

THE EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, November 24, 1909.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—Last night's entertainment commenced with the interesting lecture of Mrs. St. Clair on "Six Months in Utah," after which the "Black Eyed Susan" burlesque was again presented and made the most of by the performers. As "Susan," Kate Denin appeared as usual to good advantage and sang very sweetly. As "Hatchett," "Captain Crostree," "Hatchett," and "Raker," Messrs. Margretts, Lindsay, Hardie and Graham played with characteristic vivacity and good effect. The dancing of Miss Annie Ward and Miss Olive was also very good and received applause.

To-night will be presented the five act play of "Camille, or the Fate of a Coquette," in which Kate Denin sustains the character of "Camille Gautier." Mr. Hardie of "Armand Duval," Mr. Graham that of "Count de Varville," and Mr. Margretts that of "Gaston Bioux;" the other parts will be played by the members of the Corps.

ARTICLES FOUND.—A SPLENDID CHANCE TO RECOVER THEM.—J. H. Harper, of Parowan, writes that on the 22nd of October he found, between Payson and Spanish Fork, a parcel containing six likenesses, two brooches, a pair of scissors, a pair of compasses, a lady's belt and several other little things, which are now in his possession. He generously offers to restore them to the owner if he or she will pay the freight!

SOLOMON AT FAULT AGAIN.—SOMETHING NEW UNDER THE SUN.—Mr. McGowan presented a new-fashioned lamp at the City Hall yesterday evening, for the inspection of his Honor the Mayor and members of the City Council. It has a reservoir for oil above the flame instead of below, as in the common coal oil lamp, and sends out a much brighter flame, resembling a jet of gas. The oil used is considerably cheaper than kerosene, and the burner requires neither wick nor chimney. Another advantage about it is that it is not liable to explode.

MADAME SCHELLER AT MAGUIRE'S OPERA HOUSE.—This popular artist made her first appearance at Maguire's Opera House, San Francisco, on the evening of the 15th instant. The piece presented was "The Mother's Blessing." The Hebrew, of the 19th, in a notice of the Madame's performance says:

"She sustained the character of 'Marie,' in 'The Mother's Blessing,' in a manner which showed her to be a truly great artist. Her acting in the two last acts was grand. She was applauded throughout the play, and called before the curtain twice."

STATE OF THE WEATHER. by Deseret Telegraph Line.—Smithfield, quite cold and muggy; Logan, somewhat cloudy and cold, wind blowing from the east; Wellsville, cloudy, every appearance of storm; Brigham City, quite cold, appearance of rain; Ogden, cloudy; Kaysville, cold and cloudy, looks like snow.

In Salt Lake City the weather is stormy, with snow and rain.

GALE AT DENVER.—On Thanksgiving Day, last Thursday, Denver was visited by the severest wind storm that has been experienced for many a day. Roofs were blown off, walls were blown down; one of the spires of the Methodist Church was tipped over and plunged through the roof; many number of window panes were shattered, and a new brick house, owned by General Brown, insured against fire a day or two before, was blown down and totally wrecked. Much other damage was done. The above particulars are from the Colorado Tribune of the 20th.

JUDGE BALDWIN; VERY LIKE DESTINY.—Judge Baldwin, of Nevada, it will be recollected, was one of the victims of the accident last Sunday week, on the Western Pacific Railroad. The following, showing upon what trifles momentous events often hinge, is from the San Francisco Bulletin of the 17th instant:

"Judge Baldwin was dining with a friend at a restaurant called 'The Mint,' on Saturday last, and related that he missed going home that morning by his forgetting to wind up his watch, which, (having run down) had stopped at 6 o'clock. Not noting the stoppage, he said he thought he would take another sleep. On waking up again of course he found out his mistake. He said to his friend: 'I will go over to Mayor Felton's, stop over night and be ready to start in the morning.' He did so and the result is known. If he had wound up his watch before going to bed he would not have been on the train and his life would have been spared."

"SIX MONTHS IN UTAH."
Lecture by Mrs. Augusta N. St. Clair, delivered at the Theatre on Tuesday evening Nov. 23rd, 1909.

The lecturer on appearing before the audience was received very cordially. She explained that her lecture had not been specially got up for delivery before the residents of Salt Lake—she had delivered it before the people of Nevada, California, Oregon, and elsewhere; and it was but the out-spoken sentiments she had entertained and still possessed respecting this people.

Its production was the result of what she saw and heard during a stay of several months in these valleys. While lecturing in California, on this subject, she had been charged with promulgating the doctrine of polygamy; and the enemies of the "Mormons" had been bought by Brigham Young. If she had been bought at all, it was with love and kindness. She had always endeavored, while lecturing upon any subject, whether in relation to the "Mormons" or any other people, to speak the truth, even when in so doing she incurred popular odium and displeasure. She had visited this Territory with all honesty and purity of intention, and she calculated to speak of the people of Salt Lake, as she saw them. If she saw ought to censure she had censured it, to praise she had praised it.

