

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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THEATRE.—The play of "Paul & Dhuil" was presented last night for the first time, and for a first night was well performed, considering the rapid and heavy "business" which abounds in it. The first act opens with a "real Irish jig," by rollicking "boys" and light-footed girls. This was executed with dash and spirit, and was followed by a single jig by Miss Cline, which won and received much applause. Then commenced the plot of the piece. Cornelius Brophy (Mr. McKenzle) is in love with Dora McManley (Miss Adams), a pretty creature, whose sun-light is wherever Brophy's eyes beam. Musha Merry (Mr. Lindsay), a scoundrelly fellow who claims to be a "dairy man," entertains bitter feelings against Brophy, for alleged wrongs put upon him by Brophy, and, who is presumed to be quietly sleeping in some adjoining graveyard. Musha vows vengeance, and is associated or associated himself with a villainous gang dignified with the name of rebels and known as the "Herry Mount Boys," whose leader is one Brian O'Clancy (Mr. Harlow). They try to assassinate Brophy, and bring the military with Captain Singleton and Lieutenant Murgrove to find proof of his guilt in a card—the ace of clubs—which Musha gave him as a "lucky card," and which Brian has told the officers is a secret sign of the rebels. Through the quick ears and quick wit of a "gossamer" named Ouy (Miss Alexander) who is a conspicuous character in the piece, the cards is transferred from Corny's pocket to Brian's, Dora slipping it from the first into Ouy's hand, who slips it quietly into the coat pocket of the really guilty person.

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Two fine pieces are announced for to-morrow evening,—"The Deal Boatman," and "The Jacinto," with good casts.

FIRE.—Last night there was an attempt made to burn the drug store of Bauman & Co., which, if it had been successful, would have been of the most serious character in its results. The store was closed at eight o'clock, a lamp being left burning in the front part, while the gentleman in charge went to the theatre. When he returned, the place was filled with smoke. When this was got clear off by the doors being opened, it was found that it proceeded from the cellar, which contained a large quantity of inflammable material, coal oil, turpentine, etc.

On the north side of the cellar there were boxes filled with bottles and there the fire had been so intense as to melt some of the bottles. On the south several of the boxes containing oil, turpentine and varnish were burned, and one of the turpentine cans had been cut open. It seems that the only thing which prevented the fire from spreading was the lack of air which caused it to smoulder until it burned itself out. The indications were that the turpentine can had been cut open, and the turpentine spilled over a quantity of sponges on the same side of the cellar to make them burn. Evidently the fire had been kindled on both sides of the cellar, with a determination to let it quickly reach a head where it could not be got under.

Up stairs the lamp had been carried from the front to the back part of the store, and the oil emptied out of it. All things declared the attempt to be the work of an incendiary. The results, had it succeeded, would have been terrible. The wind was blowing fresh at the time, and the block might have been destroyed, involving a loss of millions of dollars. As it is, it will be covered by a few hundred dollars.

For the failure, however, no thanks are due to the scoundrelly incendiary, who must have been well acquainted in the store and with the movements of the gentlemen in it, for from the statements of various persons who passed, or went to the store, between eight and nine o'clock, of the light being in the front and back part, it must have been shortly after eight o'clock that the attempt was made.

McGROARTY.—The sensation telegram on the Utah election, which created the wires on the 28th ult., has called from the newspapers numerous comments on the "Mormons," nearly all very wide of the mark, and a long way at sea. The Idaho Statesman of the 9th, in remarks on the subject which are not friendly towards us as a people, and which repeat some of the ridiculous allegations that have often been falsely made against us, says:

"The Mormons are bad enough to endure, yes, too much. They ought not to be allowed representation at all, but if they must make the change from Hooper to McGroarty, God help Utah!"

That is the estimate of him by the people who know him and who openly declare we "ought not to be allowed representation at all." The writer further says of Congress: "Don't let them admit McGroarty in place of Hooper or any one else, not even the basest Mormon in Utah!"

Now, considering that by the opinion so common, and which this writer expresses, the "Mormons" are all very bad, and that among them there must be comparisons of bad, worse and worst; to place McGroarty below the Statesman's estimate of the "very basest Mormon in Utah," is to assign him a point in degradation so low that it could scarcely be penetrated to with Rose's telescope. Wouldn't Congress have a sweet bargain of him!

FATAL ACCIDENT.—By correspondence from Dr. R. W. Briggs we learn of a fatal accident which occurred at Pleasant Grove, on the evening of Monday, 13th, about 7 o'clock. Lewis Heber, son of Heber and Elizabeth Walker, was riding, when his horse stumbled and fell upon him, injuring him so severely that he died at 10 o'clock the same night.

He was born in Pleasant Grove, March 22nd, 1881, and was a youth of much promise.

man's phonography and a new system for which is claimed superiority to any now in use. We hope a large audience will attend.

THE LATEST.—The latest sensations east are, the proposal for Chase to be the Democratic candidate for the Presidency; and the statement that England will demand compensation for the damage and loss caused by the Fenian raid into Canada. The first named proposal would start some lively issues, were it likely that the Chief Justice would accept the nomination and that the Democrats would put him up. The second is supposed to be a set off against the Alabama claims, and some arithmeticians calculate it can be figured up to a pretty round sum.

COLD.—Last night was unquestionably a "cold snap," with a chilling wind that searched through light clothing like an arctic blast. This morning, the valley, from a few miles south of the city, bore a snow-covering, which gave mountain and plain a very wintry look. Certes, this is "winter in the lap of spring," and an "evergreen" follow asks "why the jade don't kick him out?" Instead of the unfeminine operation of kicking, she will "smile upon him gently," and drive him north before her sunny glance, if we will have the requisite amount of patience.

THE CHEMISTRY OF FURNITURE.—Young housekeepers do not always understand the theory of the chemical and mechanical action of different substances on articles of furniture. The substances from which furniture is chiefly exposed to injury are water, oils, alcohols, and acids.

Acids act on marble. Marble is itself composed of carbonate of lime; that is, it is a compound of carbonic acid and lime. Now, the carbonic has a comparatively weak affinity for lime, and most other acids will prevail over it and take its place when brought into contact with it, thus destroying the texture of the stone, liberating the carbonic acid, and leaving nitrate of lime, or muriate of lime, or sulphate, or acetate of lime—as the case may be—in the form of a white powder, in its place. But oils, alcohols, and water produce no effect on marble.

All varnished or polished surfaces of wool, on the other hand, while not injured usually by acid, are attacked by alcohol. Varnishes are composed of different gums and resins, which are generally soluble in alcohol. Many of them are made by dissolving the material in alcohol so as to liquefy them, and then, when they are applied, the alcohol evaporates, leaving the gum or resin in a thin, even coating over the whole surface. If now any alcoholic substances come up on such a surface, whether it be alcohol itself, as used for lamps, or spirits of any kind, or even wine, which contains but a small percentage of alcohol, the varnish is attacked and a portion of it is dissolved, and the brilliancy of the surface is destroyed.

Oils will not attack either marbles or varnished surfaces, and will do no injury except to naked wood or other porous substances which admit them into the pores, from which they cannot afterward easily be expelled.

Water affects no substances except such as have open pores exposed, in which case it enters and causes the substance to swell, or such as are soluble in water, as glue in joints, and mullage or gum arabic, used sometimes for attaching superficial ornaments to fancy work.—*American Artisan.*

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