

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

**THEATRE.**—To-night the fine drama of "The Road of Life," followed by the "The Artful Dodger," constitute the entertainment at the Theatre to-night, a capital one for sensation, sentiment and fun.

**ENTERTAINING.**—We have received No. 1, Vol. I of Our Soldiers, a small monthly sheet published by Messrs. Linforth, Kellogg & Co., of San Francisco. It is a neat well gotten up sheet and contains, in addition to an elaborate catalogue of their goods, interesting articles on the hardware business of San Francisco, etc.

**AN INDIAN BATTLE.**—The following is from a late number of the Helena, Montana Gazette:

"We have advice from the north of a desperate battle, that occurred a short time since, between contending Indian tribes, in the vicinity of the British line. A war party of allied Gros Ventres and Assinaboines made an incursion into the Blackfoot country, and attacking the Bloods and Piegan, defeated them, killing nine. There were about twenty white men, belonging to the neighborhood and they joined with the Bloods and Piegan, the next day, attacked the Gros Ventres and Assinaboines, and it is said, killed every one of them, except one, whom they permitted to go on to tell the tale of the slaughter. The number of Assinaboines and Gros Ventres killed was about one hundred."

**MINISTERS OF THE GOSPEL WANTED.**—Speaking of the appointment, by the Los Angeles conference, (denomination not given) of the Rev. Mr. Groves to labor at Prescott, A. T., the Arizona Miner, of the 19th ult., says:

"Can it be that we are going to have a minister of the gospel?—Hope so, if he is a good one."

We should judge, from the above, that there is a splendid opening for missionaries in Arizona. We have two or three hereabouts who profess great anxiety for the welfare of souls. Among the Saints there is really no show for their benevolence; while among the sinners, in the great majority of cases, their labors would be more useless still; for the Territory is just now infested with a miserable horde who are entirely destitute of souls, or at least of any sense of religion. The number of these people in Arizona is a splendid field for missionary efforts; if unsuccessful among the white sinners, martyrdom, a glorious thing for a missionary, could be easily secured among the savages. We recommend this to their consideration!

**APPRECIATIVE.**—Speaking of the observance of the late "Thanksgiving Day" among the Cherokee nation, the New York Herald says they made it a "day of fasting and prayer—for protection against the swindling operations of the agents of the United States government. It was not, therefore, a day of thanksgiving and praise like that of our more civilized people enjoyed."

**QUICK TIME.**—John Mathison, Esq., of the Salt Lake Theatre, informs us that on Monday morning last he received a package of newspapers, from Leeds, Yorkshire, in a steamer, dated Nov. 21st, coming the entire distance, nearly 10,000 miles, in thirteen days. This is worthy the age we live in!

**SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 3d, '70.**  
**Editor News.**—Taking a stroll down South Temple St., close to the aqueduct, the question is forcibly presented on one's mind, "Is this aqueduct the common sewerage?" or "Was it built for the benefit of the community at large? If so, why is the debris allowed to accumulate here and there all the way down?" Persons living on that street are accustomed to obtain their water from this stream during summer and winter, but in the autumn when there is very little water in it the carcasses of cats, dogs, etc., and other kinds of dirt are thrown into it. Cannot the City Fathers take measures to have this evil corrected so that the citizens in their neighborhoods may have clean pure water free from this foul taint. Many would be pleased, if some action was taken in this matter, as well as benefited. Respectfully,  
A CITIZEN.

**HORSE THIEVES IN WHEAT VALLEY.**  
F. Hanson, Esq., of Milton, Wheat Valley, writes under date of December 4th, that horse thieves are plying their disreputable calling in that neighborhood. He says that he turned out two horses, and after hunting ten days he failed to find them; and then learned that on the 22nd day of November they and twenty-five head owned by other parties had been driven out of the valley by two men, since which time nothing had been heard of them. The animals belonging to Mr. Hanson were both bays, one a horse with two white spots on his face and chest, the other a mare, eight years old, with white spots on her face. They were small but sturdy. If the information of Mr. Hanson be correct, and the animals have actually been stolen, this will put the people on the alert. Horse stealing is a rather risky business in this Territory, as when they are caught criminals might not run near as great a chance of being lynched; but it is one known that they are operating within the confines of Utah Territory, their capture is almost sure. As for receiving the award of the law, that is another matter. In their days of judicial jobbery and venality, if they had the reputation of being "Mormons" they would be very likely to do so; but if not, we fancy they would be in no great danger.

**"OPINIONS CONCERNING THE BIBLE LAW OF MARRIAGE."**—Is the title of a book, written by "One of the People," and published by Claxton, Remsen and Hapgood, of Philadelphia. The design of the work, as stated by its author, is to defend monogamy, to prove that the Bible teaches the unlawfulness of polygamy; and to examine into the oft-repeated assertions of the "Mormons," that the Old Testament sanctions polygamy. The *Atlas Californica*, in a brief notice of this new candidate for popular favor says:

"The argument is that no divine command or license for polygamy is anywhere to be found in the Bible, and that the patriarchs who held concubines, or more than one wife, openly transgressed the laws of marriage, and that they were punished therefore, as the record shows. The argument is well sustained, and the framework of the book is quite symmetrical. The style, however, is simply execrable and, at times, degenerates into utter drivell. It is a pity that so grave and serious a subject should be handled in such a manner as to bring ridicule upon the essay and the essayist."

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