Romeo Jaffer Jenkins, Mr. Margott discharged the whole battery of his comicallies, eccentricities and sparkling humor. Mrs. Romney made a very pleasant Betty, the "chambermaid of no little experience" and Mr. Graham as Adolphus "the good natured gentleman," was irresistible in his comic simplicity. Tomorrow evening Miss Adams takes her benefit and we are glad to see that it is not a farwell benefit. She has chosen for the occasion a play by Mrs. Anna Cora Ritchie, entitled "Armand or the Peer and the Peasant," which abounds in truly beautiful sentiments. It is to be followed by the new and amusing farce "The Obstinate Family."

Several powerful novelties are in active preparation at the theatre and will shortly be produced. The property men have been busily engaged already for weeks to prepare materials for a grand sensation scene, perhaps the most startling ever seen on the Salt Lake City boards.

LOGAN.—A gentleman just in from Logan speaks highly of the condition of matters there. Among other recent improvements there is a large and handsome rock store, erected by W. H. Shearman. The whole work executed by W. G. Stonehouse and son, late of Birmingham, England. It is a highly creditable piece of work both in design and workmanship. The front of the building is relieved by a neat and ornamental verandah.

POLICE.—Alden Bare, Ross Cunningham and Henry McCain, three of the gallant "boys in blue" were arrested last night for disturbing the peace while under the influence of "tangle leg," and this morning generously donated \$10 each to the city treasury.

FOUND.—A bunch of keys last Sunday, somewhere near the post office. The owner has them by applying at the DESERET NEWS OFFICE.

WORK ON THE RAILROADS.—Work is being prosecuted with activity on the contract of Snow, Nichols and Loveland on the Central Pacific road. Their contract extends 27 miles from Willard City north-west toward the edge of the Lake to Promontory Mountain. The line for that distance has been all located and sub-let into smaller contracts. Ground was broken a little below Willard last Thursday by Bishop Nichols. It is expected that work on the line will be commenced in the vicinity of Ogden, during the present week.

ACROSS THE CONTINENT.—There is one fact connected with the visit of Madame Parepa Rosa and troupe to Salt Lake City, which is deserving of being chronicled. She is the first prima donna, and her company the first opera troupe to make the great overland trip "across the Continent." Though there are not the dangers and difficulties attending such a journey now that there were some years ago, it is still an unenviable task. Madame Rosa, who is a trip and facing the exposure incident to it, though the Union Pacific and Central Pacific Railroads are rapidly nearing, there is still a gap of over 600 miles to be passed over by staging; and while prima donnas and opera singers will cross the continent many times after the railroad is completed, Madame Parepa Rosa may look back with gratification and pride to her present trip as being the first of its kind.

The troupe came from the East to San Francisco by way of Panama last June, and arrived on the 23rd of that month. They gave a concert season of four weeks, followed by an operatic season of two months, which, artistically and financially, were the most successful witnessed in San Francisco. After the season of Italian opera, they gave one of English opera, and then started for a concert tour through the interior of the Golden State. Having visited the principal cities in California, the great overland trip was entered upon. To accomplish it in such a manner as to keep appointments made by Madame Rosa's agent, they engaged a special stage for themselves, from Wells, Fargo, & Co., at an immense expense; visited Virginia, Austin, etc., in Nevada, and on to Salt Lake City, which they left last evening for the East. The trip has been a complete success, financially and artistically, and they leave highly gratified with it, carrying the highest tokens of the vast audiences which attended the concerts, and reasonably proud at being the first operatic troupe to cross the "Great American Desert."

THE RAILROAD WEST.—By a letter, dated Logan, Nov. 7th, from bro. Wm. Cowley, just returned from the grading camp on the shores of the Great Salt Lake, we glean the following items relative to the progress of the road, and other matters in that region: The grading was being rapidly pushed forward, and it was hoped that by the 1st of December most of the earth work would be completed; there would remain, however, a good deal of blasting to be done during the winter.

Prospect for the sub-contractors were rather gloomy, owing to a variety of causes, among the most prominent of which were the very high figure which feed for animals was fetching, and the necessity of hauling water for their teams some nine or ten miles, the country being so utterly parched that it was found impossible to obtain it nearer.

The climate in that district of country is pleasant, but the absence of good water, the superabundance of dust were a source of much inconvenience. The soil is of a sterile character, except in places where it is irrigated by streams from the mountains. In such places grass and grain grow to a height of ten feet.

Great numbers of men were passing through the country, seeking employment, most of them being alone, and destitute of even a blanket to shelter them at night.

At Logan business generally was lively, and health good. A good many of the brethren are away in the desert helping to make the "great highway." Co-operation was making its way among the people of Logan, and promised to pay.

TORREVILLE.—We learn from Bro. J. C. Nalle, just in from "Dixie," of a terrible hail storm that occurred there on Oct. 31st. The wind was very high and the hail fell so thick and fast and the hailstones were so large that the ground was strewn around with dead birds. The hailstones were about six inches in diameter. The hail was as high as the rock fences. The grapes and cotton were almost totally destroyed, and great damage was done to the crops. Nearly all the window lights facing the northwest were smashed. Some idea may be formed of the violence of the storm from the fact that the bark was literally peeled from the trees on the windward side. It was the severest storm of the kind that ever occurred there in the memory of the oldest settler. The damage done is estimated to be from twelve to fifteen thousand dollars.

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