The lectures came very severe strictures upon that class of persons who have at various times come here, and after partaking of the hospitality of the people and gaining admittance to their family circles, being everywhere treated with cordiality and respect, have gone to the East or to the

West and attempted, by every means in their power, to raise popular prejudice against the "Mormons." But it was gratifying to her to find that there have been honorable exceptions to these. There have been some candid minded, honest, upright men who have dared bravely to speak the truth with regard to what they have seen here, not fearing anybody. As for politicians, she thought there was hardly one among them who would dare speak the truth concerning the "Mormons," when such testimony would be in their favor.

Mrs. St. Clair then very poetically described the feelings she entertained as she and her party emerged from the canyon in the Wasatch mountains, and beheld for the first time the valley of the Great Salt Lake, with its wide expanse of fertile land stretching for miles on every hand, and bounded on all sides by ranges of picturesque mountains; with its famous city reposing quietly in the sunshine. She dwelt at considerable length upon the impressions she received upon visiting the Tabernacle, and while listening to the instructions that were given on the occasion, and spoke of the great influence which President Young possesses over the people, and of the willingness with which his wishes are carried into effect by all classes. This at first appeared very strange and mystical to her; but she was afterwards informed of the reason of it. The speaker alluded to the domestic relations of different families into whose circles she had been admitted, speaking of the same in a spirit of candor and honesty. As for President Young, he is very abstemious in his habits, never drinking any tea or coffee, nor having the same on his table, except for the use of strangers when such happen to be present.

She very humorously contrasted the ideas entertained by most Christian professors respecting a future state with the matter-of-fact notions of the "Mormons," who are looking forward to a future, tangible existence as purified and exalted beings, and expecting to enjoy the society of each other in their present family relationship, which to her mind appeared more rational than the notion of sitting on a cloud playing on a harp. In short, she would say she never saw a more cheerful community than the Latter-day Saints, who have been represented as being the most servile, downtrodden beings in creation. She recollected sitting in the Theatre on one occasion, beside one of the "Mormons" most vindictive enemies, an editor, and related a conversation which passed between herself and him, in which he spoke in terms of the highest praise of the women of Utah. This testimony was valuable, coming as it did from one who was engaged in publicly defaming the people; and she remarked that, such a paper as the one he represented were issued in any place in the State, it would be cast, to the four winds of Heaven in less than twenty-four hours, and its editor tarred and feathered. So much for the forbearance of the "Mormons."

Speaking of women, she said she had often looked for the once-become expression of countenance, and the dejected manner which have often been attributed to the females of Utah; but she had hitherto failed to discover anything of the kind, further than are noticeable in women elsewhere. As for polygamy, although it was contrary to her nature to like it, still she thought its practice much more creditable than the practice of infanticide and all the concomitant evils prevalent in monogamous communities. In commenting upon the industry, sobriety, manners, customs and morals of the people of Utah, she spoke in very warm terms of commendation.

Before concluding her remarks she would say that, though her judgment might err in forming correct ideas of what she had seen, it had always been her endeavor, and she trusted would ever continue to be, to represent things as she found them, notwithstanding that, in so doing, she might incur the displeasure of a certain class. She would bring her remarks to a close by narrating a little anecdote of the Rev. Dr. Moore, who was strongly opposed to secret societies, but was taken by some of his parishioners to an Odd Fellows' party, and while there was called upon to pray, which he did after this manner: "O, God! if this cause be a good one, bless it; but if it be a bad cause, curse it!" She would conclude by applying these remarks to the Latter-day Saints. If their cause be a good one, the Lord will bless it, if a bad one, His blessing will not attend it.

VERDICT.—The coroner's jury, in the case of Judge Baldwin and others, killed in the recent terrible accident on the Western Pacific road, in California, returned the following verdict:

"The jury find that the collision was the result of and was caused by the ignorance and incompetency of the switchman, Bernard Kane, employed at Simpson's Station, in giving a signal to the officers of the Western Pacific train, indicating that it was 'all right, go ahead.' The jury further find, from the evidence of said Bernard Kane, that he cannot read, and that the officers of the railroad, whose duty it was to instruct said Kane in his duty, were deceived as to his ability to read."

One of the many instances of almost miraculous preservation among the passengers on the trains referred to above, was an old gentleman, who was in the car that was telescoped. He was knocked down flat upon the floor, and the bottom of the intruder's car passed over him. After a long delay in clearing away obstructions, the old gentleman emerged, crawling out upon his hands and knees, with a cane in his hand, and entirely uninjured, with the exception of a slight abrasion of the skin on the back of his hand. After looking around upon the destruction, and the dead and wounded, he said: "I feel as if I ought to be dead; as if I had no right to be alive. It seems as if there was a fate following me; as if there were a man at my back ready to kill me."

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