AMUSEMENTS.

The week just drawing to a close has seen more or less a struggle for "popularity" the only events in dramatic circles being the Pike Palace at the Grand and the excursion of Gower & Sullivan's famous Mikado to Garfield Beach. Everyone is more or less, (particularly so, perhaps, with the exception Bishop Scanlan) for somehow or other the Bishop seems to run the good wine to improve with age and to be worth provoking and regular as ever. It is not proper to compare Blakie Bracegirdle's company with the various opera companies that have included the Mikado in their repertoire in their engagements in Salt Lake. But for a highly refined and more highly mannered company the Garfield Beach patrons have to be tolerant like to regard this week. Still if one or two of the principals are not in comparison with the others, Naturally Blakeneys is a long way ahead in all respects, but the ability of the audience and theatre is not vocalist by his essential absence and other disorders in the matter of his sickness opera. Miss Jones was, with each an impression as I suppose a month or weeks ago has not to undergo her former efforts this week, being, however with a sympathetic voice adding to the grace of a professional voice makes her an acquisition to the company. Manuel Tannyson who is not a professional gives a good account of himself, having a good conception of his role he is also the possessor of a good tenor voice. Likewise Miss Howard is a charming and a wonderful prima donna. Altogether the opera is well staged and in dance.

The A. X. Peabody Co, who have been playing to a successful engagement at the Grand the last few weeks, on account of bookings will say so result next Wednesday night. The Midnight Alarm being the play selected to occupy the boards the last three nights. The Midnight Alarm—rare bandbills — elaborate — mysterious, comedy, specialty features, fine scenery and mechanical effects, etc., with a talented and team of home talent, consequently a heavy attendance upwards may be expected Monday night. The company, while not leaving with Peabody, possesses several competent people to their petition for favor. A number may have been welcome as filling up the gaps in summer stock, and when we seek not so much intellectual elevation as amusement pass and enjoy. If the good-for is or indicated as to sing about Grover, the silver, etc., during the remainder that is each year. Before they were thought of, what of it. Will give him an encore.

Since the Nancy Gate City left suddenly with an auction concord and an attorney at their rear a week ago, the Lyceum has been dark, save just enough when the members of the defunct Gate City company gave benefit performance intended for Mr. Frank Pollard, would it will be remembered when Bureau of the Natural Instruction experimented for his head through the discharge of a bombe.

The San Francisco theatregoers have an value to grumble at the lack of amusements. Since Tom Frawley made his $13,000 in fifteen weeks with his company of thirteen players, the Columbia's competitor, the California, opened the ball with a strong company, which at present embraces Frederick Warde, Rose Coghlan, Herbert Kelsey, Effie Shannon, Blockwell, together with several minor lights, while Frawley comes back with Walter Lessing, Lotte Rosenbach, Alice Evans, Alice Fisley, together with his talented company.

A similar fight is going on, only on a small scale, in Denver, between the Manhattan beach and Elitch's Gardens with our old friends Edson, King et al. at the former, and Jessie Kennard, Walter Edwards and Hugh Warde at the latter.

AT THE BEACHES.

Joy Crowds of Pleasure Seekers at Garfield and Saltair.

Garfield beach enjoyed the distinction yesterday of having one of the largest crowds since the days when that famous watering-place was the only one on the shores of the Great Salt Lake. During the whole afternoon the trains steaming out from the Utah and Nevada depot bore immense throngs of pleasure seekers and by the time the 6 o'clock train from the city had reached the famous resort, the scene thereabouts was a jostling mass of humanity, and locomotion in and around certain parts of the condemnation, verged nigh on to an impossibility.

Festivities, such as are generally carried on on such occasions, were freely indulged in by all concerned, and the demand for nothing else, beside and bottles because was in great and that the capacity of the people in that respect was largely exercised. The bathing, too, was excellent so those who dipped in the brine could testify to.

Much interest was centered in the presentation of the beautiful, catchy opera, The Mikado, which was given twice during the day, and received to a very excellent manner, too, all things considered. An immense crowd witnessed the evening performance of the opera, which was rendered about 10 o'clock, and which tested the Union Pacific company's ability to handle large crowds to a greater extent than was probably looked for. He it said, however, to the credit of those in charge, that they did their best under the circumstances, and in a manner which gave general satisfaction.

There had been no train schedule to return between 7:30 and 10:15 p.m., but the number of people desiring to remain after the first named hour and not until the later train was so great that Supt. J. O. Young readily consented to put on a 9:45 train, which brought in a dozen carloads. It was also necessary to put another special at 11 o'clock, making twelve trains each way during the day, instead of ten as at first scheduled.

BEAUTIFUL SALTAIR.

Pioneer Day caused the crowd of people to large crowd at beautiful Saltair on the west which was not only glad to bathe, but which was also bent on having a good time, and got it. The weather was delightful and towards evening the lake was dotted with boats, bathers, fishing, swimming and those who enjoying themselves in the salty water. Dancing was also large-ly indulged in, a feature which seemed to be most enjoyed than ever before.

