

**THEATRICAL.**—There has been an excellent selection of plays produced in the past few weeks, which were played in superior style. The latest production is a grand magical, fairy, spectacular drama, rich in fun and frolic, with side splitting comedy and laughable burlesquing, entitled "The Elves, or the Marble Bride," which with good playing, splendid dresses, fine effects, choruses, solo and ballet dancing, and beautiful scenery, has delighted large audiences during Christmas week. "The Elves" was played on Tuesday night preceded by the "Cricket on the Hearth;" and on Thursday night with "Time Tries All." It will be presented again to-night, the new drama here of "Temptation, or the Irish Emigrant" leading on the bills. "Temptation" has of itself been attraction strong enough in other places to keep possession of the boards for a lengthened time, and should please our theatre-goers here very much.

The "Irish Emigrant," on Saturday evening, was very satisfactorily played to a good house. Mr. Dunbar is always at home in Irish characters, and his rendition of O'Bryan was excellent. Mr. McKenzie played Bobalink in his usual careful manner. Mrs. De Witt Waugh made a very good Polly; Sterling was well represented by Mr. Lindsay; Granite by Mr. Hardie; Travers and William by Messrs. Graham and Maiben; and Mrs. M. G. Clawson and Miss Colebrook rendered Mrs. Grimgriskin and Mary Travers very well.

Mrs. L. Careless, who is fast becoming a very popular songstress, was encored in singing "May Lyle." She responded with the "Cottage in a Dell," which was prettily executed and well received.

"The Elves" followed, and was again excellently received.

**RECEIVED.**—The December number of The American Farmer, which closes the volume for 1886, with index complete. A new volume commences with the January number for 1887, and how is a good time for those who wish a good Agricultural and Horticultural journal to subscribe. We notice that special pains are taken to secure correspondence from all parts of our country, which makes it invaluable to the agriculturalist. Price only \$1.00 a year. Address, John Turner, Rochester, N. Y.

**PROBATE COURT, SANPETE CO.**—The Probate Court for Sanpete County held its December term, commencing on the 3d ult., Judge George Peacock presiding. The Grand Jury, W. I. Seely, Esq., foreman, in their Report, expressed their approbation of the manner in which the records, books and papers of the County and Probate Courts, for Sanpete County, were kept, but declared that the assessors and collectors were delinquent in the discharge of their duties, and recommended that the proper authorities should enforce a speedy settlement of their accounts. The docket was light, there being a couple of civil cases, and an indictment for larceny against John J. Briggs, who was found guilty by the petit jury, and fined in \$200 with costs.

**DRUNKS.**—A number of individuals with bibulous propensities had to be taken charge of by the police, during the past week, and were introduced to Alderman Clinton, who administered good counsel and equitable fines, when the "extra lively" left to have "another go," or indulge in more penitential feelings.

**FACTS ARE STUBBORN THINGS.**—Of course they are; and they very often bother certain parties here who have made themselves notorious in their enmity against the people of this Territory. It must be galling, after taking the most shrewd and cunning step which the extra prominent among them could think of, to make it appear that there was a crusade instituted against all "gentiles" here, as such, and that trading with all such had been denounced simply because they were not "Mormons," to find respectable "gentiles," so called, express themselves in the following manner. "We are grateful for the kindness with which we have been received here; we heartily thank the people of this community for their very liberal patronage." The words we extract from the column advertisement of Messrs. Ross and Barratt, in the News; and we will pit such a testimony from honorable men not "Mormons" against any amount of secretly circulated or published slanders, emanating from a back room where plans to secure contracts are concocted, no matter who is made to suffer or lose by them, so that old foxes can have a good pull at the public pap.

**THE WEEKLY TIMES,** San Francisco, is on our table for exchange, with which we cheerfully comply. It is an eight page paper, larger than the N. Y. Times since its recent enlargement, and in paper, type and workmanship is highly commendable. Of its tone and matter we can speak more advisedly after longer acquaintance, as only two numbers have as yet reached us. There is of late a screw loose either in some post offices or the mail carrying between here and San Francisco. Will not the proper persons see that the present irregularities are corrected as speedily as possible?

**CHRISTMAS.**—That "Christmas comes but once a year" is a piece of information which is supposed to be known by Santa Claus and everybody else. This present season, there was a very general disposition to enjoy the holiday time, which was manifested in a variety of ways. General hilarity, various parties through the city, on or about Christmas evening, and a crowded house at the Theatre, were some of the evidences that the holiday season was being enjoyed by the general public. We noticed Captain John Eardly's brass band out on a serenading excursion, making glad the hearts of lovers of good music. This band has progressed with very commendable rapidity; but the members have worked to reach their present proficiency.

**COMPLETED.**—The aqueduct in North Temple Street has been completed in a substantial manner, and the waters of City Creek course quietly down it in a tame and gently gurgling style. The work is a credit to the city, and the early date of its completion speaks well for the energy of Supervisor Sheets, and the prompt liberality of the citizens who donated to increase the appropriation of the Legislative Assembly. Those unsightly and gaping holes, which disfigured North Temple Street and made traveling on it neither safe nor pleasant, having been filled up, and the surface made level on either side of the aqueduct, we may look for pleasant promenades there in the balmy air of summerevenings in the future. And there will be no dread of lots being washed away when spring floods make the now quiet stream turbulent and boisterous.

