

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

Correspondents writing for publication are requested to write on one side of the paper only.

Theatrical—"Ernestine" will be performed this evening for the first time here; and ought to afford much enjoyment for it is an exceedingly pretty drama, embodying lots of mirth-stirring dialogues and situations and some splendid pathetic touches.

From Provo.—Our correspondent "A" drops us the following from Provo, on our recent issue:

"General good health and a good spirit are prevailing. All are engaged. Some are getting ready to leave and outfit for the immigration. The Saints, companies are organizing for the Railroad to work on the Provo Canyon road, and the carpenters are framing the bridge to cross the river. Superintendent E. F. Sheets was up the canyon yesterday, and reports a reputation of landslides coming over the mountains, bringing down huge rocks, trees and such an amount of earth as to dam the river for a time, so that persons below could cross the river bed dry shod. The frame work for staging at the bridge was taken away, but it is expected to have the work completed, so that the Church train and travel from the south can pass up by Provo valley.

Grasshoppers have done considerable damage here, but the general faith and prospects are good for fair crops. Bro. A. Gardner has good the Provo bridge about half way covered; but the river is still favorable the coolness of the weather favors this.

Going East.—Hon. Edwin Higgins, Secretary of the Territory, and Acting-Governor during the absence of Governor Durkee, designs going east at an early day. We wish him a pleasant journey to familiar scenes, happy greetings with friends, and a safe return to the duties of his office.

Consistency.—We understand, from a mutual friend, that the Editor of the Keop-pichin, with his usual consideration and breadth of liberality, has suspended publication for a time to allow the other papers in the city to get "a start." We appreciate his thoughtfulness.

Sunshine.—"The brightness of to-day" seems to indicate that summer may come sometime before the anniversary of the national birthday. Vendors of summer drinks, ice-cream, and other cooling preparations, will not be sorry at the change, yet many philoprotic individuals were painedly satisfied with the cool, rainy weather which we have had, looking upon it as "all right." They were right.

Adjournment.—Owing to the meeting which was held in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms on last Monday evening, the next monthly meeting of the Phonographic Society was adjourned until next Monday evening, to be held in the same place, commencing at 7:30 o'clock.

From Dixie.—Editors Samuel Adams and Joseph E. S. Russell dropped in to see us this morning, having just arrived from Southern Utah. They left St. George on the 5th ult., at which time everything was looking beautiful, and abundant crops were rapidly approaching the period of gathering. The prospects for fruit were excellent; peaches were as large as hen's eggs, grapes, though not ripe, were large enough to use; and green peas were on the table two weeks before they left. Grain was turning at Heberville and in the Santa Clara field. They did not notice any evidence of the presence of the locusts until they reached Millard county, from which point there were marks of the destructive ravages of these insects, in places, up to this city. But the crops looked very good where uninfested. They reported Spanish Fork bridge as in a risky condition.

Apple Orchards Dead in Oregon.—While our orchards are increasing in number all through the Territory, and their productiveness is almost a matter of wonder, the good folks of Oregon have to lament the rapid decay of their apple orchards. The Salem Record of the 22nd ult. says:

Any person traveling through our best agricultural districts will discover that the oldest orchards are, in many instances, dead or dying. It is wonderful to ride by a ten acre field of old trees, and see the dead trunks and branches with their unsightly covering of moss. We hardly know what to attribute this decay to, unless it be that during the preceding days of orchardists, when fruit sold at splendid prices, the trees were highly cultivated, and that since the market for fruit has decreased, neglect to a great extent has ensued. The orchards have mostly been allowed to decay, and suckers from the roots allowed to sap the life of the trees.

Not Much Damage.—A gentleman from Davis county informs us to-day that the grasshoppers have not done them a great deal of damage, and that the crops look very well. Well directed and organized efforts were made to destroy the locusts, which were attended with good results; and he said he had learned from a reliable source that vast numbers on the sides of the mountains had died during the continued cold spell which we had. If this be the "ironclad" are not invulnerable to cold.

