

**THEATRICAL.**—On Tuesday evening Shakspeare's tragedy of Hamlet was performed, with Mr. Pouncefort as the Prince of Denmark. There was a good house on the occasion; and though the gentleman who sustained the leading role was suffering from severe indisposition, his rendering of the difficult character of Hamlet was a very fine and masterly performance. The other parts were well rendered, taken altogether. Mr. J. R. Clawson is entitled to credit for having played Horatio as well as he did, on the very short time he had for committing the part, the indisposition of the gentleman to whom it was first cast rendering its changing hands at a late hour necessary. Miss Colebrook's Ophelia elicited much applause; and Mrs. Waugh was very good as the Queen.

On Thursday night, Mr. Margetts took a Benefit, when there was a fine variety bill presented. First came the neat comic drama of Lavater, with Mr. Pouncefort as the physiognomist, whose rendering of the part was a study; Mr. Margetts was the Burgomaster, Mr. McKenzie the assumed Marquis, Mr. Dunbar the cowardly landlord, Mr. Lindsay the Count, Mr. Grabam was Christian, Miss Adams Louise, and Mrs. Bowring the Burgomaster's wife. The piece went splendidly.

Then there was a dance by Miss Alexander; a song by Mr. Hardie; a dance by little Miss Clive; and a comic song by Mr. Dunbar. The ladies and gentlemen acquitted themselves admirably, and drew much applause.

"Seeing Margetts" was the farce, and it kept the house in a very laughable mood from the beginning till the curtain dropped. Mr. Margetts was an amatory policeman, Miss Alexander his future *sposa*, Mr. Graham and Mrs. Waugh, brother and sister, and master and mistress of the establishment, with Mr. Malben as a corpulent and love-making perfumer. Mr. Graham plays eccentric old men very well, but would be better with a little more "oldishness" about the "ham-joints." Mr. Margetts and Miss Alexander were irresistibly funny.

At the close of the first piece Mr. Margetts was called out, and made a very happy speech, which elicited much applause, and a moderate share of laughter.

The Drama of The Duke's Motto was presented on Saturday evening, drew a good house, and was well rendered throughout. The character of Lagardere is a bold and dashing one. His superiority over the rough individuals—"gentlemen of the sword"—with whom circumstances have associated him; his excellence in the use of his weapon; his honor, manliness and bravery; his assisting Nevers against the assassins when the two had met on purpose to fight; and his successful escape with the infant, all throw an interest around the character which increases with every act and culminates with the completion of his vow of vengeance in the death of Gonzague. Mr. Pouncefort's Lagardere was very fine, and he was excellently supported. Mr. McKenzie played Gonzague, Mr. Lindsay the Regent, Mrs. Bowring was the Princess, Miss Adams Blanche, Miss Alexander Pepita, Mr. Margetts Passepoil and Mr. Dunbar Brecco. The gipsy scene in the 1st act; the illuminated gardens in the second; and the magnificent salon at the close of the third, reflect the highest credit on the taste and care of the Management.

Last evening Mr. D. McKenzie took a Benefit, and the bill announced for the occasion was enough to draw a good house, apart from any desire there might have been on the part of the public to patronize a general favorite. The Man with the Iron Mask, as a drama, is terribly thrilling, and has the merit to recommend it of having its foundation in historical truth. That a man should spend almost a lifetime in prison, shut out from hope, friends, or liberty, is so terrible that the mind revolts at the bare thought and starts away with horror; but when to the miseries of a living tomb is added the torture of an iron helmet, worn night and day, so that even the jailors of the hapless prisoner might not know him or see his face, being thus dead to mankind while living before them, the horror inspired by the thought is intensified, and pity for the unfortunate mounts into passion. Such is the circumstance on which this peculiar drama is founded; and the dramatist has with considerable skill worked in situations of a truly startling character. The historical facts have been the subject of much investigation by the learned of many countries, to ascertain exactly, if possible, who was the unfortunate prisoner of the iron mask; and the belief prevails that he was the twin brother of Louis XIV of France. Mr. Pouncefort sustained the character of Gaston, the Iron Mask.