**BURGLAR SHOT.**—On Thursday night, shortly before 12 o'clock, Mr. Charles Crow, firm of Seegmiller and Crow, saddlers on East Temple St., was lying in his store, one of his workmen being with him, when he was awakened from a dozing condition by a noise in the building, and heard some person walking through the front part, evidently carrying some article of saddle, from the sound of straps trailing along the floor. He could not see who the burglar was, the night being very dark and no light in the store, but a form of some kind barred the passage of the street door, which had been opened by the burglar, when Mr. Crow fired and hit the thief, who dropped. Mr. Crow immediately went to the City Hall, reported the circumstance to the police, and gave himself into custody. The burglar was carried to the City Hall, with a saddle which he was carrying off when so suddenly stopped. He was then known to be "Dutch Charley" a character more notorious than respected, whose thieving proclivities had made him well known to the members of the police force. "Charley" lived until about 4 a.m. He was attended by Dr. Ormsby, whose professional services were called for, gave his name as Charles Burs, from Zurich, Switzerland, expressed sorrow for the act he was committing when shot, and did not wish his friends to know how he came by his death. His antecedents in the mining regions pointed such an end in some place. An inquest was held on Friday morning, and a verdict returned in accordance with the facts, upon which Mr. Crow was discharged.

**THE LEGISLATURE.**—The honorable members of the Legislative Assembly are busily engaged in the discharge of their duties, getting through them without any of that unseemly wrangling which characterizes too many such bodies in other portions of the earth. The result is, that business is expedited, and the public interests are furthered without time being needlessly wasted. The gentleman have the satisfaction of knowing that their labors are appreciated by their constituents.

**THE WEATHER.**—This present season will rank among the most curious experienced here since the settlement of the Territory. The weather keeps mild, frost of more rare occurrence than is usually the case when spring warmth wakens the early foliage to new life; and instead of snow covering the ground, inviting to merry sleigh rides, we have rain, rain, rain, until everything out of doors bears evidence of continued washings. The skating pond, constructed in the 8th Ward square by order of the City Council, partaking of the general humidity, perversely refuses to become ice, and skates are rubbed and laid by for use next summer, if we should happen to be favored with a "friz" then.

**ADVERTISEMENTS.**—We call attention to the new advertisements in our columns to-day. Eldredge & Clawson have further reduced prices, and invite an increased trade. James Needham, of the firm of Bourne & Needham, announces his intention of leaving for New York, in February, to purchase on commission. Ross & Barratt advertise a most extensive stock of goods to be sold at the very lowest prices. H. Dinwoodey offers everything in the furniture line, of best quality at reasonable rates. And H. Newmark & Co., of Los Angeles, wholesale grocers, announce their business.

**BURGLARY.**—The boot and shoe store of E. B. Tripp & Co. was entered on Thursday night, by some thief or thieves, and boots to the value of \$148 00 were stolen therefrom, with some shoes.

**SHOT.**—John T. Geary shot himself, on Monday morning, in the 11th Ward. He went out to fire at a mark, and while a boy was putting up a board for him to shoot at, his pistol was discharged by some means, the ball passing through his body. He was living at last report, but not expected to survive.

**WANTED.**—Walker Bro's want fifty thousand bushels of grain.

## NEWS ITEMS.

At the seminary of the Osma (Spain) was a cabinet containing an electrical apparatus and a pneumatic apparatus, which formed the subject of the teaching of a lay professor. On a recent visit of the bishop of this seminary the prelate expressed astonishment that physical sciences engaged attention. He caused all the apparatus to be removed, and sent away the professor, remarking that such teachings was "opposed to religious principles and prejudicial to youth."

**LETTERS** have been received from the colony that sailed from Maine in August for a settlement at Jaffa—ancient Joppa—in the Holy Land. They had a good passage of forty-two days; landed October 4th, the Turkish Government favoring the project by allowing them to land their merchandise free of duty. The colony consists of 156 men, women and children. They have carried their church, school house, sawmill, store, etc., and have a charming site for their settlement.

**THE bridge** on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad is one of the largest in the world, being about thirty-five hundred feet long. It is exceeded in length by the Victoria Bridge, at Montreal, which is two miles long, by the Great Bridge across the Potomac, at Washington, and by the bridge across the Delaware, at Trenton, New Jersey.

**THE Progres de l'Oise** gives an account of a new steam carriage for the traction of boats on rivers and canals, which has just been tried at Compeigne. It is a steam carriage of 12-horse power, calculated for driving on ordinary roads. It was stationed on the towing path, and manœuvred well with two heavy barges in tow, neither impeded by the windings of the river, which in this part are very frequent, nor by the inequalities of the path. By this means barges, which spend at present a month on the voyage from the north to Paris, will be able to accomplish it in ten days.

