

THEATRICAL.—On Tuesday evening, 12th inst., the Merchant of Venice was performed to a good house. Our notice must be brief this week, so we will simply say, Julia Dean Hayne's Portia was superb, Mr. Waldron's Shylock was capitally rendered—albeit a different Jew to what is sometimes played—well conceived and artistically embodied, the trial scene especially being very fine. The other characters were well sustained. We would like to see it again with the same cast.

The Captain's not A-Miss is an excellent little farce, full of piquancy and fun, and was played in a spirited manner.

Of the Hunchback on Thursday night we cannot speak from observation, not being present, but have only heard one opinion expressed,—that of unqualified praise. Several private critics have declared that in Julia Mrs. Hayne transcended any previous histrionic effort here.

The Artful Dodger took well as it always does.

Notwithstanding the heavy snow-storm which commenced towards the close of last week, a very full house assembled on Saturday evening to witness Pizarro. The play was put upon the stage in a splendid manner, with fine scenery, an excellent chorus and all the accessories necessary to make an imposing spectacle. It is in such parts as Elvira that Julia Dean Hayne's talents are shown to greatest advantage, although as Cora she was equally at home. In the latter character the strong maternal affection and conjugal love embodied in it were depicted with marked fidelity; Elvira's strong denunciatory soliloquy concerning Pizarro, and her closing scene with the tyrant, when her design to assassinate him had been discovered, drew a perfect torrent of applause. Force, power and pathos were exercised in them with wonderful potency, and the actress was lost sight of in the character. Mr. Waldron's Rolla was very good; in the wide range of characters which this gentleman sustains he plays many in a manner to show the powers and ability of a leading artiste, and all with a taste and judgement that proves him a true lover of his profession. Mr. Lindsay's Pizarro was well performed; there is no member of the Association that is growing faster in public favor than this gentleman. Mr. Simmons played Alonzo in his usual style. The other parts were filled in a highly creditable manner.

The Captain's Not A-miss was repeated with its previous success.

On Tuesday evening the new play of Gamea was presented for the first time. We have not space to speak of it at length this morning, but, as it is to be repeated this evening, can say that those who wish a great dramatic treat should see Julia Dean Hayne's rendition of the Jewish Mother. The scenery painted by Mr. Ottinger for the piece is beautiful; the last scene especially, drawing a prolonged burst of applause from the audience when the curtain rose on it.

THE "RED, WHITE AND BLUE" floats, from the Auction House, and Messrs. Cunningham & Crosby, "hold forth" there four times a week. Who wants to call and see them?

WALKER BROS. call attention to an extensive stock of goods, and to constant arrivals from California. Their Domestic Dry Goods are attractive, and their stock worth inspecting.

HEAVY SNOW.—Judge Phelps informs us there is a depth of 21 inches of snow in the valley for this month. Six inches fell up to the storm of Saturday night and Sunday, which deposited 12 inches more; and 3 inches were added Sunday night and Monday. The coldest marked by the thermometer was on Friday morning, 15th, when it stood at 6 degrees above zero at 7 o'clock in the morning. The average cold in the mornings, for the month, was about 12 degrees above zero.

COLD IN SUMMIT CO.—Thomas Bullock, Esq., gives Dec. 4th as the coldest day at Chalk Creek, in the early part of this month. The thermometer, Fah. stood at 13 degrees below zero at 7 a. m., 4 below at noon, and 2 below at sun-set. Coal is dug not far from there; large fires are comfortable in such a region in winter.

THE NEW YORK STORE is out for the holidays with a fine show of choice goods. Up to the times, is the order of the day,—on "the street."

FROM ENGLAND.

We clip the following Changes and Appointments, and the extracts of letters underneath, from the *Millennial Star*, of Nov. 11th. The same number of the *Star* states that Elders G. W. Mousley, George Stringam and Franklin Merrill left Liverpool for New York on Nov. 1st, per Steamship Scotland.

RELEASES, CHANGES AND APPOINTMENTS.

Elder Franklin Merrill is released from the Presidency of the Southampton Conference on account of ill health. Elder Rupert Brown is released from laboring in the Bedfordshire Conference. Elder George Stringam is released from laboring in the Sheffield Conference. Elder William R. Smith is removed from laboring in the Manchester Conference to preside over that

Conference. Elder Benjamin J. Stringam is removed from the Presidency of the Bedfordshire Conference to labor in the Sheffield District under the direction of Elder Collins M. Gillet. Elder Charles W. Penrose is removed from laboring in the Liverpool Conference, to preside over the Essex Conference. Elder Archibald N. Hill is removed from laboring in the Birmingham Conference, to preside over the Southampton Conference. Elder Samuel H. Hill is removed from laboring in the Swiss, German and Italian Mission, to labor in the Birmingham Conference under the direction of Elder John Nicholson. Elder William W. Riter is appointed to labor in the Liverpool Office.

