

SECRET EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, March 2, 1909.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—Last night, we are sorry to say, owing to the unpropitious state of the weather, a rather slim house assembled to witness Mr. Lindsay's drama of the "Shingaw." On the occasion of his benefit, "Shingaw," on the present occasion, we do not think any criticism based on wit or criticism on the piece. Not having perused the manuscript, consequently being unacquainted with the groundwork of the piece, we do not think any criticism based on wit or criticism on the piece. Not having perused the manuscript, consequently being unacquainted with the groundwork of the piece, we do not think any criticism based on wit or criticism on the piece.

This, with a modification of some of the strong denunciatory portions of the dialogue, errors in style which betray the beginner in dramatic composition, and a more thorough study of the parts, would, on a second representation, we feel confident, secure for this home production of dramatic talent a success commensurate with the most sanguine expectations of its author. We feel that Mr. Lindsay, to persevere, believing that study and experience, will develop talent as an author, equal or superior to that which he possesses as an actor.

RAILROAD FROM OGDEN TO THIS CITY.—A number of gentlemen held a meeting last evening for the purpose of taking the initiative steps in conformity with the requirements of the law published in yesterday's News, for the organization of a Railroad Company to build the line between Ogdens and this point. Shares were taken, exceeding to a considerable extent the amount per mile required by the law, and ten per cent. on the sums subscribed was paid in. We hope to soon see this Company in active operation.

MR. HARDIE'S BENEFIT.—To-morrow night is Mr. James Hardie's benefit, for which a splendid bill is prepared.

The performance will commence with the beautiful drama in one act entitled "A Sheep in Wolf's Clothing." Miss Lockhart will then recite the poem "Mary, Queen of Scots." The performance will conclude with the great historical drama, never before played here, entitled "Wallace, the Hero of Scotland." Mr. Hardie is a rising actor, and we hope the public will manifest their appreciation of his abilities by giving him a bumper benefit.

SCHOOL PARTY.—Yesterday afternoon and evening the pupils and teachers of the 14th Ward Sunday School had a very pleasant party in the 14th Ward Assembly Rooms. The afternoon was occupied by the younger children, to the number of 175 or 200, and a most pleasing sight it was to see the little dears engaged in their terpsichorean exercises with all the earnestness of children of their age. The Committee of arrangements were Mrs. James Currie, William Cutler, William Ayland and Richard Ballantyne, Jun.

In the evening, after the dismissal of the youngsters, the older scholars and teachers and some of their friends had a first rate time until about 2 or 3 o'clock this morning. Bro. Henry Richards was floor manager. Harmony and enjoyment prevailed and all were highly pleased with the party. We are happy to be able to state that the 14th Ward Sunday School is in a highly prosperous condition. The managers of the school, Elders Thomas Taylor, G. H. Taylor and C. R. Jones are good, energetic men and take a lively interest in the welfare of the pupils. Their corps of teachers number about thirty. They have a very excellent library consisting of about 500 volumes.

SANTAQUIN.—Bro. D. S. Andrew, of Santaquin, writing on the 1st inst., says the people there feel a lively interest in building up the Kingdom of God. Their attention has recently been forcibly called to sericulture, signs of the times, and co-operation, the subjects having been advocated, by Elders G. D. Watt, O. Hyde, and Miller, of Provo.

MORONI.—Bro. John Kirkman writes cheerfully from Moroni, on the 1st inst. He says their recently constructed canal is a success, and will furnish plenty of good water to the settlement, and having accomplished that work they now invite settlers. There is room there for from 100 to 200 families more. Farming and hay land can be had for the fencing and giving the water to it. Wood is plentiful. Good coal can be got within five miles, and rock to build with, within one mile of the place. They have two day schools, and one Sunday school in operation. A good many of the children are learning the Spanish Alphabet. The health of the people is good. The Female Relief Society is doing a good work in relieving the sick and the needy.

THAT "MEAT SHOWER" AT SAN JOSE.—The San Jose Mercury of February 18th says, in relation to this extraordinary phenomenon:

There was considerable excitement among our ordinarily unexcitable citizens on Monday last, in consequence of a shower of fresh meat which it is generally asserted fell in the vicinity of Mr. Meserve's place at 3 o'clock on the afternoon of the preceding day. Mr. J. S. Bentley brought to this office several ounces of this meat, in small fragments, which he picked up upon the ground where it fell. He says that the meat was scattered over an area of about five acres. His statement is confirmed by a number of others who subsequently visited the spot. A man who was standing out of doors at the time of the shower, relates that he heard a sort of whizzing noise in the air, when immediately a piece of raw meat fell upon his shoulder. The sky was clear with but little wind. Most of the fragments were very small; but some of them were an ounce or more in weight, and presented the appearance of having been torn apart with the teeth of a vampire. Many of our people were disposed to regard the whole affair as a hoax, but what object any one could have in mimicking up fresh meat and scattering it over several acres of land, is not apparent. Certainly cannot see the point to the joke.

That the circumstances as related actually occurred we do not doubt. The only question to be settled is, where did the meat come from? One theory is—and it is probably the true one—that an immense flock of crows or vultures had been gorging themselves on some dead animals, probably those drowned in the lake flood, and that while flying over the section mentioned, at a great height, one of them was taken sick at the stomach (or rather at the crop), and commenced disgorging. The rest did the same from sympathy! We have heard it stated that in the vicinity of Salt Lake,

showers of beetles are sometimes witnessed, which are known to be disgorged from the crops of a species of gulls which abound in that region. These birds surfeit themselves with the insects aforesaid, and then "astonish the natives" by settling themselves down upon their heads. This seems to us a plausible solution of the meat shower problem. A shower of gridirooms could not so easily be accounted for. We hope to hear from our learned savant and philosopher, W. F. Stewart, on the subject.

Has any of our readers ever heard of those showers of beetles, disgorged from the crops of the gulls of this region? It will, probably, be an item of news to them, as it is to us, to hear that we have such showers and from such a source.

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