

DESERT EVENING NEWS.

Friday, April 17, 1898.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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THEATRICAL.—Last night "The Deal Boatman" and "The Jacobite" were very well performed, the characters being rendered with much fidelity, though there was a little "haling" in the second act of "The Deal Boatman."

To-morrow evening the exciting and sensational drama "Paul a Dhole," of the plot and nature of which we gave a description on Wednesday, will be repeated. It should draw a good house, for it is one of the strongest attractions presented for some time. It will be preceded by a most amusing one-act piece, entitled "Dunduckette's Picnic, or On and Off," which will give a laughable opening to the evening's performance. The tableaux in the drama are good, the closing one being very fine.

HAIL-Y.—Yesterday, last night, and this morning, heavy storm-clouds have "swung" around the valley from the Lake, and showered down deposits of hail in no stinted quantities. Inquiries are numerous when this cold spell will cease. Very likely when it exhausts itself.

INFORMATION WANTED.—FANNY HORSLEY, inquires after her brother, Richard Mills, a native of England, whom she has not heard from for four years. Any information concerning him she will thankfully receive. Address her at Desert City, Millard County, Utah.

FROM SANPETE.—We have been favored by Bro. Geo. Brown, with the following items from Springtown, Sanpete, under date the 15th: "Brother Larsen leaves this morning with stock and other means, donated by the good folks of Springtown, for the gathering of the poor Indians. Our fair grain looks remarkable well. Not much spring grain has been put in yet. No grasshoppers have so far made their appearance, and the major part of the people have faith that we shall be blessed with a bountiful harvest. Great anxiety is manifested by the subscribers of the Desert News for its arrival every mail. The Post Office is crowded as soon as the mail is opened."

ON FIRE.—Yesterday afternoon a huge pillar of smoke arising from the prairie west, betokened the existence of fire among the reeds or rushes or dry grass in that direction. After dark the flames were visible over quite an extent of prairie, and about ten o'clock blazed up with wonderful brilliancy, illuminating the heavens to a wide extent.

THE INDIAN PEACE COMMISSION.—Under the head of "Distinguished Arrivals," the Omaha Herald, of the 2nd inst., chronicles the arrival in that city, on the previous evening, of General Sherman, General Sheridan, General Harney, General Terry, General Forsyth, General Sanborn, Colonel Tappan, Colonel Crosby, Colonel McCoy, A. S. H. White, H. S. Turner, and Charles S. Graves, of the United States Peace Commission; also James J. Tracy, Superintendent of Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, Jack Rowland, reporter for Harper's Weekly, and George B. Willis, reporter for the St. Louis Democrat. Such an array of names on a Peace Commission, ought to impress the belligerently inclined Indians with a due sense of the consideration of the "Great Father" at Washington and the importance of the "talk" proposed to be held on the expected forthcoming Council. They were to meet the Indians on the 7th, so that we should begin to hear something of their proceedings soon.

By later dates we learn that the Commission were at Cheyenne on Sunday, the 5th. Sheridan made a little speech, and then crossed for Red Cloud, but Red Cloud did not put in an appearance. No says one of our exchanges.

SALT IN UTAH.—Many speculations have been entertained concerning the origin of the salt in this Territory, and of Great Salt Lake. An idea has been entertained by some that the salt found in the Utah basin was exceedingly pure chloride of sodium. He had been informed by the superintendent of the Geological Survey accompanying the expedition, that it was his opinion that the salt almost always came from the decomposition of rhyolite rocks, and his discoveries had shown that rock dotted all over the basin. It was easily decomposed by the action of thermal springs, and being washed down, deposited the salt. There were thousands of acres of salt around them, and though it had been often dug to a depth of six or eight feet, its thickness was unknown. By analysis of this rock it was found to contain no magnesium or boracic acid, but only chloride of sodium.

