LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—Mr. Milton Nobles made his first appearance, last night, as "Young Mirabel," in "Wine Works Wonders," in the rendering of which character he gave evidence of his being the possessor of considerable ability as an actor. We believe, however, that there are other characters in which he would appear to better advantage. We have seen pieces the tone and moral of which suited us better than those of "Wine Works Wonders." Mr. D. McKenzie made an excellent "Old Mirabel" and the Duchess of Mr. A. Thorne was a happy rendering of that character. Miss Adams and Mesdames M. Bowring and M. G. Clawson each did well in their respective roles, as did the other members of the company who were cast for the piece. "Fortune's Folic" seemed greatly enjoyed.

The next performance at the Theatre will take place on Thursday night, when the favorite and talented actress, Miss A. Adams, will take a benefit. A fine bill is provided for the occasion, consisting of the romantic drama of "Catherine Howard," in which the beneficiare will appear in the title role, Mr. Milton Nobles as Athelwood, Mr. D. McKenzie as Henry the Eighth of England, Mr. A. Thorne as Archbishop Cranmer, with the rest of the characters in hands able to do them justice. We expect the public will show their appreciation of the abilities of Miss Adams by filling the house on Thursday night.

VARIOUS.—To enable the residents of the 8th and 9th Wards to attend Professor Pratt's lecture to-night, the usual weekly entertainments given in the school-house is postponed til to-morrow evening.

The usual weekly lecture will be given in the 19th Ward Literary Institute, to-morrow evening. We have not learned who the lecturer will be.

The Coldbeeks, supported by the Langishio Troupe, performed at McDaniel's Theatre, Cheyenne, on Friday and Saturday last.

We learn from our Nevada exchanges that the weather has been excessively cold there lately.

FIRE AT WASHINGTON.—The following telegram was received this morning, by Deseret Telegraph Line:

"ST. GEORGE, Jan. 17, 1871.

Des. News—The gin-house and cotton gin of James Riebe, Esq., at Washington, was consumed yesterday by fire. The fire was first seen in the gin, and was supposed to have originated from matches accidentally dropped into the gin. Three thousand pounds of cotton were destroyed, and only a few bales saved; damage $3,000. A portion of the cotton belonged to W. C. Smithson, and most of the residue to Riebe. The scarcity crop of cotton last season makes this a serious loss."

GEO. A. SMITH.

BIBLE POLYGAMY.—Deseret News.—How very contemptable must he appear, in the eyes of every Sunday school pupil of any and every religion in the country, who denies that the Old Testament justifies, sanctions, and, in many cases, commands polygamy! I would just as soon attempt to prove that the sun never shone, or that the mountains do not exist, or that water will not run down hill, or that the earth is not moistened when rain falls from heaven.

By taking the negative of all the forego ing propositions, however ingeniously I might handle them, would I not be very apt to secure a reputation for dishonesty and falsehood equal in magnitude to the shrewdness of my arguments! Every person, old and young, who has read the Bible, no matter of what sect or creed, knows what it says concerning polygamy. The arguments, used against it remind me of the young mathematician who felt anxious to exhibit to his father, his wonderful proficiency in possessing the study of that science. "Father," said the young hopeful, "I can make three out of two." "Can you, my son, let me see perform it." "Mother," said the son, "is cooking chickens for our dinner?" (two in number) the son pointing to one, says, "that is one, then pointing to the second, says, "that is two. Now father don't you add one make three." "Well! Well! my son," says the father, "I will try the merits of your mathematical demonstrations and you shall share the benefit of them. I will have the first chicken for my dinner, your mother may have the second for hers, and you, my son, shall have the third for your learning." The above is a fair sample of all the logic brought to bear against Bible polygamy

Spring City, Jan. 9, 1871. ORSON HYDE.

TABOR DECORATIONS.—In our notice, yesterday, of the specimens of decorative paper hangings in front of Z.C.M.I., we should have stated that the specimens were gotten up for the Clothing and not the Dry Goods Department, Brother John Needham, who has charge of that department, is not only prepared to supply the public with paper hangings of tasteful and pleasing patterns but can also have them put up for those who desire it, he having engaged Brother W. H. Fowler, paper hanger, late of London, for that purpose.

SILVERY.—The Gold Hill News is responsible for the following:

"A careful assay made a few days ago of the dirt on Main street, Gold Hill, to the depth of four feet, showed a yield of silver of $928, with a trace of gold. Talk about the streets of Jerusalem being paved with gold! Here in Gold Hill our main street is paved with silver; or, as the Chinamen used to say in California, 'two pan, one color.'"

FEMALE RELIEF SOCIETY PARTY.—At the 12th Ward Hall one of the finest parties of the season came off last evening. It was a ball given by the Female Relief Society of that Ward—of which Sister Priscilla Staines is Presidentess—and for its benefit. Financially it was as great a success as it was socially. There were many visitors present from other Wards, among them were several Bishops and other leading citizens and President D. H. Wells and Elder W. Woodruff. The number present was very large, but the space devoted to dancing was ample, and under the superintendence of Bishop L. W. Hardy, everything went off very smoothly. We think this method of raising funds for the benefit of the Female Relief Societies, and to aid them in carrying out their works of benevolence, an excellent one, and we hope that Sister Staines and her associates had their expectations fully gratified by the party of last evening. They deserved to be.

NEWS.—The Cincinnati Daily Times says:

"McKay, long noted as being the leader of the mail robbers of Central Utah, has been captured. He enjoys for years a liberal reward which has been offered by the Government for his capture."

The Times is wonderfully well posted about Utah, better, a great deal, than the folks hereabouts. McKay was one of the robbers arrested a few months ago, in Juab County, for robbing the mail, but it is a nonsense to talk about his having been "long noted" as the leader of the mail robbers of Central Utah, for mail of any other kind of robbers cannot ply their vocation for a week in any part of the Territory without being caught and brought to justice. The "Mormon" officers of the law understand their business and cannot well do otherwise than swerve from that.

HEIRS WANTED.—S. P. Doss, Esq., a lawyer, residing at Rich Valley, Mo., writes a citizen of Rich County, of his sincerely yours in the many of a man named McKay, who at various times in Wayne Co., Mo., and was originally from Grundy Co., Mo. Mr. Doss says that he learned that the heirs of this man might be found at Salt Lake City; he came to Salt Lake City some time in the spring or summer of 1866 for the accounting of them, or a share of the estate's estate will fall to them. He asks any person who can send him word about this to address him, care of R. P. Doss, Esq., at Rich Valley, Livingston Co., Mo.