

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

PRESIDENT AND PARTY.—A dispatch per Deseret Telegraph line, received this afternoon, says the President arrived at Cove Creek at 2:30 p. m., yesterday; he stayed all night and left for Beaver at 8:15 this morning. He stays at Beaver to-night.

THE THEATRE.—Remember the Theatre to-morrow night. The great play of "Damon and Pythias" will be presented; Mr. Lyne, as Damon, Mr. McKenzies as Pythias, Mrs. Kiskadden, Calanthe.

It will be followed by a screaming farce.

ANNUAL EXHIBITION.—Bro. Daniel Graves, of Provo, writes that the annual exhibition of the Deseret Agricultural and Manufacturing Society will take place on the 30th inst., and last proximo.

BIG GRAPE VINE.—Provo is asserting its superiority as a grape growing district. A letter received from D. Graves, Esq., of that place, says that on Sunday last, the President, several members of his party, and others, visited his vineyard to inspect his famous seedling grape, the "Hyde's Eliza." Some of those present, who had been in California and Australia, said it was the largest vine they had seen; and when recently and early ripening are considered it was pronounced the best for this Territory. Its proprietor thinks that Dixie cannot beat it, and others will most likely be of the same opinion after reading the following:

"The vine is six years old, covers 1,000 square feet, has from 400 to 500 pounds of grapes hanging upon it, nearly all ripe, and many pounds have been already gathered off it."

In response to an invitation, Mr. Graves has forwarded a small box of the fruit for exhibition at the New England State Fair.

THOROUGH-BRED SHEEP.—The Omaha Herald, of the 30th ult., says the finest flock of thorough-bred sheep ever seen in the West arrived in that city the evening before, en route for the Pacific Coast. The flock consisted of the "Coltswoold" breed, and consisted of forty-four bucks and twenty-one ewes, owned by John Peter Saxe, of Troy, N. Y., brother of Col. G. Saxe, the famous poet. A portion of the sheep were bred in England, one in Canada West, and the remainder in Kentucky. The ewes were yearlings and two-year olds, and weighed from 150 to 250 pounds each in weight. The bucks were from one to two years old, weighing from 225 to 350 pounds each. They are all grass fed sheep, never having been grained at all. They shear from twelve to eighteen pounds to the head, the wool being from five to eight inches in length, and of the finest texture.

California is evidently bent on raising some fine sheep and wool; and seeing that woolen mills are now being erected in various localities in Utah, it would pay if her farmers and stock-raisers were to import several flocks like the above.

OBITUARY PORTENT.—We often receive, at this season of the year especially, notices of deaths, to which are appended several verses describing the virtues, beauties and excellencies of the departed, which the writers also want inserted. We invariably insert obituary notices as forwarded, unless of an inordinate length; but good reasons compel us to decline inserting the poetry so often accompanying. We have no doubt that it would gratify the feelings of parents to see a few verses appended to the notice of a child's death, but the fact is that obituary rhyme, as a general thing is so thoroughly destitute of merit as poetry, that its insertion in a newspaper is out of the question. Some of the contributors in this line seem to think that all that is necessary is to make their lines rhyme, and this once accomplished it is no matter how much common sense and the rules of prosody and grammar are violated. Productions of merit on such a grave subject, are not very interesting to the general reader, but the insertion of verses such as we often receive, with an earnest request from the writer for publication, would be utterly inexcusable.

BEE-KEEPERS, ATTENTION!—We had a call, this morning, from a young man by the name of George Engle, of the firm of Engle & Brother, Stony Creek, Washtenaw County, Michigan, who has just arrived in this city. He is a scientific bee tender, and thoroughly understands the business. He has been very successful in the business. He intends to leave here next Monday; but while he remains he will gladly give information respecting his method to any who will call upon him at the Townsend House; he would also like to dispense of a right for his system and hive.

As bee culture is growing here, and, just now, is receiving a fair share of attention, parties interested in the subject might find it worth while to call upon Mr. Engle. We have no doubt they would receive some very useful information.

A MONSTER RATTLESNAKE.—The Sacramento Union, of the 30th ult., says: "J. P. Odbert, who resides about three miles from Sacramento, exhibited to us yesterday the tail of a rattlesnake composed of twenty-eight rattles and a button. The snake, which was seven feet long and five inches through, was shot by Odbert some time since at Salior's Bar on the American river."

The same paper says: "The strike of the printers closed yesterday, the Typographical Union having voted to suspend its rules indefinitely. Prices are reduced to sixty cents per 1,000 ems, and the members of the association are authorized to work for whom and with whomsoever they please. Employers have thus carried all their points."

Died.

In Richmond, Cache County, August 26th, 1870, Julian Riley, son of Justin and Eliza Maria Shepard, aged 11 months and 7 days. It was hard for his part with our dear one, and consign his fair form to the tomb; But death's chilly hand has passed o'er his form, The sweet treasure and light of our home.

But we know thou art gone, darling baby, To a home free from sorrow and pain, And that if we will only prove faithful, We'll meet thee in heaven again.

—ADV.

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