

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THE FINEST.—Last night the "Ticket of Leave Man" was played to a very poor house. The hero of the piece, "Bob Briery," was entrusted to Mr. Hardie, who is very excellent in Scottish dialogue, but who is not so much at home in the peculiar vernacular of Lancashire, which detracted somewhat from the merit of his otherwise excellent delineation; the main peculiarity of this character being that while figuring among the swell mob of London he retains his broad Lancashire dialect.

As "Melter Moss," the old "fence," Mr. Thorne did not appear to advantage; the use of voice he assumed was constrained and unnatural, and rendered his part unnecessarily difficult. Messrs. Graham, "Patton" and "Green Jones" did well. Miss Ward was very successful as "Sara Willoughby"; it was one of the best characters she has attempted here. Her forte is decidedly in the delineation of low, or ground comicality. Mrs. De Bar made a great hit as the gossipy "Willoughby." Miss Lockhart, as "May Edwards," did not appear to the best advantage; but her delineation of the true and loving wife of "Bob Briery," the returned convict, disgraced and scouted because of his former conviction of felony, was a very faithful picture.

RAILROAD FROM COALVILLE TO ECHO.—We are informed, on reliable authority, that on Thursday next, a survey will be made for a line of railroad from Coalville, to form a junction with the U. P. R. at Echo. The intention is to push the work through immediately, so as to have a ready means of transit for the products of Coalville and vicinity to Salt Lake City and intermediate points.

MR. LINDSAY'S BENEFIT.—To-night is for the benefit of this pains-taking and deservedly popular actor. The performance will consist of the very beautiful and romantic play of the "Corsican Brothers," to be followed by "Black-Eyed Susan." In the former piece Mr. Lindsay will personate the twin brothers, "Fabien" and "Louis Del Franchet." Mr. D. McKenzie will appear in his very artistic rendition of "M. de Chateaufort." They will be supported by Miss Lockhart, Mrs. De Bar and others. In the second piece Mr. Lindsay will appear as "William;" Miss Lockhart as "Susan;" Miss Annie Ward as "Dolly." During the progress of the drama Mr. Lindsay and Miss Clive will dance the "Lancers' Hornpipe." This is a good bill and should draw a good house, especially as it is for the benefit of an old public favorite like Mr. Lindsay.

BOOK OF MORMON IN PHONETICS.—As a result of the labors of Elder Orson Pratt—which must have been very severe during the past summer—the Book of Mormon, entire, is now translated from the ordinary English orthography, into Phonetics. This is the greatest stride yet made in the world towards phonetic reform. For over thirty years the Phoneticians in England and this country have been laboring constantly for the introduction of phonetics and the advancement of phonetic reform. In England the *Phonetic Journal*, edited by Mr. Pitman, of Bath, has been published for many years, and latterly, we believe, this gentleman has printed the New Testament in the same characters. The Deseret Alphabet, though differing in form from the phonetic characters invented by Mr. Pitman, is precisely the same in principle; and the people of Utah have set an example worthy of imitation by all the English-speaking nations of the earth, in having printed sometime since, first and second editions, and now the Book of Mormon on this principle. It will do more towards spreading a correct style of speaking English among the polyglottic people of this Territory than anything else ever attempted.

ANNA DICKINSON AT CHEYENNE.—The Cheyenne *Leader* of Friday last, says that on the evening of that day, Anna Dickinson was to lecture in the U. S. Court House in that city. The *Leader* has occasionally been rather severe in its comments on this lady, being evidently no believer in female suffrage, which it terms an absurd question. But in its issue of the above date it tries to make the *amende honorable*, and does so as follows:

"On merely personal grounds, we entertain no unkind sentiments towards the lady. As a lady we respect her, as proud of her as a genuine specimen of American womanhood. But when it comes to the absurd question of female suffrage, then Miss Dickinson, in common with her sister advocates of the preposterous hobby, must come in for the ridicule of the ridiculer. We will say this of her: Miss Annie is the ladylike, the best looking, and decidedly the most feminine of all the suffragers."

