DESERET EVENING NEWS.

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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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SABBATH MEETINGS.—In the morning the congregation was addressed by Elder Brigham Young, Jun., and President Geo. A. Smith. In the afternoon Elder Orson Pratt occupied the time.

THEATRICAL.—On Saturday evening a large and appreciative audience witnessed Shakespear's great tragedy of "Richard III," in which the "star combination" appeared, Mr. McCullough enacting the part of Richard, Mr. Waldron that of Richmond and Madame Scheller that of Lady Anne. Mr. McCullough's conception of Richard varies from that of other great tragedians. He made the character less repulsive, no distorted features, or monstrous hunchback being visible. In the earlier scenes it was even invested with a sort of joviality which at once gained for him the sympathy of the audience. His appearance was rather captivating than otherwise, and this conception somewhat modifies the reasiness of Lady Ann of listening to the suit of this great villain, at the order of King Henry. The scene with Lady Ann was capitally rendered by Mr. McCullough and the conflicting emotions in Lady Ann's breast were truthfully portrayed by Madame Scheller. The famous exclamation, "So much for Buckingham!" Mr. McCullough emphasizes differently from other great tragedians, and, we think, more effectively. He does not bellow out at the top of his voice, as others generally do. Altogether, Mr. McCullough's creation of this great and difficult character is original, and presents many new and excellent points, and although some may object to his conception, having been accustomed to see the part played in a different manner, it is nevertheless a masterly impersonation and one that reflects great credit upon Mr. McCullough's studious mind, Mr. Waldron made an excellent Richmond, and the broadsword combat between Richmond and Richard was indeed a most terrific and effective struggle. The absence of Richmond's valorous army, at the moment when the crown of England was to be presented to the hero and victor, gave the finale a somewhat odd and ridiculous character. Whether the army went on a foraging tour or not, is unknown to history, but it strikes us, Richmond should have introduced a stricter discipline into his army. Mr. Hardie as King Henry, Mr. Lindsay as Buckingham, Mr. Graham as Stanley, Miss Colebrook as Queen Elizabeth, all, in fact, exerted themselves to the utmost to make the performance a complete success.

This evening we are to have "Macbeth" with the original music by Locke, a powerful chorus, (solos by Mrs. Careless and Mr. Hardie) Mr. McCullough as Macbeth, Mr. waldron as Macduff, Miss Adams as Lady Macbeth, Mr. Graham as Malcolm, Mr. Lindsay as Banco, Mr. Hardie as Hecate.

To-morrow evening, the full combination will appear again in Shakespeare's "Othello" with the characters reversed, Mr. McCullough will play Iago, Mr. Waldron Othello, Madame Scheller will appear as Desdemona. The rest of the cast the same as before. This will be a very interesting performance and those fond of comparisons will have splendid opportunity of testing the relative merits of the Tragedians.

A LITTLE MORE ABOUT SILK.—In our columns to-day, appears the preface to a series of articles on Silk Culture, by Elder L. A. Bertrand. Although an occasional item on this subject has already appeared in the NEWS, from the pen of our indefatigable and enthusiastic friend Geo. D., we think the intrinsic worth and importance of the subject, will amply justify the insertion of this series of articles by Bro. Bertrand. He was born in the heart of one of the greatest silk growing countries in the world, and is well acquainted with the processes of this very important branch of industry; and in view of the very great probability that silk culture will, at on distant day, become a speciality among the people of this Territory, we recommend all the readers of the NEWS, who are the least interested in the subject, to carefully peruse and preserve these articles by Brother L. A. Bertrand.

DIED.—In the 10th Ward, Nov. 30th, John Samuel, son of Samuel James and Anna Christina Davidson, aged one year, two months and twelve days.

BEING ENLARGED.—The population of the 20th Ward has increased so rapidly lately that it has been deemed necessary to enlarge the school house so as to make room for all who wish to attend the meetings. The improvements are being pushed rapidly ahead. It is expected that it will be completed about Christmas. The 9th Ward also made an improvement of the same kind recently.

We are glad to see improvements of this and all other kinds made in the wards. Meetings held in comfortable and commodious meeting houses are always likely to be the most pleasant.

BRIGHAM YOUNG is issuing currency in Utah, generally resembling the national greenback. There is said to be a great deal of it in circulation, and the Mormon President finds his banking operations very profitable.—*Ex.*

The above is going the rounds of our exchanges. We clip it, as it will be news to our readers.

INDIAN RAID.—By Deseret Telegraph we are informed that the Navajoes have made another raid in Southern Utah and succeeded in driving off twenty-seven horses and mules from Royal G. Cutler and other Muddy emigrants below Muskeet Flat. The brethren with three Pah-utes pursued them, but after the former abandoned the chase the three Pah-utes recaptured eleven head and brought them back on the second day. The Navajoes escaped with the balance, as did also the former with the eighteen head from Jos. W. Young's company. A company of cavalry pursued them but abandoned the chase some eighty miles from St. George, their horses and supplies failing them. The several Navajoe raiding parties have escaped with about forty head in all; fifty nine have been recaptured, and some six or eight killed. Two of the scouting parties returned to St. George on the evening of the 5th inst.; the balance was expected the following day.

SAN PETE.—Elder Stevenson sends us word that he and Elder R. L. Campbell are making the tour of Sanpete Valley, having visited Ephraim, Springtown, Mt. Pleasant, North Bend, Fountain Green, and other places, at all of which they held meetings, and were gratified with the evidence of progress in educational and spiritual matters.

SPRINGTOWN.—By letter from Elder W. Brough, of Springtown, we learn a few items pertaining to matters in general at that place. A ball, in aid of the objects of the Female Relief Society, was held there recently, which was a credit to all concerned. President Orson Hyde was present; he gave good counsel and shared in the festivities. The cause of education is onward, day and evening schools being well attended. The brethren, generally, were busy getting out poles and timber, to fence 3,000 acres of farming land early in the Spring. The health of the settlement is good.

PERSONAL.—Mr. Lawrence Barrett, the celebrated tragedian from the east, arrived at the Townsend House yesterday morning, via Wells, Fargo & Co.'s coach. He is *enroute* to San Francisco, where he will play a lengthy engagement. Cannot the management secure his presence on the boards of our Dramatic Temple for one or two nights, in connection with the McCullough, Scheller and Waldron combination?

Mr. Samuel Smith, U.S. mail agent from St. Louis, arrived yesterday p. m., by special coach. We are sorry to learn of his extreme indisposition. Mr. Smith will thoroughly investigate the mail difficulty that has been running so long, and if possible have the evils remedied.

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