THE EVENING NEWS.

Tuesday, December 6, 1870.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PRESIDENT YOUNG.—The following was received per Deseret Telegraph Line:

PAROWAN, Dec. 6th.

President Young held meeting here last night. He started for Cedar City at 9:40 a.m. to-day. Snowing fast.

F. M. R. PARTY.—A party was held last night in the 11th Ward School House, for the benefit of the Ward Female Relief Society; and the affair was so sprightly, enjoyable and harmonious, that it reflected the utmost credit on its conductors and managers,—Mesdames Bean, Hoggan, Leaker and Cushing. The entertainment consisted of dancing, singing, &c.

THEATRE.—The bill advertised for to-morrow nights' entertainment at the Theatre, is very attractive. The "Road of Life," is one of the most pleasing and at the same time, sensational dramas imaginable; and as for the farce,—The "Artful Dodger," it is next to impossible to compress more fun into a smaller space.

SUDDEN DEATH.—A lady named Mrs. Dalton, who lived in the Ninth Ward, died suddenly about midnight on Sunday last. Coroner Beatie, yesterday held an inquest on her remains and a *post mortem* examination was held by Doctors Anderson, Taggart and Fowler, who decided that death was produced by the formation of fibrinous clots in the cavity of the heart. Major Hempstead conducted the examination of witnesses during the inquest and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the decision of the medical attendants.

ACQUITTED.—The Helena *Herald*, of the 29th ult., says:

"Private Wm. Barry, who, it will be remembered, shot and killed Capt. Speer, a young English Lord, while *en route* with a hunting party to this Territory in 1868, per steamer *Octavia*, recently had his trial at Sioux City, Iowa, and was acquitted. Barry was charged with murder, but on his trial the fact was shown that he shot Speer, mistaking him in the darkness of the night for an Indian. The soldier is at last released from his long imprisonment and stands fully acquitted of the crime with which he was charged."

AN UNKNOWN DISEASE has appeared in Oregon, from which many deaths have occurred, entire families sometimes being stricken at the same time. The physicians, for want of a better name, have termed the disease small pox; but, says an exchange, after making microscopic examinations of the pistules obtained from the worst cases, they have failed to detect the first small-pox globule. They declare, however, that it is the small-pox, but that is all they can say with regard to the matter. It is still spreading, and baffles all medical skill.

DIVORCED.—The Reese River *Reveille* says that Mrs., wife of Sam. Brannan of San Francisco has obtained a divorce from her husband. She secures an equal division of the common property, which is valued at over a million dollars, and is encumbered with debts amounting to over four hundred thousand dollars.

PREMATURE DECAY OF APPLES.—The following is from a Maine exchange:

"In Piscataquis county, Me., there is a general complaint that apples are all rotting. Greenings and russets, which usually keep all winter, are going into rapid dissolution. This we suppose to be owing to the early ripening of the fruit."

We have heard from several parties in this city, that such is the case with the winter apples raised here the past season. This early decay of the fruit has been, it is thought, caused by the stripping of the foliage from the trees by the grasshoppers, thus causing one side of the fruit to ripen prematurely by being exposed to the sun. It has been observed that the fruit commences to decay at the part which was exposed in this way when on the trees. This effect on the apples raised in Maine must, however, have been produced by another cause as we have not heard of there having been any grasshoppers in that State. The early ripening there was probably caused by the unusual heat and dryness of the season.

VIGILANTES AT WORK IN COLORADO.—The Colorado *Tribune*, of the 2nd instant, says that on the Tuesday previous, three men, named respectively, Tom. Madison, Frank Cleveland and Jack Mason, were captured in Douglas County, by a vigilance committee. When captured they were skinning a stolen calf and each had in his possession a stolen horse. During their trial, which lasted twenty-four hours, they separately and privately confessed that they were after a band of from forty to sixty horses, owned by two men named Jones and Williams. Before the conclusion of the investigation the Sheriff of the county made his appearance, and endeavored to take the prisoners under his charge, but the court demurred, and they hung their prisoners on Wednesday.

FAVORABLE CRITICISM.—The Denver (Col.) *Tribune* has the following about Mr. James M. Hardie, late of the Dramatic Company of this city:

"He is a Scotchman by birth, of the age of 24, and only connected with the stage for about four years. A few weeks ago he came to Denver a stranger, without either prestige or reputation as an actor, but by hard study and well directed practice, he has made such good use of his time that he is now regarded very generally, as one of the best performers at the theatre. Hardie, both in person and address, is uncommonly good looking; his parts are carefully studied; his voice is strong, clear, musical and finely modulated, and his gestures, although wanting in variety, are graceful and appropriate. If he does not always hit his part, he seldom overdoes it, which is a common fault with most young actors."

INDIANS POSSESS THE FINER FEELINGS.—The White Pine *News* relates the following, in illustration of the theory that the Aborigines of this western country are not altogether the degraded savages some folks represent them, but that they really do possess some of the finer feelings of human nature:

"Only a few weeks ago, down near Pallisade, we witnessed a touching incident which we can never forget. An Indian, standing full six feet in his moccasins, was accompanied by his wife, a squaw about five feet in height. They were evidently laying in provisions for Thanksgiving Day. The noble red man carried nothing, but the squaw was packed with a sack of flour, two rabbits, a small lot of beans, and a bundle of sundries, together with her husband's rifle, which lay across the top of the pack. Tenderly the noble brave watched the tottering steps of her he loved, as she toddled along behind their darling little boy, the pride of their wigwam. But the most affecting part is to be told. The woman was heavily loaded, and had to pause occasionally and put off her pack and rest; and on these occasions her husband kindly assisted in unloading her, and as kindly repacked her after she had rested. Most of these he Indians let the squaw do her own loading and unloading; hence our astonishment at witnessing the affection of our hero."

Correspondence.

LOGAN, Cache Co.,
Nov. 27th, 1870.

Editor Evening News:—Dear Sir:—I find myself this evening in the metropolis of Cache Co.—Logan—for the first time in three years. Many improvements have been made since my last visit, not only in Logan, but in the other settlements of the county, so far as I have yet visited. It is really surprising to see what has been done in this respect here, taking into consideration the heavy losses the people have sustained by the ravages of the grasshoppers.

In remarking the changes that have lately taken place, in no place through which I have passed are they more noticeable than in Ogden. That city, to-day is not the quiet little burg of three years ago, but a busy railroad town, and it is questionable whether the change there is for the better. If order and good society are considerations, surely it is not, for with the railroad to Ogden has come its roughs, its drinking and billiard saloons and similar institutions. Yet withal the town is orderly and the municipal laws strictly enforced.

I was particularly pleased with the appearance of the settlement formerly known as "Muskrat Springs" but lately re-named, in honor of our respected delegate, Hooper City. It is situated on the Weber range, midway between the Weber river and Kaysville, and near the shore of the lake. It is a thrifty and well organized young settlement, containing a number of good frame houses. The soil there is of a warm sandy nature, and well adapted to fruit growing, and the settlement will, without doubt, in a few years become one of the best in the Territory. I have visited nearly all parts of the Territory and as a suitable place for starting a new farm I consider it the most desirable locality I have yet seen. The canal by which the water is conveyed to it, is to be enlarged the coming winter, and much more land will then be brought under cultivation.

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