Little Miss Clive followed with a fancy dance. This young lady has leaped into popularity as a *danseuse*, and on every appearance elicits much applause.

The side-splitting burlesque of Po-ca-hon-tas concluded the performance, of itself almost sufficient for one evening.

Mr. McKenzie's claims upon the public for a Benefit needed no argument. His career on the boards has been distinctly marked from the first, in the most trivial parts and in the heaviest roles which he has performed, with assiduous study, care, correctness of taste, and vivid conception of character; while an earnest

desire to merit the high position he has won as an actor, and present to the public faithful portraits of the characters committed to his charge, has ever been manifested by him. We are not much addicted to eulogizing men; but brother David merits all we have said; and as a genuine specimen of "home manufacture" in the higher walks of histrionic art among us, was entitled to have a house crowded to its utmost capacity on the occasion of his first Benefit.

**CONFERENCE IN OUR "DIXIE."**—Simultaneous with the commencement of the late General Conference, there was one opened in St. George, of the southern settlements, President Erastus Snow presiding. We have been favored with the minutes forwarded to Elder George A. Smith, and find that besides President E. Snow, there were on the stand, H. Herriman and Jacob Gates of the First Presidency of the Seventies; the members of the High Council; Bishops R. Gardner, R. D. Covington, E. Bunker, J. T. Willis, A. P. Winsor, Ute Perkins, D. D. McArthur and H. Eyring; Presiding Elders Nephi Johnson, John Hawley, L. W. Roundy and H. W. Miller, with a number of other Elders.

The usual routine of business was attended to during the meetings of Conference, and much valuable instruction was given. One important feature at the Conference was the reading of a telegram by Elder Jacob Gates, at 2 p.m. of the 6th, which had been received from this city, informing the southern Saints that Conference had convened here, that President B. Young had delivered an address, and that President H. C. Kimball was speaking at the time the telegram was dispatched.

On the afternoon of Sunday another telegram was received from this city, and read to the congregation before the dismissal of Conference, giving a brief summary of the teachings delivered at the meetings here during that day.

Such counsel was given by Pres. Snow, and the Elders who spoke, as were deemed requisite and as the Holy Spirit dictated; and all were blessed and edified.

**LOGAN.**—H. W. Isaacson, Esq., from Logan, dropped in on Thursday, looking well tanned with sun and exercise, fresh from the road and full of good health and spirits. He informs us that the roads north are very good, though the Wellsville and Box Elder Canyon is not yet fit for traveling. In Cache, spring labor had fairly begun, plowing having commenced a week ago. The rivers were rising rapidly with the melting snows, the Logan and Muddy having attained more than respectable proportions when he left. The Ogden is rising, but no difficulty in passing; yet in consequence of the improvements at Weber bridge not being completed, he was compelled to come round by Plain City. Mr. Craudall, Wells, Fargo and Co's. agent, has a coach on either side of the river, and passengers and mails cross over on a plank for the present. Notwithstanding the talk about grasshoppers, our enterprising friends north are calculating to plant a great breadth of land in cereals, and risk the fight or the loss. That is the spirit which meets difficulties, and conquers them.

**DIED.**—On Friday afternoon, 26th inst, Elizabeth Hoagland, of canker, youngest child of Elder George Q. and Elizabeth Cannon, aged about sixteen months. We sincerely sympathize with the bereaved parents in their loss, and especially as br. Cannon is at present from his home traveling in President Young's company south.

**PRESIDENT B. YOUNG** and Company arrived at Salt Creek on Thursday afternoon, at 3 o'clock, held meeting, and remained there during the night, leaving for Scipio on Friday morning, at nine, where they expected to stop last night.

**RECEIVED** number 4 of the *Silver Bend Reporter*, a neat and very readable paper published by Oscar L. C. Fairchild and Co., Belmont, "An independent journal, devoted to the mining, manufacturing, and agricultural interests of Eastern Nevada."