After other matters were considered, "Dr. Stout returned to the origin of the salt in Utah, and said that he had observed, in analyzing volcanic rocks, that potash and soda were liberated by decomposition. The quantity of these substances so liberated by volcanic rocks in that country must be immense, and it was not unlikely that this supplied the bulk of the salt found on this continent.

Dr. Cooper said that the most important evidence that no great salt sea ever existed in Utah was that no marine fossils were found there. Had any great sea filled the Utah Valley at the time of the tertiary period, or more recently, marine fossils would have been found there. But, on the contrary, fresh water fossils had been discovered, and fresh water shells were found on the upper part of the Snake river and elsewhere, showing that large bodies of fresh water had existed there, but no salt water.

COULDOCK'S "RICHELIEU."—During the engagement of the Coulocks here, "Richelieu" was performed, and considerable contrariety of opinion existed concerning his impersonation of the great Cardinal. We append the criticism of the San Francisco Times, one of the leading papers of the west, on his appearance in the same character, at the Metropolitan, in that City, on the evening of the 6th inst.: "Mr. C. W. Coulock made his initial appearance at this theatre last evening, in the title role of Richelieu, before a fashionable and enthusiastic audience. Mr. Coulock belongs to that shining order of histrionic lights that seem to be fast becoming extinct to the modern stage. While stars are bewilderingly multiplying in number, their brilliancy is of a degree that is less and less striking. Mr. Coulock's conception and portrayal of the character of the wily Cardinal were distinguished for the subtlety and power of true genius. The course scene, in the fourth act, was invested with thrilling effectiveness, and justly evoked a very demonstrative call before the curtain. With the single exception of being a trifle overweighed in her interview with the "Cardinal," in the third act, Miss Coulock afforded a very satisfactory impersonation of "Julie." The cast generally left but little to be desired."

OBITUARY.—We have received from Springtown, Sanpete, the following obituary of Bro. Justin, who

was killed by Indians, on the Snake river, near the Rocky Ford, on the 6th inst., while he was accompanying Bro. Olsen to a meeting. Bro. Justin was born in Sweden, and came to this country in 1852. He left his native country the same year to gather with the Saints, and arrived in the valley Sept. 30, 1852. He has left a large family to mourn his departure. He was a very kind and sympathetic man, who all felt to sympathize with the bereaved family. A very large concourse followed his remains to its final resting place. Bro. Justin, soon after his arrival in the valley, repaired to Sanpete, and has since that time made it his home; he was a faithful Latter-day Saint, and one whose study was to build up the Kingdom of God upon the earth. He was a good citizen, respected by all good men who knew him.

We are again under obligations to Major Strain, of San Francisco, the New Dealer per-conducter of the Pacific Coast, for a batch of illustrated weeklies and monthlies. Among them are Harper's Weekly, Harper's Bazar—the new paper published by the Harper's, and more of a ladies' paper than their Weekly, Godey, Merrimack, Country Corner, and others.

Special Notices.

A good pen is a blessing to every one who has to write much. We recommend all such to read the card of A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York, and try Simpson's scientific pens and ink-retaining holder.

Merchants and business men going east will do themselves a favor by taking note of the card of Hulin & Cornwall, Manufacturing Stationers of New York.

An Indian known by the name of Bruneau Jim, was recently killed by some white fiends near Boise City, because he protected two squaws whom they were trying to outrage.

A negro in Tennessee, while climbing a tree, missed his footing and fell a distance of twenty-five feet on a solid rock; but as he came down head foremost, he escaped without a bruise; but the rock was severely fractured.

A new athlete of extraordinary strength has made his appearance at the Holborn Theatre, London. He makes a full swing upon the trapeze, holding by the rope only by his teeth, and hanging by his feet, head downwards, he swings three men, depending on the strength of his wrists.

A charming German girl has come all the way from Fatheland to hunt up a lover whom she last heard from at Appomattox with Grant. She broke the head of a scamp who attempted to impose upon her innocence, and is now in Richmond, after all her dangers and troubles, earning her living as a seamstress, and anxiously advertising for the lost bridegroom.

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