The above is really capping the climax, by adding insult to insult. Why, anyone acquainted with Miss D. must see at once that the editor of the *Leader*, when delivering himself of the above, was indulging in keen satire. If Anna is the most ladylike, the best looking, and the most feminine of all the "suffragers" they are a hard looking crowd! The *Leader* must be joking! In further remarks, our contemporary says, "as a gentleman she is not a success. We believe, however, that she would make a good man a wife." If meant for a compliment, the above is of a very doubtful character, for it might be said with equal propriety of every healthy woman living. If our contemporary had transposed a portion of his sentence so as to be read, he believed she would have made a man a good wife he would have paid her the highest compliment he could have paid to her or any other woman. But the editor of the *Leader* is too astute and non-committal to go so far. Sincerity forbids, we suppose!

FIRST FINE CALF SKIN TANNED IN MONTANA.—The *Helena Gazette* of the 21st says:

"Mr. Ben. Word showed us a skin of Montana tanned fine calf-skin, which is almost equal to the French. It is from the tannery of George John, on Mill Creek, and as we believe, amongst the first fine calf skins ever turned out in Montana. In short time we will be able to supply ourselves with home manufactured goods of every description, if not to supply portions of the country outside the Territory."

Montana is awaking to the importance of the great lesson of which the people of Utah generally are so well convinced, namely, the necessity of being self-sustaining by promoting home manufacture. It is the only sound policy for communities isolated like those of the Rocky Mountains to pursue, and we say success to all who attempt it.

Correspondence.

WASHSHIP, SUMMIT CO., UTAH,
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Editor Deseret News:—In the fall of 1880, in company with some sixty missionaries, en route to their respective fields of labor—youself among the number—I stood upon the site of the present thriving little town of Washship. The idea of building a town at the mouth of Silver Creek, I think, had then never been fledged. If it had even assumed a chaotic voidance in any person's upperworks, the public, as also Dame Rumor, were in most blissful ignorance of it. The region was classed among the inhospitable, barely suited for a go-between till some better intersection should be effected uniting Parley's Park and the Weber. Bishop Callister, of Fillmore, was there with a force of men and teams opening the Silver Creek route.

It may be said that the whole line of settlements along the valley of the Weber, from its entrance into Salt Lake Valley to its headwaters, now numbering some dozen or more flourishing towns, had no existence prior to 1880. A few energetic citizens of Salt Lake City had previously pushed thitherward in quest of grazing lands; but the almost Arctic winters of those earlier years stunted the growth of enterprise, and the prospects of the Weber country, as a farming district, to most persons, looked exceedingly unpromising. The departed, but illustrious, Jedediah M. Grant, was one of the first, about 1856, to test the adaptability of Weber Valley for grain culture. The achievements of the past nine years, in developing the resources of this section of our Territory, considering the intensely forbidding character of the region, are truly wonderful. It was by no means as certain recent visitor to Utah declared in his correspondence for an eastern journal, quoting a stanza of Bishop Heber's sublime verses and applying them to the country and settlers of Utah:

"Though every prospect pleases
And only man is vile."

Similar discouragements have successively met the Utah settler at every point and in every instance at the outset of their endeavors to wrest from sterility by far the most desert portion of this continent. Soon after the successful opening of coal-beds, whence Coalville had its origin, and the completion of the Silver Creek Cañon road, a step was taken with a view of forming a nucleus for a settlement at the confluence of Silver Creek and the Weber, through the purchase, by Judge George G. Snyder, of whatever claims had accrued to others thereabouts. A survey was made by Gen. Fox and a town plot staked. From that dreary-looking spot now radiating glow of busy life, whose scintillations contribute to the lustre of the metropolis itself. A very brief period sufficed to constitute Washship the county seat of Summit county, and today it bears to every observer an aspect of the presence of a goodly ratio of the will and the way which have made Utah, in point of industrial importance, at least, an object of universal admiration.