**THE Bishop of Orleans, Monseigneur Dupanloup,** has issued a remarkable pastoral letter. He says that the time spoken of in the Scriptures, in which there should be wars and rumors of wars, and earthquakes and famines, appears to have arrived. He denounces with great energy the impiety which prevails and the atheistical teachings of many writers: "War on God and on religion becomes fiercer every day. Atheism marches with the head erect. In this respect the eighteenth century is far exceeded." As Fenelon predicted the great revolution, so he anticipates the "gravest calamities" before the end of this century. "What is preparing in Europe is frightful to contemplate, I shall, perhaps, not see it, but I announce it." The letter will certainly create sensation on account of the high position which the Bishop occupies in the church (he is unquestionably the foremost ecclesiastic of the day in France), of his literary renown and his high political character.

It has been definitely settled that a large delegation from the Northwestern tribes of Indians are to be sent as a contribution from the United States to the Exposition at Paris. The Indian Bureau and Colonel Rowland, Commissioner of the Northwestern States and Territories, have extended every facility in their collection to Mr. Henry C. Jarrett, who will make the management of the party. The party will consist of thirty-eight men, eight squaws and six children, and will carry with them their war and agricultural implements, and will form the only contribution from the inland States to the tenth group within the limits of the exposition. They will leave New York about the 10th of March. The Imperial Commission has made the most urgent request, through Commissioner General Beckwith, to our government, that there should be such a representation of our aborigines. [—N. Y. Herald.]

**CHICAGO, Dec. 6.**—The lake tunnel was formally opened to-day. The ceremonies were not very impressive, but everything passed off pleasantly. Four large parties, composed of members of the city government, railroad officials, and a number of prominent citizens, on invitation of the Board of Public Works, participated in the ceremonies. Two of the parties went by tug to the crib, returning by the tunnel, the other two taking the contrary route. The first of the shore parties, headed by Major Rice, on reaching the shore and crib ends of the tunnel halted and the Mayor, after a few words expressing the interest the city had taken in the enterprise, placed, together with three copper coins, the last stone in the cavity left for its reception. The stone is of white marble, and bears the following inscription: "Closed up Dec. 6, 1866."

**THE distress** from which nearly 10,000 persons resident at Deptford, Greenwich, and in the vicinity of Poplar and Millwall suffer, owing to want of employment, has as yet been only partially alleviated. It is stated that steps are being taken to make the state of the poor people known to the Queen with a view to enlist the support and sympathy of her Majesty in their cause. The local clergy of all denominations have behaved in a most praiseworthy manner towards the sufferers, and on Sunday collections were made in the following places of worship:—St. John's Church, Blackheath; St. Michael's Deptford; Christ Church, Deptford; St. James's Church, New Cross-road; St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Greenwich; the Baptist Chapel, Lee road; the Primitive Methodist Chapel, Lee; and the Parish Church, Lee. Contracts have been made by the visiting committee for the supply of bread, meat, and coals, and it has also been arranged that the poor children of those who cannot pay for their school attendance should be allowed 2d. per week for that purpose. Contribution lists have been sent to the different firms in the locality, as also to the employees of the arsenal and dockyard at Woolwich, from whom substantial assistance is anticipated. Public meetings in aid of the sufferers are announced to be held at Lee, Lewisham, Eltham, and other localities. [—Reynolds's Newspaper.]

**THE severest snow storm** known in that region occurred at San Francisco on the night of Dec. 18, doing much damage to awnings, shade trees, wharfs, and vessels in the harbor. It was feared there would be a report of extensive marine disasters.

**(LATER.)**—San Francisco, Dec. 20th. —The storm, which subsided almost totally last night, set in again with renewed violence towards morning and has continued unabated all day, the rain pouring down nearly all the time. The ferry steamers have been compelled to nearly suspend trips on account of the force of the wind, which shifts about constantly from southeast to southwest and back, blowing from no single point long. The operator at Point Loh reports the bar rougher than he has seen it for years, and no vessels are seen entering or arriving. We hear here for running into ports south seems to be protection, and the storm the coast and equally violent all along the coast. Business into the interior is suspended in the city. [—Sac. Union.]

**AN earthquake shock** occurred here about 3 o'clock a.m., Dec. 18, which was observed by a very large number of our citizens considering the hour at which it occurred. The night was one of the most boisterous—so far as wind and rain are concerned—ever experienced in the city. On this account, probably, many were awake who generally slumber most soundly at 3 o'clock in the morning. In some instances persons were rolled partially over in their beds—in others, bedsteads and other articles of furniture were jolted suddenly from the floor. In some instances the crockeryware was set to rattling and clocks were stopped. We have heard of no instances of walls or even plastering being cracked. Those who felt and noted the shock differ as to the exact time according to the variance of their watches and clocks. They also differ as to the vibration—all coming, however, in this particular, within three hundred and sixty degrees of each other. From telegraphic intelligence received it appears that the shock was felt at San Francisco and many other towns in the State. [—Sacramento Union.]