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LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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THEATRICAL.—Notwithstanding the very unfavorable character of the weather yesterday and last evening, there was a large audience assembled to greet Madame Scheller on her first appearance. Fame has not done the lady more than justice. She is a most natural actress, whose art so consummately simulates nature that it seems perfectly artless, judging from her impersonation of the "Pearl of Savoy" last night. She has a good figure, a pleasant face, and a voice bubbling over with sweetness and music when she speaks. As a lyrist she possesses abilities of a very high order; and her vocal powers combine sweetness and strength, polished by artistic training. She was applauded "to the echo" "many a time and oft," last night, yet she obtained a tribute to her success even more gratifying to the true artist, in an undoubted gravid in the deepest attention during her scenes. It would be a genuine pleasure to criticise her Marie, and to point out its beauties, had we space. She was well supported by the company, and the piece was put on the stage in excellent style.

To-morrow night she appears in a character entirely different to the pure, simple minded Savoyard Girl. "Mathilde" is a drama of powerful construction; and although the plot is simple, the incidents in the play serve the author to work up the most intensely exciting situations. "Mathilde" is a refined lady of the world, the daughter of wealth and culture, and the character gives great scope for acting. It is well cast. The farce of "Love in Livery" will follow and make mirth for the evening.

CENTRAL PACIFIC RAILROAD.—We learn from the S. F. *Times* that forty-five miles of track of the Central Pacific Railroad are in operation east of the Sierra Nevada; but there is still a gap on the summit to be filled up, and it is not expected that cars will be run through from Sacramento to Reno, Nevada, before the 10th or 15th of June. Reno is in the Truckee Meadows, and distant from Virginia city but fifteen or twenty miles in a direct line. From Reno eastward, when connection over the summit is made, the work of constructing the road will go ahead with "unexampled rapidity." The new track layer will be employed, as it is said to be working successfully on the Vallejo road; and, as the amount of grading to be done is comparatively insignificant, "we are quite prepared," says the *Times*, to believe the assertion that the iron will be put down with a speed unexampled in the history of railroading."

PROSPECTS AT MANTI.—By letter from M. D. Hambleton, Esq., of Manti, under date of the 17th inst., we learn that the locusts are beginning to make their appearance in the foot hills there, in myriads; but, up to the time of writing, there were only a few on the farming land. The crops never looked better at the season of the year than they did at the above date. They were having rains almost every day, and a great quantity of wheat and oats were being put in and would be put in for two weeks more.

UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD.—A new special freight tariff has been established on the Union Pacific Railroad from Omaha to all points between Omaha and the Rocky Mountains. A copy of the new rates has been placed in the hands of the editor of the Omaha *Herald*. They went into effect on Monday, May 11th. They are a reduction from former rates of twenty-five per cent. on all classes of merchandise. The *Herald* says:

"Whereas under the late rates all First Class merchandise to Cheyenne was $3,66; Second Class, $3,70; Third Class, $3,55, we find on the New Special Tariff, on the First, $3,00; on the Second, $2,75, and on the Third, $2,50."

The *Herald* thinks the change thus announced indicates the purpose of the Union Pacific management to furnish neither occasion nor excuse for complaint against the terms on which they are hereafter to do the carrying trade of the West.

TEMPERANCE AND LATTER-DAY SAINTS.—They have had a Temperance meeting in San Francisco, which was well attended. It was held on the evening of the 13th instant, the speaker being E. Z. C. Judson, better known as "Ned Buntline." Dr. Gibbons, in introducing the subject of the evening, said: "He hoped the true friend of temperance, Ned Buntline, would fight down the rum-sellers, and in so doing he would undermine some of our churches." After speaking about the Methodists and Quakers, he said "the Latter-day Saints he had nothing to say about." The inference to be drawn is that in fighting the rum-sellers "our churches" might be undermined; but the Latter-day Saints would not be. A very correct idea. Preaching temperance, virtue and every other good thing, however much it may injure some churches, can not but do good to the Latter-day Saints and facilitate their labors.

ARIZONA DELEGATE.—A delegate to the Forty-first Congress of the United States is to be elected in Arizona on the 3rd of June next. The *Miner* says: "there are four political parties in Arizona—the Democratic, the Republican, His Excellency the Governor, Richard C. McCormick, and Samuel Adams." The *Miner* has the name of John A. Rush at the head of its columns as Democratic nominee for Delegate.

INDIAN AFFAIRS.—The Cheyenne *Leader* of the 13th inst. has some interesting items about Indian matters. It states that at Fort Laramie, a treaty had been concluded by Generals Sherman, Auger, Terry and Tappan, with the Crows, Brules, Sioux, Northern Cheyennes and Arapahoes, all agreeing to settle upon reservations. Generals Harney and Sanborn remain at Laramie to meet a Man-afraid-of-his-horses. A large band was expected at Laramie on the 13th. Arrangements were being made at that place for the removal of a large party to their reservations on the Missouri river. A party of about 100 Sioux—the same that lately committed the depredations on the Railroad, are still on the war path.

Red Cloud states that as soon as the troops leave he will come in, meet the commissioners and make peace. Gen. Augur will meet the Snakes at Bridger. Gens. Sherman and Tappan go to North Mexico to meet the Navajoes. As the Indians arrive from Laramie at Forts Hartsuff and Sully they will be located on reservations by Gen. Terry, who has gone there for that purpose. No more trouble is apprehended from the Minneconjoes and Badbows, who have been committing depredations on the road.

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