

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—The performance at the Theatre, last evening, went off with unusual vim. All the performers were up in the parts and both pieces were gone through without a single hitch.

CITY CREEK FOUNDRY.—We have been shown by Brother Isaacson, superintendent of the City Creek Foundry and Machine shop, some stove castings as they were taken from the moulds. The castings were so clean and perfect that, had it not been that a portion of sand from the moulds still adhered to them, it might have been supposed they had been ground and finished.

It is gratifying to note the progressive steps made in the development of home manufactures. The importance of the subject involves the necessity of its being constantly kept before the people and we do not expect to cease advocating the interests of home productions and manufacturers until the Latter-day Saints have become self-sustaining.

CALIFORNIA SUGAR.—We are in receipt of a specimen of California manufactured beet-sugar from the sugar mill at Alvarado, Alameda county. It is white, and judging from taste and appearance, it is a first class article, and is certainly a triumph in the line of home-manufactures for this State. Two specimens were in receipt of it from the first batch made, which was taken from the centrifugals on the 17th ult.

The *Alta California*, of the 18th ult., referring to the success of the experiment, says:

"The home-made machinery worked charmingly, and the various processes were perfectly successful. The triumph was so complete that California may now count on this industry as a permanent institution, soon to be multiplied, until in three years we shall be independent of foreign supplies, and we may expect to be seeking outlets abroad for our surplus."

Let us honor the enterprising gentlemen who have risked some \$100,000 to prove that to the many wonderful things we have seen in this young community, we may now add the production of sugar, for which we send more money abroad than for almost any other article of universal consumption. Now that its success is proved, the well-known profits of the business all over Europe will stimulate the construction of a score of similar sugareries within the next two years, each using up fifty tons a day of beets, and making daily four tons of sugar."

This will be a saving to the State of several hundred thousand dollars a year, and is a triumph of which it may well be proud!

SCIPIO.—A telegram by Deseret line, dated Scipio, Dec. 1st, says, "Presidents Young and Smith preached in Scipio at six o'clock last evening. All well."

SEXTON'S REPORT.—The Sexton's report for November is as follows: Males 17, females 15; of these, adults 12, children 20. Causes of death: Inflammation of bowels 6. Lung disease 5. Disease of brain 3. Childbed 2. Died at birth 2. Consumption 2. Sull born 1. Measles 1. Canker 1. Group 1. Marasmus 1. Old age 1. Total interments 32.

OBITUARY NOTICE.—We have received the following communication respecting the death of Dr. John Gerber, of this city:

MIDWAY, Wasatch Co., Nov. 25th, 1870. Editor Deseret News.—Dear Bro. Dr. John Gerber died at this place on the evening of last Tuesday, the 22nd, and was buried on Thursday afternoon, leaving a number of his family and friends to mourn over his departure.

He was born on the 6th of September, 1788, in Canton Bern, Switzerland. In 1816 he went to the missionary school in Basle where he witnessed the signs of that town by the French. From there, after having gone through a thorough examination, he was sent to England, from which place he proceeded to Africa where he preached the gospel to the heathen for many years. From Africa he returned to Europe to visit his friends and then crossed the Atlantic to see America. After his arrival he began to preach, his text being, "Prepare for the kingdom of God as if you were to die."

He practiced homeopathy, the principles of which were taught to him in Europe. About the time when Joseph was murdered, Bro. Gerber heard of "Mormonism," and fearing that one of the Elders, a Mr. Wells, would preach near Midway, he went to hear the word of life, which made such an impression on him that he was convinced of the truth and was baptized. In 1854 he emigrated to Utah where he remained until his death. Before he died, he gave some of the strongest testimony of the truth of the Latter-day work, that man can express with words, which point he wished me to be particular not to omit. The above the Doctor told me before he died and desired me to report to the News. Few men have departed this life more peacefully than he did.

Very respectfully,
I remain your Brother
in the covenant.
JOHN HUBER.

We have received the following communication from a stranger who has just come to the city, and who attended the Concert of Sunday School children on Tuesday evening last at the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms:

A SUPPOSED ARREST.
There being some excitement in this city owing to the arrest of two young men by the city authorities, a stranger arriving in the city, knowing them to be Gentiles naturally supposed that they would meet with pretty hard treatment, but was agreeably disappointed when they were honorably discharged. All seemed fair sailing to the stranger. But while quietly sitting in the parlor of one of the first class hotels of this city, much to his surprise, a large, gentlemanly individual approached him, and laying his hand upon his shoulder, said: "You must go with me to the 13th Ward." Knowing the look-up was in that Ward, the stranger felt somewhat startled; he, however, set out with him, and after talking some distance, held securely by the arm, was at length ushered into a large building on the left. Upon entering the door, what was the surprise of this strange Gentile to find himself surrounded by at least seven hundred well-dressed individuals from the infant in arms to adults of sixty years. Now I have been in almost all kinds of houses, excepting a look-up, but I must frankly acknowledge that I never saw the excitement of a Sunday School convocation. Being a stranger, and a Gentile at that, I was so much surprised at the "Mormon" harmony that I spent the remainder of the night in trying to satisfy myself whether this state of things was of man. Just at daybreak came the conclusion, that God must be the Prime Mover of all such effects. So may it be.
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