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## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

**THE TENTH WARD LECTURE.**—On Monday evening, by Bro. Thos. Taylor, on "Forming the Mind," was well attended considering the state of the weather, and was well received.

The next, on Monday next, will be by Bro. J. E. Taylor, Subject "The Mind: What is it? Its capabilities and ultimate realizations."

**FOURTEENTH WARD PARTY.**—The party at the Fourteenth Ward last night was not so numerously attended as parties held in that place usually are, owing, most likely, to the brief notice of the change of time of holding. Still it was a very enjoyable affair. Among those present were noticed Elder John Taylor, which speaks well for his consciousness.

**NINTH WARD.**—The Sunday School children of the 9th Ward are enjoying themselves in the dance, this afternoon. Bro. John Taylor, the Sunday School Superintendent of that Ward, having made the necessary arrangements to give the little folks a treat.

**HELP THOSE WHO HELP THEMSELVES.**—Bro. Geo. Rowley, who has been blind for about five years, caused by a severe cold, which settled on his eye sockets, has been the recipient of a series of benefits in the several Wards of the city, the present winter, given him in the shape of parties. On Monday evening he had one in the 8th Ward, which was well attended and passed off very pleasantly indeed. Bro. R. G. Groves, during the coming summer, to give concerts throughout the settlements, and we trust will be well supported by the people; and the loss of his eye-sight entitles him to sympathetic considerations.

**PLEASANT GROVE.**—Bishop Brown, of Pleasant Grove, accompanied by Elder George Halliday, called in to-day and favored us with a report of matters in general down in their district of country. Last Tuesday week a small town was located and surveyed in American Fork Canyon by Bishop Brown and his assistants. This was done for the benefit of miners in that locality. The new town, it is believed, will be called Silver Lake City, and it is twelve or fourteen miles from Pleasant Grove, very near the boundary between Salt Lake and Utah Counties, at the mouth of Deer Creek on American Fork river.

The people of Pleasant Grove are alive to their religion and to the interests of education; their meetings are well attended and there are about six day schools in operation. Besides this several of the young folks attend the Provo branch of the Deseret University. Lectures on various subjects are delivered every Thursday evening, which are well attended by the citizens.

The Female Relief Society of Pleasant Grove is by no means the least commendable of its many commendable institutions. Its members are over a hundred in number, and besides caring for and relieving the wants of any who may need assistance, they are doing a good work for the young folks of the settlement, teaching them useful lessons in domestic economy and other useful branches of education.

**BIRCHMOUNT CITY.**—"A. C." writes on the 6th instant:

"Editor Evening News:—Dear Sir:—Last Saturday afternoon about one hundred spectators, among which was Pres. L. Snow, were present to witness the running of the machinery of the woolen factory for the first time. Everything about the institution is substantially made, and in good style and order. The winter here, has, yet, been more like a spring than a winter. Last night it snowed six inches, but it is melting away fast."

**DIED FROM HIS INJURIES.**—Brother Thos. R. Cutler, writing from Lehi, on the 6th inst., says:

"Editor Deseret News:—A gloom has been cast over us by the death of our esteemed friend and fellow citizen, Bro. Wm. R. S. Willis, on the 3rd inst., who met with a serious accident at the number mill, in American Fork canyon, two weeks previous to his death, by which one of his legs was broken. His funeral took place yesterday, and was attended with military honors. The citizens of this place, together with a few from Pleasant Grove, numbering altogether six hundred, and fifty-five horses, followed his remains to their last resting place. Bro. Willis was a man universally esteemed, and we sincerely condole with his bereaved family."

**THEATRE.**—To-night, "The Ice Witch" again holds the boards, and those who have not seen it should do so, while a great many who saw it on Monday, we are satisfied, will go again. The piece is replete with excitement in addition to the scenic effects and beautiful tableaux; the terrific combat between Harold of the Sea (Mr. McKee) and the mighty chief, Gashkoff of the Hills (Mr. Thorne) forming an immensely thrilling feature. By the way, during the progress of this combat, on the last performance, and before it was over, Mr. Thorne's sword accidentally broke in three or four places, which brought it to an abrupt termination.

Turn out, all who wish a rich treat, and secure your tickets early in order to get good seats, and go and enjoy yourselves. The farce is played first and Mr. Graham plays the part of "Loyd."

**THE ASTRONOMICAL LECTURE.**—The seventh of the University series of lectures on astronomy was delivered in the Tabernacle last evening by Elder Orson Pratt, at the usual hour, but owing, probably, to the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was not so large as usual. The audience listened with great attention to the lecturer's lucid description of the primary planets of our solar system.

We should regret to see any falling off in interest in these lectures, which have been prepared with the greatest care, and are couched in the simplest language possible, so that they may be understood by the unscientific; they will amply repay both young and old for the time spent in attending them; and we hope to see the Tabernacle crowded during the remainder of the course. From what the Professor said last night, respecting the character of the future lectures, they will increase in interest, especially the closing one, for the correct understanding of which those preceding it should be attended.

**THE THIRTEENTH WARD CONCERT.**—The concert at the Thirteenth Ward last night was well attended, and was very successful, reflecting the greatest credit on Mr. Spiring, the conductor. The pieces on the programme were finely sung by ladies, gentlemen, and children, and the audience showed their appreciation by hearty and oft-repeated applause.

We learn from the Omaha Herald that the Union Pacific Railroad Company are now checking baggage through to this city. Hereafter it had to be re-checked at Ogden for this city.

**DIED:**  
At St. Joseph, Mo., of inflammation, on the 2nd of January, 1917, Mrs. Josephine, born at Pleasant Grove, the 24th of September, 1833. Survived 83 years, please copy.

Two French officers who were on a parole in the German front-line, recently made their escape from that fortress and fled to the French lines, but were recaptured a few weeks after, ward, fighting in the North. They were taken back to Coblenz, convicted by a court-martial, and shot the same day.

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