

THEATRICAL.—Gamea, presented for the first time on Tuesday evening, 19th inst., has been the attraction of the week. The plot is very simple, but the passions and feelings evoked during the piece are strongly marked, and sometimes very intensified. The whole interest of the play centers in Gamea, the Jewish Mother, who, through seventeen years of misery and suffering, enduring imprisonment and numberless indignities, has sought and watched for her stolen child with all a mother's love and endurance, and a mother, too, of a race historically renowned for fidelity of purpose, patient endurance and love of kindred. The story is short:—Gamea (Julia Dean Hayne) and her husband, Gideon Ben Meir, (J. S. Lindsay) have come from home, leaving their infant daughter in charge of Martha, (Mrs. Bowring) a Christian nurse. The child sickens; is about to die; Martha places the crucifix on its breast, it becomes reanimated; she signs the cross upon it with consecrated water, it revives; it is borne to a neighboring convent; christened, having Martha and Rutchioni (G. B. Waldron) for sponsors, is adopted by Bianca, Countess de Lomellini, (Mrs. Leslie) and borne away in secret; Martha sends her child, a boy, Ottavio, (Dellie Clawson) away for fear of Gamea's wrath; and when the Jewish Mother returns full love and expectancy and finds her child gone, her furious and outraged maternal feelings crush Martha with their vehemency, who, already feeble, sinks and dies, bearing the secret of where the child is with her to the grave. To find that child, Gamea vows to consecrate the remainder of her life, and so the curtain drops on the Prologue.

In the succeeding acts Gamea is seen as a fortune-teller, a sorceress and a usurer. She is hooted by the populace, who yet fear and consult her; the rich seek her for a knowledge of the future and for money; but the one object of her life always animates her. Her daughter has grown a young lady, known as Paula (Miss Emelie) and is beloved by Ottavio, the son of Martha (D. McKenzie) now a count. Gamea finds her, claims her, bears her away from her adopted mother, and surrounds her with almost fabulous wealth. But the great struggle between the natural and adopted mothers for the love of the child continues. Opposite faiths contend, opposite affections strive, and the girl is driven to madness, from which she is restored by hearing the fishermen sing a Christmas hymn well known and loved by her in childhood. The two mothers drop their hot contentings for her love, Ottavio gains her for his bride, and a happy denouement follows the seventeen years of misery.

It will be seen that the burden of the play rests on Gamea; Mrs. Hayne plays the character with a fidelity, pathos and artistic power that gives it a moral elevation which it would not have in the hands of an ordinary actress. The jubilant expectancy of her return with her husband to her child, the fearful bitterness of her reproaches and anguish; the sight of the thin, wasted form, in the first two acts, who is only buoyed up by faith in her child's recovery; the burst of triumph with which she learns where her daughter is and who she is; the wailing sorrow with which she laments not possessing that daughter's heart, when she has obtained her person; and the struggle for its possession, were all finely conceived, powerfully embodied and artistically rendered.

Of the other characters but little need be said, for there is not much of them, especially the male characters. The gentlemen cast in them made the most of the parts, which are but meagre at the best. The choruses were very good, the costumes rich, particularly in the last act, and the scenery, painted by Mr. Ottinger for the piece, very fine; the last is the finest in-door scene we ever saw anywhere.

The other lady characters were sustained by Mrs. Leslie, Mrs. Bowring, Miss Alexander, Miss Emelie and others, in their usual style.

On Thursday evening, Gamea was followed by the *Loan of a Lover*, in which Mrs. Leslie and Mr. Margetts shone; and on Saturday evening the *Spectre Bridegroom* was the afterpiece.

On Monday, 25th, the pretty little comedy *She Would and He Wouldn't* was very successfully performed on Monday evening, with Julia Dean Hayne as the Marchioness di Villafraanca, and Mr. Waldron as Villiani. The other characters were very well filled. The playing was good and created a great amount of laughter during the action of the piece. The *Forty Thieves*, which followed, always takes well. It is of a style of pieces that gratify the juveniles immensely, and pleases a good many of the older folks. The manner in which it was received on Monday evening proved that it had not lost its attractiveness.

All that Glitters is not Gold for Thursday evening, with *She Would and He Wouldn't* to finish the performance. Lovers of comedy should gather in force, considering the attraction.

GENERAL ITEMS.—That cattle drive on Tuesday was an institution that a good many people with weak fences and neatly built hay-stacks were pleased with. The driving of the loose stock in the city, to a place where they could be taken care of, was a measure that caused general gratification. It would be better to have the animals sold, killed, or properly cared for, than to have them running loose, preying upon the community at large.

Among the "sleigh items" of the times, we noticed President Young and a number of the male members of his family, with a few friends,

out sleigh driving on Monday, in that mammoth sleigh, with some others of a smaller calibre in the wake.