BRIGHAM YOUNG, Jun.

President of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in the British Isles and adjacent countries.

MERTHYR TYDFIL, Oct. 27, 1865.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG, Jun.:

DEAR BROTHER:—I have deferred writing you for some time, but am well in health and strength, together with all the rest of the brethren from Utah.

The brethren late from the Valley whom you sent to labor with me in this District, are doing well. Their fields of labor for the present I have decided upon as follows:—Elders Barry Wride and R. J. Davies, to labor in the Glamorgan Conference; E. Morris in the Carmarthen Conference; John Parry and Griffith Roberts, in North Wales, and Abel Evans in the District; and since they have come here, I am glad to say that their teachings have been highly interesting, and proven beneficial to both Saints and strangers.

All things here at present appear to be moving along advantageously, eighty having been baptized in the last five months, and many more having given their names for baptism; and from recent reports from Elder J. Parry, North Wales, the Saints there are progressing and increasing in good works, and one Branch has been organized there. I have given Brother Parry the charge of the North, comprising Flintshire, Denbighshire and the Carnarvonshire Conferences, he being more acquainted in that part than any of the others, having labored there some eight years previous to his going to Utah. I think he will be able to do much good there in advancing the principles of the kingdom of God.

According to my best understanding, the Saints throughout are feeling pretty well, showing a greater anxiety to do right and live their religion.

Your brother in the Gospel covenant,
W. D. WILLIAMS.

BIRMINGHAM, Oct. 30, 1865.

PRESIDENT BRIGHAM YOUNG, Jun.:

DEAR BROTHER:—While penning you a report of our labors, success, &c., in the Birmingham District, I hope to be dictated by the Holy Spirit, and give you a true statement, without exaggeration, that you may know how we have conducted matters in the District which yourself and President D. H. Wells assigned to me as my field of labor. Every blessing that you both desired upon us and the Saints, so far as possible, has been realized by us. We have been aided very much by the local Priesthood, who have ever held themselves ready, with few exceptions, to answer to our call.

Out-door preaching has been attended with great success. A few meetings have been broken up, but these only by some miserable wretches in Birmingham, who make it their profession to go round disturbing the meetings not only of our Elders here, but of others who profess to teach correct doctrines.

We have held several Priesthood meetings which have been largely attended by the Priesthood, over one hundred of the brethren being present. We received reports from Elders presiding over the out-door meetings, of their success, &c., and also gave such instructions as the Spirit dictated, and circumstances required.

The number of baptisms since January last, has been one hundred and fifty-seven. Seventy-five have emigrated, and sixteen been excommunicated. You will see by this that we have more than made up our numbers, and with present prospects, we will add many more before our annual District Conference, which we purpose holding on the 7th of January 1866. I have visited each Conference, and although I have not been able to see all the Saints, I live in hopes of seeing the most of them before I am released to return home.

Elders Nicholson and Platt have held their Conferences, and enjoyed a most

excellent time with their brethren. At the latter Conference I had the privilege of attending in company with yourself and others of the brethren. Elders Gregg and Bird intend holding their Conference on the 19th of November.

In conjunction with the above-mentioned brethren and Travelling Elders, we are getting on first rate and so far as I know, are united in helping to build up our Father's kingdom. I have nought but the best of feelings towards them, and know them to be faithful men to the charge entrusted to their care. I have never been refused when asking them to assist me in my duty. Surely it is a pleasure and privilege to labor with those whose time and talent are spent in teaching people the way of salvation, and making precious that agency given them for their exaltation, but which the major portion of mankind use to their own destruction.

The Saints comprising this District are a very warm-hearted, hospitable people, with the usual exceptions, and well worthy the confidence of their brethren. We cannot help loving them when we see their faithfulness and bravery in fighting against error to establish more righteous and exalting principles; also to overcome their former false traditions, and bring their will in subjection to that of God's. We pray for their deliverance; and have confidence in the words of the Prophet, that God will gather his people out of the nations wherein they are scattered, "with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out." Many are preparing for the coming emigration, and if the teams come down from the Valley to Wyoming, they will be able to pay their way that distance, but few have sufficient means to pay their way through.

Your brother in the truth,
DAVID P. KIMBALL.

