

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

DUPREZ' MINSTRELS were greeted last night with a larger attendance than have been seen for a long time. The people evidently went with the determination to be pleased, and judging by their tumultuous applause they were so. The programme was lengthy, and before it was through the enthusiasm of the very large audience seemed to wane, which we should imagine must have been gratifying to some of the "bookies." Among the most noticeable points of the performance were the "Ciceronian display on the stump," by Mr. Dougherty; the "Gloria of the Period," by Mr. Frank Kent; the "Cocoanut Quartet," by Messrs. Benedict, Gleason, Pankhurst and Collins; and the clog dance, entitled, "Moonlight and Cape May," by Messrs. Pankhurst and Collins. They were splendid performances, and proved all participating therein to be eminent in their profession.

The Minstrels appear again to-night, with an entire change of programme. This is positively their last appearance, they having to leave to-morrow by rail for San Francisco, where they appear on Monday night.

LINE DOWN.—The meagreness of the telegrams to-day is accounted for by the fact that the Western Union line is down somewhere near Cheyenne.

MORE COMPLAINTS ABOUT MAIL.—Henry Standing, Esq., assistant postmaster at Richwood, Cache Co., writes on the 29th ult.:

"I thought I would just say that for three weeks in succession we have not received the WEEKLY DESERT NEWS until the following Tuesday (due on Friday), and to-day we have neither Semi-Weekly nor Weekly. If a few lines from you through your paper could help us, all right, as we know not who is to blame."

We think the explanation of the difficulty complained of by our correspondent will be found in a letter in yesterday's News, from our agent at Smithfield, Brother Francis Sharp, an is owing to the change recently made in the time of the arrival of the Cache County mails. Brother Sharp says "this change has been made without the knowledge or consent of the people," but we think they can remedy the evil to which it has subjected them. We should advise them to get up a strong petition to the P. O. authorities at Washington, and forward the same through our Territorial Delegate to Congress, Hon. W. H. Hooper, who, we feel assured, will feel a pleasure in using his influence to have the evil complained of remedied. We have no doubt that the Department will consult the convenience of the people, when their desires are made known, rather than that of the mail carriers.

"CATCH 'EM ALIVE."—An old saying, but easier said than done when speaking of the house flies in Utah, during the summer months. These little nuisances are the most determined, obstinate and tenacious of their kind to be found anywhere. They will stick and bite as house flies never did before; and as for their numbers, legion is nothing to them. Any genius who discovers a sure method of getting rid of or destroying them would be justly entitled to be considered a benefactor of his race. The method commonly resorted to of poisoning them by means of the poisoned paper soaked in water, is very objectionable in such a country as Utah, where children are so numerous, for the paper poison is just as sure death to the children if they should sip a little of it, as to the flies; and such cases have occurred.

In England fly papers used to be sold; but they were very different to the paper sold here; and while equally as efficacious were free from danger by poison. Quite a little sum of money is spent here, every summer in poisoning fly paper. Among our very numerous skilled artisans and artists of every class, where is there one who can invent some sure means of entrapping the swarms of flies to be found in almost every house here during the warm weather? Such a branch of home manufacture would not require a very large outlay, and we believe that many would be glad to support it!

MALAD CITY.—Bishop Daniels, of Malad City writing from that place recently, says that "on July 5th the hoppers visited us, stripping our city lots, destroying about two-thirds of the crops and leaving some families entirely destitute of field crops. The season has been very dry, having had but one shower for several months. As the range is dry the stock suffer a little, and milk and butter are scarce. Families whose dependence is on the range feel the loss, but the people generally feel better in spirit than could be expected."

CEDAR SPRINGS.—A letter from Cedar Springs, received by an employee of this office says: "We have had two sets of grasshoppers, which have gone away without doing any serious damage; it is expected there will be five thousand bushels of wheat raised on the co-operative farms; corn and cane look well. "Complaints are sometimes made against postmasters Bro. Wm. Wood, postmaster at Cedar Springs, is deserving of praise for his kind and as accommodating manner to the public in attending to the business of the postoffice."

ADDITION TO Z. C. M. I.—By the letter from "Item" in to-day's paper it will be seen that Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution has purchased the establishment called the "Big Boot," recently carried on by Mr. Sloan. We understand that the manufacture of boots and shoes will henceforth be carried on largely under the auspices of the Institution. This branch of manufacture being so important, because of its absolute necessity, we should think this addition will be profitable to the stockholders in the Institution; and that the new venture will be very acceptable to the boot and shoe makers of the city. A large manufactory, in which work is carried on, with all the aid of machinery, as it is in the large factories in the East, is just what is necessary to revive this branch of business here; and with organization among the workmen, and the classification of the different branches of the business there is not a doubt but that this class of artisans will soon be among the most prosperous of any in the entire community. We wish for a consumption devotedly to be wished for; and believing that Zion's Co-operative Mercantile Institution, in launching out the special benefits of a large and industrious class of operatives, and of the community generally, we wish every success to the new venture.

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