On Tuesday the D. D. Association enjoyed a like gratification, their labors thus far for the winter season, in-doors, enabling them to appreciate such an exhilarating out-door exercise.

The using of Printer's ink, freely, for advertising purposes, in this age, has led us, notwithstanding the manner in which our columns are filled, to inquire if some traders hereabouts wish to keep their wants and wishes hid from by far the larger portion of the community. How is it? Is the business so big that they fear selling out too quick?

Tuesday was very quiet. Business resumed its operations in much the usual style. The stores seemed to exist with a lack of occupancy, and everybody was remarkably cool.

OVER JORDAN.—We were gratified yesterday at inspecting a map of the land watered by that canal west of Jordan, and the town-site of a city to be built there, and named Brighton, nearly in the centre of this valley. Quite a large quantity of the land is already taken up, and a goodly number of our citizens seem determined to combine agriculture and their usual avocations, for pleasure and profit. A city residence and a farm a few miles from town are nice things. So a great many seem to think, and the names on the survey map indicate that they are "going in" for it. Surveyor General Fox, made the survey, and Superintendent Wallace holds the map. Who wants a farm? There is still some available land to be disposed of for the cost of the water to irrigate it; city lots, in our Brighton, can also be had.

FROZEN TO DEATH.—On Saturday night last, 23d inst., br. William Naylor, of West Jordan, was frozen to death on returning from Cottonwood Mill. It is believed that he thought he could not reach home with his team and left it and the wagon on the way, striving to get home alone on foot. He reached his father's house, but the snow had drifted so he could not find the door, as was seen by his tracks; he got into the stable and sat down, where he was found in the morning dead. He was about 22 years of age, and the chief support of his parents.

ABOUT THE SNOW.—Judge Phelps informs us that during the present month, up to the 25th, there has fallen three feet and three inches of snow in this valley, which with the rain will make $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches of water over the whole surface. So much snow has not been known to have fallen so early in the season, since the settlement of these valleys.

POLICE REPORT.—The police report is fortunately so light, as a usual thing, that there is nothing to chronicle. On Christmas day, however, one Charles Thomas, of the "regenerating" persuasion, took a fancy under spirituous inspiration, to pitch into C. Burnett, in a pugilistic fashion. His honor, Judge Clinton, requested an interview with him on Tuesday morning, after the attacking belligerent had slept off the effects of "smelling" and wishing a "Merry Christmas," and courteously demanded ten dollars for his little frolic of the previous day. This was the only case on Tuesday morning. What a "horrid, immoral, dissipated place" Great Salt Lake City must be! Don't you think so?

NEWS ITEMS.

A RIOT occurred in San Francisco, Dec. 17th, in the Fire Department. Howard, Knickerbocker and Monumental Companies were engaged. Edward Flaherty, Assistant Foreman of Knickerbocker, was shot through the arm; George Stanton, member of the Monumental, was badly injured; and several others badly battered. Pistols, spanners, clubs and paving stones were used freely. Three companies were suspended by Chief Scannell until the matter is investigated and the leaders arrested. The riot was caused by the question of a paid Fire Department.

By means of polarized light, the various qualities of sugar may be readily ascertained. The apparatus used is called "polarizing sacchrometer," is based on the peculiar property which light has when polarized, or when its rays are received at an angle of thirty-five degrees, twenty-five minutes, on a plate of tourmaline or a mirror, which presents the various colors of the spectrum in such a way as to enable one to determine the amount of crystallizable sugar in any given quantity of the article sufficiently accurately for all commercial purposes.

The second of the series of three grand matches at rifle shooting, between Warren Loud and Dr. E. H. Pardee, at the San Bruno Station, has been concluded. These matches, as our readers will remember, were for \$1,000 a side, each party having one hundred shots. The first was won by Loud, whose one hundred shots measured only 192 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, while Dr. Pardee's eighty shots all that he fired—measured some inches more. Dr. Pardee won the second match of one hundred shots in 173 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches, to

Mr. Loud's 189 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1-16 inches, beating Mr. Loud 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ 1-16 inches. The last match of one hundred shots will take place on Saturday, December 2d.—[*Alta California*.]

It is reported that experiments in warming carriages by steam have been made on the Royal Eastern line of Prussia, between Bromberg and Thorn, and with complete success. Previously, the carriages reserved for ladies, were warmed by means of hot sand or stones, but both were found insufficient or objectionable. In the new arrangement a special boiler is placed in a luggage van, and the steam is conveyed by means of junction pipes into wooden cylinders, placed in all the carriages. Each compartment is provided with a small lever, which enables the travelers to regulate the temperature according to their feelings. During the experiments in question the heat was maintained at 22 deg. Reamur.

