

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

"PEEP O'DAY."—As this famous Irish drama is to be presented to-night, we give the argument of the play in brief that those who attend may follow the performance with more satisfaction.

The Kavanagh, mother, daughter and son, are renting a cottage and farm from one Purcell, whose son Stephen aims at possessing Kathleen Kavanagh, the daughter. To accomplish this he succeeds in getting Harry Kavanagh, the son, to take possession of some treasonable papers, the plot being laid at the opening of the rebellion of '94. Kavanagh is taken by the military, the papers found upon him and he is transported for seven years. Purcell privately marries Kathleen and removes her from the place. He also wishes to secure the hand of a Miss Mary Grace, who had been betrothed to Kavanagh; but neither the lady nor her father are willing, and he has recourse to stratagem. He dresses up a number of his own men as Peep O'Day boys, a band of whom are in the neighborhood, and attempts the abduction of Mary Grace. But Kathleen has returned and she has to be got rid of. He hires a scoundrel to murder her, and lures her to the Dhoil Duilve, a dark and lonely place, by a letter purporting to come from her long absent brother. But as his schemes of villainy are apparently ripening as he would desire, retribution is approaching. Captain Peep O'Day, a formidable character, is indeed the returned Harry Kavanagh, who is made acquainted with Purcell's proceedings through the faithfulness of his foster brother Barney. He saves his sister as her would-be murderer is about to dash her brains out with the spade that dug the grave for her body; he tells Purcell in all his plans, makes prisoners of the military sent against him, and finally rejoices in a pardon for himself and band. The termination is pleasant, although Purcell gets shot.

A great many characters are introduced that we have not referred to; and the great fair scene affords a number of them room to display their peculiarities. New scenery has been prepared for the piece, and we understand that everything possible has been done to make its presentation a success. It is to be hoped the management will meet a correspondingly liberal patronage. The parts are well distributed, Kate Denin, Mr. Wilson and the full strength of the company appearing, with a large force of auxiliaries.

THE LATE GOVERNOR DURKEE.—We learn through the Omaha Herald, that the remains of ex-governor Durkee, reached his late home at Kenosha, Wisconsin, for interment on the 17th inst.

"GO FROM HOME TO HEAR THE NEWS."—The St. Joseph (Mo.) Weekly Herald publishes the following reliable item:

"A delegation from Utah has arrived in Washington to look after the proposed legislation in Congress, concerning that Territory. They allege that if Congress pass measures to punish polygamy it will produce civil war in that Territory! This they wish to avoid by urging Congress not to adopt any extreme legislation.

ANOTHER NEW LAW.—A writer in the La Crosse (Wis.) Leader recommends the Legislature to pass a law that "no child shall be born without the child's consent." This law if passed, would be just about as sensible as certain bills now before Congress regarding matters and things in Utah. Won't the Wisconsin Legislature please pass it and let us know how it works, especially so far as it concerns parents.

PARTY IN THE SEVENTH WARD.—Last evening the Female Relief Society of the 7th Ward, gave a dance and supper to the members of the Ward, for the purpose of collecting funds to construct a building in which to meet, and transact their business. The sisters, always being alive to their duty, had the music and house gratis, and a liberal spirit was manifested to aid them in this work. Their tickets were all sold at an early hour. Dancing commenced at 7 p.m., and was kept up to early morn. What with good music, an excellent supper, and not a jar to mar the good spirit, this was one of the most pleasant and social reunions that was ever enjoyed, by the members of this ward. Success to the labors and efforts of our Relief Societies, and may God bless them be the prayer of all who wish the cause of Zion well.

MAIL MATTERS IN CACHE.—In another column will be found a communication from the Honorable Peter Maughan, respecting the carrying of the mails. We understand that to try and remedy the evil complained of, the people of Cache County have spent a large amount of money in telegraphing. We have heard for some time, complaints about the carrying of the mails to that county and have ourselves been a sufferer from the delays. We trust that Colonel Wigcizer, our special mail agent, or in his absence, his deputy, will give this matter the necessary attention, that the evil may be speedily remedied.

RATHER TOO CLOSE.—Mr. Sangiovanni, the keeper of the menagerie, had a very narrow escape from a serious accident this morning, from a blow from one of his pets. He had been cleaning out the cage containing the two young black bears, and, being very gentle, he, according to custom, was patting one of them, when the brute, no doubt desiring to give proof of his amiable disposition, gave Mr. Sangiovanni a blow with one of his paws, inflicting a rather severe wound on the upper lip. Had the blow been a little nearer the result must have been much more serious, probably the whole of one side of the face of his keeper would have been torn from the bone. The wound was speedily dressed by Drs. Davis and Benze in the Co-operative Drug store, and nothing serious is anticipated.

