

DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, January 8, 1896.

GREEK LITERATURE.

Professor Cummings's Lecture at the University Last Night.

Professor Cummings delivered a lecture on Greek Literature at the University of Utah last night. He said in part:

Greek literature appeals to us not only from its own intrinsic worth, but also from the mighty influence it has exerted upon all subsequent literatures. If we turn the pages of classic Roman authors, if we wade along the sunlit paths, and through the rich fields and stately forests of the works of our own mass of letters, we find everywhere the footprints of the ancient Greeks. Greek thought and Greek style appear on every hand; and Greek mythology was a rich storehouse from which our best writers have sought inspiration and drawn materials for their most beautiful imagers.

The Greeks learned the art of writing from the Phoenicians; and the earliest specimens of their early writing—*Laws*, *Letters*, and *Obituaries* of Homer. The *Laws* and *Days* and *Thesaurus* of Herodotus also held a prominent place in Greek epics. But these celebrated works of art do not form the end but the beginning, a beginning of literary development.

Theirs is the culmination of that age of literary progress which began with the sacred hymns and stirring war songs of the earlier heroic Greeks and culminated in the powerful and exciting stories of the great Bairds of Ilium, the Iliad of the heroes.

As the Greek mind became broader and freer, new styles of poetry were developed, and lyric song was perfected. This paved the way for comedy, drama, and tragedy, influences of which are still to be seen in the master hands of Sophocles in tragedy, and Aristophanes in comedy. Greek dramatic literature attained the position of excellency he has since held.

The masterpiece of the drama, however, was written by Shakespeare.

In history, Herodotus laid the foundation upon which later prose writers have built; and is justly styled the father of history. Thucydides, the great Greek historian, has given us another subject as a study of cause and effect; and has been called the first philosopher of history.

Demonstrates stands up prominently in oratorical force, and is an excellent example of what may be called "rhetorical eloquence." It is based on a noble purpose that beckons one on to the accomplishment of a high ideal.

The lecture was illustrated by busts of the leading authors, and by some excellent stereoscopic views representing scenes in Greece and taken from the literature of Greece.

Tired of Life.

Earl A. Williamson, a young man about twenty-six years of age, who has not found much tranquility in married life, attempted suicide at a west side lodging house about 8 o'clock last night by taking a large dose of laudanum. To his young wife, whose maiden name was Little Willie, he left a note in which he bade her farewell and desired he forgive her. In a scrawling written postscript to his parents he asked for forgiveness for their "child."

Williamson was discovered before he had time to inflict any serious damage and Dr. McCoy with the help of his stomach pump soon converted him beyond the danger line. The despondent candidate for a suicide's grave is said to be the son of Dr. Williamson of Park City, and the author of the suicide note is identified as the notorious outlaw Coughlin, whom he and George began their murderous career.

Captain Bishop Not a Loser.

A letter was received from Captain Bishop of this city, from Mercurius, to which is conveyed the pleasing news to his friends that he lost nothing to the disastrous fire at that place on Monday night. He had hard work to save his property but was successful.

Run Over and Killed.

George F. Thomas, alias Fitzgerald, according to a Tribune special met with fatal injuries at Beaver yesterday afternoon about 3:30 while riding on the front of a block of a large load of ice from which he fell in front of one of the wheels, which passed over his chest and over the heart. There was



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three tons in the wagon, which crushed to his ribs, and he died at ten minutes to 12 o'clock. He was about 50 years of age, about 5 feet 7 inches tall, weighing 180 pounds. He had two brothers living on Indian street, Chicago. He died without means and leaves no relatives to his father and mother. He came here about eighteen months ago as a stranger, since having time to 20 years ago, since when time he has been doing his best to redeem himself from the law and was making friends daily. One of his brothers is a railroad conductor.

Filled a Cup.

There has been filed in the Probate court a copy of the articles and by-laws of the Salt Lake Chinese Electric Light company, and S. F. Walker is their agent.

Made at Z.C.M.I.

For the benefit of many persons asking the question, it is stated that the numismatic flag displayed in the Tabernacle on Independence day was made at Z.C.M.I. during Lent.

FRUIT TREE INSPECTION.

The Salt Lake County Inspector submits His Annual Report on That Important Question.

County Fruit Tree Inspector Fred W. Price has filed his annual report with the county court for 1895. It is as follows:

In compliance with the request of your honorable body, I herewith submit for your consideration my report. The medical law has diminished beyond recognition the number of insects that threaten the orchard industry of Utah. It is one of the most beneficial laws ever enacted by our Legislature.

On New Year's children were soon

coming with their parents and friends

and gathering at the meeting house,

so it had been previously announced.

On the second day of January this

year the parents gathered the

friends with a program suitable for the occasion, and by half past ten the meeting house was well filled with the teachers and members of the school, and a great many

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The speakers were all well received. The school sang four pieces in a very creditable manner.

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