THE EVENING NEWS.

Thursday, - - - - July 15, 1869.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRE TO-NIGHT.—An accident prevents our giving our usual Theatrical criticism. Never mind; don't let this prevent you from going to see Lotta in the "Fire Fly."

PLEASURE PARTY.—At 9 o'clock on Wednesday morning, a large party started from the 13th Ward Assembly Rooms, on a pleasure trip to David O. Calder's farm: it included Bishop Edward Hunter, Bishop E. D. Wooley and counselors, the superintendants, teachers and children of the Sabbath School, and quite a number of the parents and other members of the Ward, to whom a kindly invitation had been extended, by the worthy bishop, not only to participate in the day's enjoyment, but to care for the children, that no injury or accident might befall them to mar the pleasure of the occasion.

The party, numbering between five and six hundred, were conveyed in about thirty vehicles, including omnibuses, coaches, wagons etc.

After an hour's pleasant ride, they arrived at the farm, and the whole party convened under the bowery, where prayer was offered by Bishop E. D. Woolley, general instructions and cautions were given, and committees appointed to take charge of the boats and swings, and all hands dispersed to take their choice of amusement.

The favorite pastime was soon apparent by the crowding and incessant demand for a boat ride, and the general regret was, that there were no more boats and a larger lake. Dancing, swinging, copenhagen and quoits, however, each had their votaries until half past four o'clock p.m., when all hands were notified to prepare for home.

The party returned in order, the Bishop, his counselors, and the superintendants taking the lead, and reached home about six o'clock p.m., having spent a very agreeable day's excursion.

UTAH CENTRAL RAILROAD.—We learn from the *Daily Telegraph* that the work on the road is being pushed vigorously forward. Immediately west of Ogden a large number of men and teams are constantly at work. The pile driver is on the spot, and Gen. Fox and F. Little, Esq., are making preparations for building the bridge across the Weber.

THE CROPS IN NEBRASKA.—We extract the following paragraph from a glowing article on the prospects of an abundant harvest in Nebraska, from the Omaha *Herald* of the 11th:

"Beyond probable peradventure Nebraska is soon to revel in the most bountiful harvests which it has ever rejoiced in. The golden grains are maturing in unexampled abundance. Wheat was never before raised in such splendid averages to the acre, and barley is returning the grandest yields. Corn will yet do well. Potatoes promise as they never promised before. Indeed, this virgin land is literally groaning with plenty.

PROVO.—Elder Daniel Graves writes us from Provo under date of the 8th inst. He states that although grasshoppers had been flying in large numbers over that place for some days they evidently had concluded not to alight, doubtless the people of Provo are perfectly willing to be alighted in that way. Brother Graves says the crops in that vicinity are looking fine. He commenced cutting wheat on the 8th. He speaks very highly of the "Jappanock" variety of wheat, some of which he had planted, the yield being plump and heavy.

The Board of Agriculture and Home manufacture convened on the 22nd of June. It was resolved at the meeting that the society should hold an exhibition some time this fall.

GRASSHOPPER ADVANCE.—Gen. Warren S. Snow informs us that myriads of grasshoppers have made an advance on Manti from the Upper Sevier. The wheat is probably too far advanced for them to do it much injury. They move in a north-easterly course, depositing their eggs as they travel.

We also learn they have made extensive raids through Morgan County during the past week.

LEHI.—A correspondent writing from Lehi on the 12th inst., says:

"On Monday last the militia of the north end of Utah county met on the parade ground, north of American Fork City, for drill and inspection. We were favored with the company of Generals Burton and Pace. The former made some remarks, showing the necessity of getting good arms and more of them; he also urged the introduction of Upton's Tactics for our militia instead of those in present use.

"The weather for the last few days has been uncommonly warm. Our wheat and barley crops look very promising, in fact I never saw them look more so. Our Co-operative Store is alive and running. All is peace in our city. All hands are busy attending to crops, hauling lumber and poles for fencing, etc.

On Sunday last we were called to mourn the loss of brother Joseph Cox, who departed this life after a lingering illness of seven or eight weeks, of typhoid fever. He was a young man, about 28 years of age; he leaves a wife and one child and a numerous circle of acquaintances to mourn his loss.

AT CHEYENNE.—General Tom Thumb and wife, who are expected shortly to appear in this city, arrived at Cheyenne on the 12th inst., and will exhibit at the theatre of that place.

Col. Judson, better known as "Ned Buntline," was also there, and had announced to lecture on yesterday evening. Instead, however, of choosing his usual subject, "Temperance," he purposed lecturing on "Mormonism." We obtain this information from the *Leader* of the 12th inst.

SAD ACCIDENT.—A serious accident occurred at Spanish Fork on the 13th inst. to Mrs. Mary Ann Murray, wife of Mr. John Murray, Jun., and daughter of Mr. Benjamin Malley. It appears that the unfortunate lady was engaged in cooking, when she was seized with a fit and fell into the fire. No one was present at the time, but she was found a few moments after with both hands in the fire and her right arm burned up to the shoulder. This arm was injured so badly that is has since had to be amputated; the operation being performed by Dr. Roberts, of Provo City. Mrs. Murray has suffered very severely; but there is now hope of her speedy recovery; her left hand is doing as well as can be expected. Sister Murray is one of the first thirteen who were baptised in Preston, England, and came to this Territory in Captain Martin's hand cart company in 1856.

MURDER AT IDAHO.—On Sunday the 4th inst. a cold blooded murder was perpetrated by James Porter, of Idaho City, on the body of Hans Peter Hanson. At the same time he also dangerously wounded John Moore. The cause of the affray is said to have been an old grudge that Porter entertained against Moore for having, on a previous occasion, broken his jaw, though Porter professed to be on the most friendly terms with Moore and Hanson a few minutes before the perpetration of the murder. The Idaho *World*, in an extra dated the 6th, gives a full account of the affair.

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