

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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**THEATRICAL.**—Last night a very large and appreciative audience witnessed the performance of "Othello." A few brief sentences as a critique would not do justice to the impersonations in the tragedy. Mr. McCullough's "Othello" was a vigorous and finished performance. His reading was a piece of beautiful elocution; and his points were made without effect, but made well. Mr. Waldron's Iago was a studied impersonation, and his conception was faithfully embodied throughout. While neither making the character the sombre villain which some represent him, nor the vivacious and mischievous of other actors, he had created a portrait in which the darker shades of villainy were relieved by the lighter colors of a subtle wit and a seemingly reckless bluntness in harmony with Shakespeare's creation. The scene between Othello and Iago, in the third act, where the latter gives the former the cues to his growing jealousy, and feeds the fire which kindled in the Moor's heart burns with consuming violence, was excellently played. The changing shades of passion and feeling which Othello experiences as doubt succeeds to confidence in Desdemona's honor, and faith returns again, to be misplaced by stranger doubts demanding certain proof, while the sly insidious temptings of Iago, pour devilish distillations into his heart, were vividly delineated by Mr. McCullough; and the counterfoil to his trusting honor and jealous inclinations, in the subtle villain who leads him on to ruin was admirably portrayed by Mr. Waldron. Madame Scheller's Desdemona was a chaste and most artistic performance, full of pathos, affection, love and feeling. From her opening lines, where her father demands a decision between a divided love and duty, to the closing protestations of her virtue and innocence, every sentence, look and gesture claimed the sympathy and interest of the audience, which were accorded with warmth and spontaneity. Mr. McKenzies Cassio was carefully and admirably played, the changing phases of the character revealing correct delineation. Mr. Graham's Roderigo was very good, and so was Mr. Hardie's Brabantio. Miss Colebrook made her re-appearance as Emilia, and was warmly greeted. Her playing was spirited, though we detected a little diffidence occasionally, resulting, no doubt, from being off the boards for a time. The performance of "Othello" last night was an undoubted success. Could we not have a repetition, with Mr. McCullough as Iago, and Mr. Waldron as the Moor?

To-night "Hamlet" will be produced, with the strongest cast with which it has ever been presented here. Mr. McCullough plays the "philosophical Dane," Madame Scheller the fair "Ophelia," Mr. Waldron the "Ghost," Mr. McKenzies Polonius; Mr. Graham Laertes; Mr. Lindsay the King; Miss Adams the Queen; Mr. Hardie Horatio; Mr. Margretts the first gravedigger; and a full cast for the other characters, with a powerful chorus. We look for another crowded house.

**WINTER QUARTERS.**—Notwithstanding the oft repeated assertion that Bear River City is to be the winter town, on the U. P. R., the predictions have proved false for the track passed and thereat the rate of eight miles per day, and will reach Echo City where Echo Canyon joins the Weber, in twenty days. John Mulvey, the contractor for bedding ties through Echo, has already ten miles of grade in readiness for the rails and two hundred teams steadily at work, delivering material for the other fifteen miles. Mr. M. M. Hill, who arrived at the Townsend House this a.m. and who kindly furnished us with the above information, also says the grading is nearly all completed between the end of the track and Echo City. The riotous spirits belonging to Messrs. Cheesbrough & McGee's "outfit" have moved westward, leaving the citizens of Bear River City in perfect quiet and repose. The leaders of the late disgraceful war, at that place, are held in irons at Fort Bridger.

**IN TOWN.**—We met the Hon. E. T. Benson this morning, down from the North. He is in good health and spirits; and reports the work on Benson, Farr & West's contract, on the C. P. R., as being pushed with vigor.

**RETURNED.**—President George A. Smith dropped in to-day having arrived from Provo last night. He reports matters progressing in that city, and in Utah county generally. He met with the Sabbath school at Provo, and the meetings there, as well as at American Fork and Lehi, where a good spirit prevailed. His health is good.

**GOOD COUNSEL.**—The gentlemen of the fraternity who live by the delicate mysteries of faro and similar shades of occupation are complaining that business is dull here, and that giant starvation seems approaching, unless a change comes. Some of them on stating the case to a gentleman in the city, and pointing out the dark plight that awaited them if not allowed "to run the machine" in a quiet way, were advised to apply to the bishops, if living became so very difficult. That's good counsel. The bishops have considerable to do, but they will always be found willing to look after cases of real necessity. Yes, gentlemen, try the bishops, or go where your peculiar occupation is appreciated.

**CHARITABLE.**—We hear with pleasure that a subscription is being put in circulation by the friends of Bro. Christian Jorgensen—who was accidentally killed last Friday while working on the Railroad grade in Weber Canyon—for the relief of his widow and three children. His family are in very poor circumstances, and their place of residence is a temporary structure, unsuitable for cold weather. The design is, if means can be obtained, to provide a more comfortable abode and to supply them with such articles as they absolutely need. From all that we can hear he and his family have been much respected, and those who remain are worthy of assistance. We hope the kind efforts of friends will meet with a response from the charitably disposed.

**STILL AT LARGE.**—By a correspondence from Mr. Wm. Fotheringham, of Beaver, we learn further particulars of the efforts made to capture Willie Bartholemew, who committed the highway robbery, a short time ago, in Millard County. He stole a horse at Corn Creek, on which he made off. He was followed by a party as far as Dog Valley. John King, one of the posse, and went to Beaver, procured a posse there, and went to Minersville to pursue. Three men were sent north to Wah Wah Springs, in the vicinity of the Yellow Banks to intercept him, at the same time a small party went south of Minersville to reconnoiter the runs. Subsequent developments, however, proved that the criminal had laid off over about two days in the neighborhood of Cove Creek as Horse Shoe Bend; for one day after the posse came in, the carrier from Fabranagat met him near the Sulphur Springs about sun the mountain, they followed and while up in the mountain, they saw him ride to the Springs, road. They were then five miles off him. They got within two miles of him, but he took it easy until they were within a mile, but he did not move, leading to the Mountain. He took the road back he dodged to the left, and at mid-night he arrived at Brown's on Little Pinto. He asked Br. Crow for something to eat, and he was from Arizona, and inquired now far it was to Cedar. Mr. Crow having no bread prepared, Bartholemew procured some. He carried a steel bar, Ritchie's saddle horse, valued at \$200, got provisions, and started. This was the last heard of him by his pursuers.

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