The swimming race, a distance of a mile and an eighth, between seven contestants, all of whom claimed their best to score for the first time, took place at 5 p.m. It proved a pretty and interesting event, much credit to the crew rating awarded Frank La Bonnard of Ogden. Was made the distance in 2:15.

During the night the crowd on the city were given a chance to look over the new Saltair pavilion, which, with the adjoining wave the long, lanes, the bathers at wales will be awarded the cash prize offered by the proprietor. Total receipts from the boats were as follows: 24,972, 28,108, 29,034, 28,174, 31,196, 27,246, 29,479.

The Los Angeles Railway people made a special excursion to Long Beach and nothing expected during the day to mar the happiness and enjoyment that every visiting the beach. The last train from that place left at 7:30 p.m.

THE RACES AT CALDER'S.

The Finest Sports of the Year in the Opera Chairs—Other Notes.

The much advertised chariot race between Fred. Hoddard and Dr. Shores was run at Calder's park yesterday afternoon to genuine Roman fashion. The former drew the reins and handled the whip over his four fleet steeds with the same ease he has done and dangerous for the latter who performed his part of the program by proxy. His substitute was Tom Scott, the old race track man, and right well and he drive. With a better racing team he would have gained the distinguished character to look well to his laurels. As it was he could not follow the professor about the track. Two races were run, and in each Hoddard was the victor. It was for him the $1,000 prize and he went away happy to the accomplishment of the day. About 300 spectators witnessed, appreciated and applauded the event.

There was a number of [illegible] selling races. It requires [illegible] to determine the 2:18 pace and trot, and one more than that to see of the trotting pace and trot. In the first race the star were Billy D., Frank N., Jessie Wade, Cure B., and Bay Sandman. Frank N. took the first two heats and Billy D. the remainder straight. Jessie Wade was second in the first heat and third, 2:18.

In the trot, Blue Nose, Dennis, Frank Hunt and Jo Jo took a smooth trot on together. Blue Nose got first and Dennis second and fourth heats. Jo Jo third and sixth heat time, 2:18 to first heat.

THE DANISH FRATERNITY.

Very Old Scandinavian Society by Chilling Breezes on Lagoon.

Farmington Lagoon, the new pleasure resort, to the north was thronged with the Danish fraternity yesterday, an annual event having been given by the Danish Brotherhood society. Most of the excursionists came from the city and numbered between 500 and 600. The condition of a program of outdoor sports caused much merriment and among these sports was a boat race, which was won by Hugo Petersen, with Peter Thompson a close second. Dancing was the order on the pavilion and many a simple tripped the light fantastic to their complete enjoyment.

One of the features of the day was an address by Judge W. H. King, who began by subjecting the Danish nation to the important part played by them in the history of the world, and the thrift and industry displayed in establishing settlements throughout America. He then turned his attention to the work of the Utah Pioneers and paid unstinted tribute which they so richly deserve.

Dixie Items.

SANTA CLARA, July 20, 1896.

To the Editor:

The people here have just witnessed the heaviest rainfall at Clara since the settlement of the same—nearly forty years. The storm has wrought damage to the amount of about a thousand dollars; roads were washed out, making them almost impassable, fields completely covered with mud and sand, fences washed away, grain and hay stacks damaged, and cellars filled with water. One cellar belonging to John S. Shirtliff ran over and almost into the house. Buckets were used freely, and before the day was gone the cellar was cleared of its contents. The city ditches were filled level full of sand and mud, so that it will take almost a week to get the water in town again. Jacob Lund having lucern just ready to cut, was relieved of the job, the large flood covering it one or two feet deep with sand etc. A large flood found its channel down through the main street. No lives have been lost. Hail fell as large as quail's eggs, or nearly so. Thunder and lightning accompanied the storm. The flood in the Santa Clara creek was the highest it has been for some years, tearing out dams, fences and destroying pastures.

The rain has, however, been a great blessing, having soaked our cattle ranges, so that perhaps the grass will grow enough to save some of our cattle. It has also irrigated some of the land that the drouth had almost burnt out.

The people in general are enjoying pretty good health at present. Grain threshing has commenced. Grain will turn out fairly well, even Hold Jack Frost has been very hard on it. Lucern is being cut for the second time. The people of Clara will not have much fruit to put to the market this season. Vegetables are already on the market, such as cabbage, corn, onions, peas, and peaches are a failure this year. The adjacent mining camps will go hungry for them. Counties and nations are getting rich. There will be a good crop from this year in Dixie, which is a blessing, which we should be thankful for.

The Fourth of July was observed in every way, and unanimously celebrated. The principal celebration was held at St. George. A Mr. Clark was assassinated by his brother and sister-in-law, and the case and sister-in-law are now in the county jail awaiting their trial. Mr. Clark was a young man, universally respected by his acquaintances. Yours truly,

W. M. [illegible]

P.S. Since writing the above the following prices have been established: Flour, $2.50; [illegible] 50 cents per cwt; [illegible] 50 cents per cwt; [illegible] 50 cents per cwt