ELECTRIC BUOYS.—Some curious experiments have recently been made by M. Emile Duchemin on a new and, it is probable, a very important use of electricity. He attaches to a small buoy, or float, a piece of carbon and a plate of zinc, and having, by means of two thin lines, connected with its poles, attached this battery to an electric bell apparatus placed on the shore, he throws it into the sea. Not only is the bell by this means kept ringing continuously for an entire month—and longer, if desired—but sparks may be taken between the extremities of the wire. This suggested the placing of a similar battery, communicating also with an electric bell, at a certain height against the wall of the harbor. The battery will begin to ring the bell the moment the tide will rise high enough to immerse its elements; and thus it will be announced to ships ready to sail that the water is high enough for that purpose. It is evident that the power of the apparatus may be increased to any extent by increasing the size and number of the battery elements; and the current may be used to sound a large bell, or, by means of Geissler tubes, to produce an electric light, so as to give a signal perceptible at a great distance. It is suggested, even, that an electric buoy of this kind would be highly convenient for telegraph purposes.—*Scientific Review.*

THE St Louis, Mo., *Dispatch* states that all the accustomed measures and means of security are suddenly found to be worthless against the ingenuity and preserverance of the scoundrels who infest that city. Their numbers multiply and increase every hour, and the calendar of one day's crimes is exceeded by that of the next, while the boldness of one day's conspicuous robberies is surpassed by others infinitely bolder, and people very naturally wonder what shape the audacity of the thieves will assume on the morrow. Banking houses, counting rooms, hotel parlors, the most public and frequented streets, street cars, railroad depots, the sacred apartments of women in private residences, all are invaded by day and night, and nowhere can a citizen consider his person or his property safe from the depredators; Muscular men are bludgeoned in that city, and robbed under gas lamps, as early as eight o'clock in the evening. The ladies there, at day time, have their purses snatched out of their hands, and scores of dwellings are burglariously entered at night and plundered.

THE death of the fattest man in the world is recorded in Paris. His name was M. Helme, of German origin. At the time of his death he weighed 500 lbs., and was 42 years of age.

A MYSTERIOUS distemper analogous to the cattle disease has broken out among English cats. At Forres they have been cut off in every direction during the last few weeks. The animals appear to be disinclined for food for a day or two—then they have running of water at the mouth and nose, dull bleared eyes, and great prostration of strength. They lounge about the hearth or in by-corners, and do not touch food of any kind for days. They generally die on the eighth or ninth day.

THE ironmasters and workmen of Staffordshire, England, becoming tired, at last, of quarrelling, have pledged themselves to give their best consideration to some plan for the avoidance of strikes.

COTTON cloth is now manufactured in California, at the Oakland Cotton factory. The building is 45 by 90 feet, two stories high, with a wing 18 by 30 feet, has 32 looms, and can weave 1,280 yards a day. The company expect to be supplied with a plenty of cotton raised in California, some of which is said to be of superior quality, and to be able to undersell imported cotton cloth.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following described animals:—
One black OX, line back, some white under belly, 4 year old, scar on right hip.
One speckled COW, 6 year old, and white CALF, crop off left ear, branded on left shoulder JH, combined, on left ribs A, and on right horn B.L.A.
One red and white roan 3 year old STEER, crop off left ear, upper bit off right, branded H. MAC on left horn.
One bay MARE, 9 year old, branded T D A on left shoulder, halter on.
One light grey HORSE, 9 year old, branded U S on left shoulder, halter on.
One red OX, 5 year old, branded on left hip, illegible, crop and under bit in right ear.
One red and white OX, 5 year old, branded Asdy R. Maxfield on left horn, W on left hip.
One black and white COW, half crop off both ears, 9 or 10 year old, branded E on left rib, I on left hip.
If the above are not claimed in 20 days they will be sold according to law.

CHARLES GODFREY,
Poundkeeper, South Cottonwood.

NOTICE!

I HAVE in my possession a 2 year old red BULL, branded CC on left horn.
The owner is requested to pay damages and take him away.

ROBT. DUNN,
Sugar House ward.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession the following estray:—
One red mooly HEIFER, 2 years old past, some white in forehead and under the belly, white under the jaws; swallow fork and under bit in left ear and crop off right; no brands visible.

ELIHU WARREN,
Poundkeeper, North Ogden.

NOTICE.

I HAVE in my possession one red and white OX, six years old, branded Y on left horn and H on left hip.
The owner is requested to prove property, pay charges and take him away.

FREDERICK SHOEL,
Pleasant Grove, Utah County.

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