**SHOOTING GULLS.**—We were informed on Saturday, by a gentleman, that he had seen a person shooting at white gulls in the bottoms opposite the Hot Springs, a day or two before. When all the circumstances which surround us are considered with the past, such an act must either proceed from gross ignorance, or wantonness of cruelty. The gulls do no manner of harm, but a vast amount of good. They are not game. They are the most effective enemies which those terrible plagues the crickets and grasshoppers have. They have rendered good service in the past to the inhabitants of these valleys, by destroying those insects; and they may do so again; but if they are driven off, or killed, the act by which it is done deprives the laborer of a faithful ally, and the people at large of a preserver of bread at times when the grasshoppers might do great damage. Don't shoot the gulls. They can be scared without killing them, if it is necessary to do so; but the man who wantonly destroys them is a public enemy, if he has sense enough to know what he is doing.

**INFORMATION WANTED,** of THOMAS KILBURN, who came to this Territory, about 1860, from Manningtree, Essex, England. Address C. Russell Finch, care of this office.

**THE WEATHER.**—Monday noon:

Great Salt Lake City, a little cloudy and slightly cold. Snowed on the mountains last night.

By Deseret State Telegraph:

Brigham City, a little cloudy and cold.

Nephi, very cloudy; has been snowing this morning.

Fillmore, cloudy and very cold, wind from the north, looks very much like storming.

Cove Creek, little cloudy and windy, quite cool.

Beaver, somewhat cloudy, cool with a strong wind from the north.

Parowan, fine, wind blowing rather chilly.

Tokerville, clear, with a very heavy wind from the north.

St. George, warm, but very windy.

**THE MERCANTILE LIBRARY ASSOCIATION,** San Francisco, in its 14th annual report now before us, shows the number of members to be 1,708; number of vols in the library, 21,557. Among the numbers of books loaned during the year were, romance \$8,544, religion 559. The financial affairs of the Association are in a flourishing condition, the members having bought and paid for a lot for a new library building on Bush street, at a cost of \$50,000.

**OBSEQUIES.**—Pres. H. C. Kimball attended at the residence of Elder G. Q. Cannon, and presided at the obsequies of the babe who had died; he delivered an address suitable to the occasion. A large concourse followed the remains to the cemetery.

**DEATHS.**—On Saturday morning a child of Elder S. H. B. Smith's died, and was carried to the cemetery in the company that conveyed br. Cannon's. Elder R. McAllister also had a child who died the same morning. It is sad thus parting with the dear ones; but we have hope in the future.

**KANARRA.**—By letter to Elder Geo. A. Smith, from br. L. W. Roundy, dated Kanarra, March 27th, we learn that the people of that locality were just then having their winter, the usual winter months having been very mild and open, while it had stormed for eight days previous to date of writing and a large quantity of snow had fallen in the mountains. The people were, however, forward with their spring work, notwithstanding the late and unexpected burst of stormy weather, and everything was progressing in the right direction.

Some rumors were current of anticipated Indian troubles, but nothing reliable was known, merely reports of threatened raids by Black Hawk and his band, he being still living it appears.

**UTAH CO.**—Our friend Elder Joseph Bull, just returned from Utah Co., on *Juvenile Instructor* business, reports very considerable progress in that county during the past twelve months. Farms have increased, or much more land is under cultivation; numerous fine buildings have been erected, and everything indicates a spirit of progress. The meeting house at Provo is all but finished, and is said to be the finest structure of the style in the Territory. The Springville meeting house is making rapid progress. Brick houses are beginning to show themselves in Springville, and Provo, in place of 'doble ones; and that material will be more sought after, probably, in consequence of several structures having fallen lately, caused by the rains which have recently been more plentiful than usual. Among these were Miller & Storrs' flouring-mill, part of the Springville theatre, and a fine store which had been newly erected at a cost of over \$3,000. Roads are pretty good; and the general appearance of the country is promising.

SEE notices of stray cattle.

**OPENED.**—Messrs. Woodmansee and Bro. have opened in their own store, the splendid building erected by them on East Temple Street, with a very large and well assorted stock of goods. Their names are so well known in the community, that many will step in to welcome their occupying their own premises; and the quality and prices of the goods which they offer for sale, will secure them a large share of business.

## Correspondence.

### PRESIDENT B. YOUNG'S TRIP SOUTH.

Nephi, Juab Co., April 25, 1867.