MR. CHEVALLIER, of the Durham Observatory states that their observer, Mr. Dalman, has succeeded in finding the new planet discovered in September by Dr. Peters, of America. It is the eighty-fifth of the group between Jupiter and Mars, is comparatively bright and well defined, and is about the size of a star of nine and a half magnitude. The planet was in opposition about October 5.

THE Keokuk, Iowa, CONSTITUTION of the 19th says; "A canal boat propelled by steam, arrived at our levee yesterday, direct from Chicago, and will proceed from here to several of the cities above, on the river. This is the first steamboat we believe, that ever came through from Chicago to the Upper Mississippi, and promises conclusively that direct water communication between the lake and the Mississippi River, by steamboats, can be readily accomplished."

CHIEF BURKE, of San Francisco, is determined to protect citizens against the attacks of disorderly soldiers, if possible. In the case of a soldier of the Fourteenth, caught running a muck through Pike street assaulting people with a musket and bayonet, he has refused to give up the weapons to the Provost Guard, and will have the offender tried in the Police Court.

THE Nashville Dispatch 3 says; No arrests were made by the patrols yesterday. The cut-throats have, no doubt, been hunted to their holes. If a highway robber is caught from this time out, he will be torn limb from limb. The people are terribly in earnest, and the doom of all murderers belonging to the gang lately infesting the roads leading from the city is sealed.

WE have been shown samples of raisins and oranges grown the past season in the vineyard of B. N. Bugbey, El Dorado county, four miles from Folsom, that would bear comparison with any imported into the market. The raisins are made of the Fibor Trazos grape, and dried in the open air on scaffolds exposed to the sun for twenty days, during which time they are turned over twice. They are then ready for packing. About ten thousand pounds have been made by Mr. Bugbey during this season. The oranges were grown in the open air without protection, and are of the Sandwich Islands variety known as "Kona." Samples of the raisins and oranges are to be sent to the Commissioners of Agriculture at Washington as evidence of what Northern California can produce.—[*S. F. Bulletin*.]

THE somewhat obscure quarrel between France and Madagascar is explained by the Paris correspondent of the London Times. It appears that some two or three years ago certain privileges and concessions were granted to a Frenchman named Lambert by the King of that island, on condition that he should found a company for the "regeneration of the country." The company was got up, funds were collected, and on the faith of the promises, first of the King, and afterwards of the French Government, a large sum was expended. An insurrection broke out in the island, however; the King was murdered, and a new race reigned in his stead. These last refused to carry out the terms of the treaty, whereupon the French Government demanded the repayment of the sums advanced by the company. After a time compliance was promised with this demand, but a non-payment was delayed for a fortnight. A French journal, commenting upon this affair, deprecates the idea of a war with the natives of Madagascar, but urges that there is a necessity for such a display of strength as may preclude all ideas of resistance on their part.

ENGLISH PRIME MINISTERS.

The following list of the English Premiers since the accession of George the Third may not be uninteresting at the present time. The famous Duke of Newcastle resigned in 1762, which terminated the uninterrupted rule of the whig party that had existed since the time of Queen Anne.

- 1762—Earl Bute.
- 1763—Mr. George Grenville.
- 1765—Marquis of Rockingham.
- 1766—Duke of Grafton.
- 1770—Lord North.
- 1782—April, Marquis of Rockingham a second time; died.
- June, Earl of Shelburne.
- 1783—March, Duke of Portland.
- December, Mr. Pitt.
- 1801—Mr. Addington.
- 1804—Mr. Pitt, a second time; died.
- 1806—Lord Grenville.
- 1807—Duke of Portland, second time.
- 1809—Mr. Percival assassinated.
- 1812—Earl of Liverpool.
- 1827—April, Mr. Canning, died.
- August, Viscount Goderich.
- 1828—Duke of Wellington.
- 1830—Earl Gray.
- 1834—May, Viscount Melbourne.
- November, Duke of Wellington, (temporary appointment.)
- December, Sir Robert Peel.
- 1835—Viscount Melbourne, second time.
- 1841—Sir Robert Peel, a second time.
- 1848—Lord John Russell (now Earl Russell.)
- 1852—February, Earl of Derby.
- December, Earl of Aberdeen.
- 1855—Viscount Palmerston.
- 1858—Earl of Derby, a second time.
- 1859—Viscount Palmerston, a second time, died October 18, 1865.
- 1865—Earl Russell to succeed Palmerston.

It will be seen that the longest tenure of office was Mr. Pitt's, and after him those of Lords Liverpool, North and Palmerston. As there have been twenty different Prime Ministers since 1765, the average tenure of each has been only five years. Only five—Lord Rockingham, Mr. Pitt, Mr. Percival, Mr. Canning and Lord Palmerston—have died in office.

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