Sick For a Volcano.—Nevada is advancing rapidly to the front line of important States. She has had an earthquake, and then another not altogether equal to the St. Thomas or Sandwich Island ones, but quite a respectable shaking. She puts on airs in consequence, and the only thing that hangs like a weight upon the bosom of her vanity is Vesuvius and Mexican Loa. She wants a volcano—she is sick for a volcano, for she would lift up her voice to older States and say "Look-a-here, what do you think of that?" Here is what the Enterprise says about the matter:

"Another Shock.—At 9 o'clock last night a light shock of an earthquake was felt here. It was of short duration, and consisted of the shock and vibration of a heavy blast. We expect next to see old Mount Davidson vomiting forth fire, smoke and "burning lather," as Mrs. Farlington would call it. For a young State we are doing well. We can get up about as large earthquakes as they can raise anywhere; all we want now is a volcanic volcano—we are just about sick for a volcano.

From Fairfield.—From a correspondent in Fairfield, Utah county, we learn that grasshoppers are plentiful in that locality, but there are good prospects for the season. The Nevada Relief Society is in good working order, and striving to accomplish good; and their Sunday School is prospering, with a good attendance.

Virginia Troupers. Fish culture is just now receiving a great deal of attention, and only in Utah, being many of the best fish raised in portions of the eastern hemisphere.

A large quantity of delicious trout was brought in from Lees Ferry, Arizona, by Mr. W. Jacobson, at Evans' chop-house, corner of Union and G streets, we saw several plates of the delicious fish, many of them weighing more than a pound. A large business is now being conducted at the lake, and a number of trout are being raised in artificial ponds in Idaho county, and has been extraordinarily successful. He obtains the eggs from the fish, which he carries to the pond, and places in another larger pond to remain until they have attained sufficient size to protect themselves, where they remain to be used as required. The growth of these trout is most remarkable, in two years of a pound and a half. Much attention is being paid to the raising of trout, and many of the trout who become interested in this peculiar study, and the rapidly and ease with which the fish are raised, and the profit as well as pleasant, in the Eastern States especially has this business become a regular branch, supplying thousands in trout culture for appetites.

A Laramie has been reported relative to the drowning of Thomas Matthews, which states that the train had got over the Platte and he was crossing on horseback, driving some cattle, when he tried to rein back the horse in the middle of the stream, and in the attempt got unbalanced and was lost.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES BY STAGE.

From the West.—Z. Dederick, E. H. Dederick, To the West.—John V. ...

Died: At Ogdenville, Summit County, May 30th, Mrs. Mary Jane, daughter of John V. ...

In Springtown, Sanpete County, May 19th, 1888, Ursula Emmeline Land, wife of Peter Land and daughter of ...

DISRAELI AND JUDAISM.—There seems indeed to be a singular mistake as to the relation of Disraeli to Judaism. Some Jews censure him as an apostate, and urge his apostasy as an instance of tergiversation. Some Christians scoff at him as a Jew, with a singular disregard of all they owe to the Hebrew race. Now, the fact is, that in plain English, Disraeli is neither an apostate nor a Jew. He was born of Hebrew parents. His father, Isaac Disraeli, the author, and his mother, a sister of the Baslevi, were members of Shephardim Jewish families. His grandfather and grandmother, indeed, rest in the Portuguese cemetery, at Mile End. Benjamin Disraeli was admitted into the communion of Israel, but his father, thinking fit to quarrel with his synagogue, failed to teach his child Judaism. One day Rogers, the celebrated banker, happened to visit at Isaac Disraeli's house at Haslemere, when Benjamin was about five or six years old, and regretting to find so intelligent a youth without religious instruction, took him to Hackney Church. From this event dates his absolute and complete severance from the Jewish communion. He became a Christian, and a great genius was lost to us. —Jewish Chronicle.

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