EDITOR NEWS:—

The President and party arrived at Dry Creek, in G. S. L. Co., at 1 p.m. of Monday, 22nd, when we were met by two platoons of cavalry, who escorted the company to Willow Creek, where the people, including the school children with a multitude of banners, greeted the arrival of the President. After a short time for refreshments, we repaired to the meeting house, which was filled to overflowing, when Presidents Young and Wells, and Elders John Taylor and W. Woodruff, respectively addressed the meeting, each occupying about 20

minutes; they were pleased to meet the people so comfortably situated with regard to a meeting house, and to see the care and pains bestowed upon the education of the young, as evinced by the display of maps, charts, globes, diagrams, drawings, &c., &c., suspended on the walls of the meeting room, which is also used for school purposes; and felt to bless the people and bid them God-speed.

On Tuesday morning, at half past 8, the company rolled out for American Fork. We were met at Dry Creek, Utah Co., by the American Fork band, in a large wagon drawn by four grays, and some citizens on horseback, who accompanied us to the town. The people being assembled in the bowery in front of the meeting-house, which was too small for the occasion, many of the citizens of Lehi and Battle Creek being present, Elders Geo. Q. Cannon, W. Woodruff, J. F. Smith and John Taylor, and Presidents D. H. Wells and B. Young respectively addressed the Saints, on the subjects of the Word of Wisdom, unity, improvement, economy, &c. Pres. Young advised them to take their present meeting-room for a school-house, and build another suitable to meet in.

Meeting being over due respect was paid to a comfortable dinner prepared at bro. Hindley's after which the company moved on to Provo, where a meeting was held in the evening in the basement of the new meeting-house, which is now soon to be completed. Here Elders C. V. Spencer, A. H. Raleigh and President B. Young alternately spoke on various interesting and important subjects.

On Wednesday, at 11 a.m., meeting was held at Springville, a crowded congregation being assembled. Elders W. Woodruff, J. Taylor, J. F. Smith, A. M. Musser and President B. Young spoke. Before the meeting closed, Elders W. Woodruff, Geo. A. Smith, (who joined us Provo,) Geo. Q. Cannon and others, left for Spanish Fork to fill an appointment at 2 p.m. Soon after the meeting opened, however, the President arrived. Elder Geo. Q. Cannon, Pres. D. H. Wells and Elder Taylor addressed the meeting.

After stopping a few minutes for dinner we drove on to Payson, being met by a large company of cavalry, some distance from the town, and by a youthful band of musicians as we approached. The streets were filled with school children, and people, old and young, with banners &c., expressing welcome to the servants of the Lord. It is quite evident that the good people of Payson are greatly blessed with a numerous posterity, all healthy, well clad, bright and happy, as only Utah's children are. In the evening meeting was held in the theatre, which was filled to overflowing. Pres. Young expressed his kind and fatherly feelings for the Saints at this place, and elsewhere; gave some good counsel, kindly admonition and exhortation; and Pres. Wells followed with good instructions to the people in relation to their treatment of and conduct towards the Indians, urging the manifestation of kindly, conciliating, friendly and patient feelings on the part of the Saints, instead of harboring contemptible and degrading feelings of revenge and malice,—thus acting nobly instead of descending to the level of the savages. Elder Geo. A. Smith followed and spoke about ten minutes, relating the fable of the farmer, who discovered a snake almost frozen to death, and moved with sympathy, put it in his bosom, where it soon recovered, and in reward for his kindness, buried its fangs in his bosom, from which he died; aptly and forcibly comparing it to the Latter-day Saints feeding and sustaining their avowed enemies.

J. B. WAS A STINGY old creature eager for money; but he was a zealous member of a church, and ostentatious in his religious exercises: 'John,' said Catherine to her brother, 'what could have made that stingy old wretch a Christian?' 'I can tell you,' said John, 'he has read that the streets of the New Jerusalem are paved with gold, and he is determined to get there.'

—A religious body having resolved to build a new church, the pastor went about begging very zealously, accepting not only the widow's but the child's mite. In the Sunday School one Sunday, while instructing them, he compared himself to a shepherd, and then inquired what the latter did with his flock. One bright-eyed little fellow promptly replied "he shears them!"