This will be a lesson that will not soon be forgotten by the gentleman injured; he will not be likely to get very near to bruin in future, for however gentle the brute may be, blood will tell.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Elder John Holmberg, a missionary from Utah, now presiding over the Skane conference, Sweden, writes, under date of December 20th, asking for information of a young Swedish sister named Carolina Josephina Soderholm, who emigrated in 1856. Her parents are very anxious about her, having heard that she, last spring or early in the summer, was married to a man named W. Miller, a German, and that the latter has since left her and the Territory. Neither of these parties is known to us, but if this notice meets the eye of Sister Soderholm or Miller, as the case may be, she had better immediately write to, and relieve the anxiety of her parents.

THE WORK IN SWEDEN.—By letter from Elder John Holmberg, now laboring in the Skane Conference, Sweden, we are pleased to learn that in that part of the country, perfect peace prevails among the people; the elders enjoy the privilege of preaching almost everywhere, strangers attend and occasionally a few are added to the Church.

LADIES' INDIGNATION MEETINGS.

DETERMINED not to be behind their sisters in this city in their loyalty to the cause of truth, the ladies in various settlements throughout the Territory have held mass meetings to protest against the infamous measures proposed by the Cragin and Cullom bills against the people of this Territory. The minutes of many of these meetings have already been forwarded us, with a request for publication; but they are too voluminous for insertion in their present form, as our space will not admit. We take pleasure in laying before our readers a digest of the proceedings.

The meeting at GRANTSVILLE was held on the 20th of January and was opened by prayer. Mrs. H. A. Barrus was elected president. In addressing the assembly, Mrs. Barrus said they had met to express their disgust at what is known as the Cullom bill, now before Congress. She dwelt in severe terms on the provisions of the bill and said that, if such a bill were enforced, it would reduce their husbands, sons and brothers to a condition as deplorable as that of the Indians.

Mrs. N. A. Sabin, Mrs. Sarah Hale and Mrs. H. Rowberry were unanimously elected to draft resolutions expressive of the indignation of the meeting at the bill.

While the ladies of the committee were absent, various speeches were made denouncing in strong language the contemplated interference of Congress in the affairs of Utah.

On the return of the committee a series of resolutions was read, by Mrs. N. A. Sabin, condemning the Cullom and all such bills as most unjust and unconstitutional, and expressive of the willingness of the ladies of Grantsville to remain in their present condition, with which they expressed themselves fully satisfied. The resolutions were adopted without a dissenting vote.

A similar meeting was held at MILTON,

Morgan County, on the 20th January, over which Mrs. J. J. Edholm was appointed to preside. Mrs. Edholm addressed the meeting in a manner suited to the occasion, stating, in the course of her remarks, that the bill against which they had assembled on that occasion to protest, was one whose provisions were calculated, if enforced, to annihilate all our claims to civil and religious liberty, which is granted to every loyal citizen of the great republic by the Constitution, and it was their duty to use all the exertion, power and influence they possess to resist such disgraceful measures as are contemplated in the Cullom and Cragin Bills.

Mrs. I. Hansen, Mrs. Nelson and Mrs. E. Corbett were chosen to draft resolutions. The resolutions were few but to the point. They protested against the bills in question, more especially the Cullom bill, and expressed the willingness and determination of the ladies of Milton to sustain and uphold the principle of patriarchal marriage as revealed from Heaven through Joseph Smith. The resolutions were heartily endorsed by those present; after suitable remarks had been made the assembly was dismissed.

On the 17th inst. the ladies of FAIRFIELD held an indignation meeting, which was opened by prayer by Mrs. Beardsall. Mrs. Snyder was unanimously appointed president and Mrs. Morgan Secretary.

Mrs. Snyder explained that the object of the meeting was to express their feelings in relation to the Cullom bill now before Congress. In the course of her remarks Mrs. Snyder alluded to the part which our forefathers took in the great struggle for independence—to bequeath unto their children those rights and privileges which had been denied them—and how they had suffered and bled for the principles of civil and religious liberty. She felt that the women of Utah would be unworthy the name of mothers and daughters did they not come forward and proclaim to the world of mankind their abhorrence of such legislation as that contemplated in the Cullom Bill. It would make white slaves of the men of their choice, whom they loved and respected, and bring stain upon the nation, which could never be effaced. A vote of all those who were in favor of entering a protest against the Cullom bill was then called, for which was unanimous. Mrs. Carson, Mrs. Parke and Mrs. Morgan, were elected to draft resolutions.

During the absence of the committee the assembly was addressed by various ladies, who expressed their disgust at the provisions of the Cullom bill, and their determination, by the help of Heaven, to support their husbands, fathers and brothers in resisting the measures contemplated by the author of the bill. Resolutions expressive of the indignation of the meeting were then read and unanimously sustained by the large number of ladies present. After suitable speeches had been made the proceedings terminated.

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