Commodes frame buildings of live Yankee design betray the proximity of a degree of cultivation which could not brook a mud or log hovel for successive generations. Good substantial barns speak of timely care for the "critters," and well correspond with other surroundings. Nor do we look in vain for the out-house "collegiate" apartments, semi-barbarously repudiated by some for the Egyptian camp-paddle, which, for decency's sake, many tidy persons have wished were an oversight of less rare occurrence. Of course further appendages to home comfort are as they should be. The settlers' real and imaginary wants for the imported are abundantly provided for in a well supported co-operative store. All extraneous and promiscuous merchandizing and huckstering has properly subsided without any spasmodic exertion to eke out an adventurous existence.

"After much tribulation," &c. Having hewn out their homes from the rough ashlar of one of the least inviting localities on earth, nature or Providence, as a reward for persevering toil, to decide to disrobe a moiety of her hidden wealth; and fine quarries of building rock, mines of coal and groves of timber spring into being as if by some Aladdin's art; and, not a thousand miles away, are looming up fortunes in perspective from the more precious minerals abounding there. I have been shown a bar of copper, fluxed in a blacksmith's forge from the crude ore, yielding the promising assay of fifty per cent. The silver found in the ore will pay the cost of reducing; thus leaving the copper in the pockets of the proprietors. Whether they will come off with a "pocket full of rocks," of course remains to be seen.

Silver creek furnishes an unexcelled water-power, which is already appropriated, to some extent, by grist and saw mills—the former, by a wise expediency, being located in the heart of the settlement. The opportunities for investment in machinery and manufacturing are very inviting and extensive; especially when encouraged by men with "hearts of oak," such as Judge Snyder, the President of the settlement, and his counselors, Messrs. Rogers and Reynolds.

Farther up the Weber, over a slightly and rolling road overlooking, to the left, the rich alluvial river bottoms, is situated Three Mile Creek. By the way, this is not all a creek, but there is quite a sprinkle of human abodes whose denizens give external evidence of a well-to-do situation.

Three Mile canyon here opens its deep-mouthed gorge upon the Weber. A gently ascending grade, with smooth track, beckons us on. We wind upwards a mile or more; then taking a left hand, precipitous fork, clamber, now on horse, now on foot, over bill-tops and down and across the grass-platted bottoms till, far on, in that lonesome, out-of-the-way place, we suddenly spy a herd-house. Entering we find a familiar face or two, and—how fortunate!—we are just in time for dinner. Roast mutton and passover cakes—good feed for hungry bipeds. The "thrice welcome" makes them like a feast. Within halting distance large herds of horned stock quietly graze upon the nutritious grasses of this delightful little plain in the mountain tops. Sheep cover the hills. They are the surplus stock of Provo, (whose wealth in cattle stock of Provo,) prudently driven to summer range in the mountains under responsible graziers, rather than to turn

them adrift to shift for themselves in the valleys, as the custom has been in various localities, consuming the grass which should be reserved for cows and other animals of daily domestic service. A ride of two or three miles on a very level natural road, easily declining, brings us to the Provo river, upon the banks of which it is cheering to find a farm-house, the property of your townsman of the market, Wm. Hallstone. Strangely enough, just as we have in sight of the Hallstone place, a most pitiless hailstorm (what a coincidence!) crossed our path from the south, coming pell-mell in our faces, accompanied by a drenching rain. By the mission of an extra allowance of rawhide and spurs, we, (i. e., ourselves and donkey) completely saturated, reached Hallstone's, the storm having spent its fury upon us and passed on to the northward.

A short distance below the Hallstone farm the main road to Provo valley crosses the Provo river. Following the east bank down a superb course some six miles brings us to Heber City, the county seat of Wasatch county, headquarters of Bishop Abram Hatch; and a prosperous looking burg it is, I assure you, built upon a lovely site of rising ground, from which a view of the whole valley is obtained.

Four miles west of Heber is Midway, a young but flourishing settlement on Snake Creek. Of the wonderful curiosities abounding there, the old faces I met, the songs that were sung, the tales that were told, etc., I must say something at a future time.

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