

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

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**THEATRICAL.**—"Macbeth" attracted a good house yesterday evening. Mr. McCullough's Macbeth satisfied the most critical taste and his conception of the part was in every particular correct and effective. Mr. Waldron's Macduff was also an excellent piece of acting. Miss Adams as Lady Macbeth acquitted herself of the difficult task in a very creditable manner. She exhibited a real and an intense, that clearly demonstrated how much she felt the responsibility of assuming so difficult a character. The chorus deserves more than a passing notice. We do not believe that the chorus have been better or more effectively sung on any stage in this country. The rest of the characters were respectively played.

To-night "Othello" will be repeated with a different cast. Mr. McCullough will play Iago and Mr. Waldron Othello. Madame Selzer will play Desdemona. There is a chance for comparison, and those who wish to be critical will have a splendid opportunity of expounding their wisdom and judgment. It will certainly be an interesting performance. The patrons of the drama will not soon have an opportunity of seeing Shakespeare's immortal creations performed in such excellent style, and we suppose the Management has embraced this opportunity to satisfy in every respect the lovers of the legitimate drama.

To-morrow evening a mighty change will come over the stage of the Theatre. Frankham's sparkling comedy, "Playing with Fire," will be produced, with an excellent cast. Mr. McCullough will appear in the eccentric role of Dr. Kays.

**THE FRONTIER PHOENIX.**—We are informed that the late *Index* will start again in the course of a few weeks at Ogden. A much larger and better establishment has been purchased in New York, and is now "on wheels" enroute to the future home in the Great Salt Lake Valley. The place manifested by the Freeman Brothers is commendable and worthy of liberal support. Its new style will read *Phoenix* instead of *Index*.

**BOOK-KEEPING.**—There is a class of people around who seem to have been adapted by nature for book-keepers. This reflection was induced by a circumstance that lately came under our notice. A friend of ours loaned a valuable book to a person some five years ago, and a short time since he had a dilapidated article returned to him, purporting to be the same book. If however it was the same, the owner failed to recognize it; it certainly looks as if it had "seen better days," and is but a tattered "shadow of its former self." The fewer there are of such book-keepers, the better.

**MEANDRICANCY.**—One of the surest signs of the inauguration of an advanced state of "civilization" in Utah is the fact of there being an occasional instance of meandricancy or professional begging in our midst, an instance of which we heard of yesterday—a strong able-bodied transient, with solemn tone and serious face, soliciting alms and assistance. The people of this state believe that to bestow alms upon persons able to work, is a sure way to make a community of beggars, and the encouragement of mendicancy forms no part of their creed. They rather believe in putting down pauperism by enabling all who are sound, physically to help themselves. On this occasion, instead of giving alms, as desired, work and pay for it, were offered and declined.

Our community, though one of the most benevolent in the world, is not to be imposed upon by vagrancy of this class. The really needy, whether Salt or stranger, may be sure of speedily finding substantial aid and sympathy if they but make known their wants in the proper quarter. But mendicancy has never yet been known among us. It is a phase of "civilization" to which we, as a people, are opposed, and it cannot flourish here. The absence of this feature in our society is one point upon which we have been justly proud, and however anxious some folks may be to see this and every other evidence of the most advanced state of "civilization" permanently installed on our soil, we shall not willingly begin to see a very poor man, and will soon gladly migrate to more promising fields of labor.

**CO-OPERATION SOUTH.**—By letter from Bro. James G. Bleak to President Geo. A. Smith, we learn that on the evening of the 22nd ult., a convention was held at St. George, at which the "Southern Utah Co-operative Mercantile Association" was formed. On the following day the Association elected President Erasmus Snow, and Jacob Gates, Robt. Gardner, John Nebeker, Franklin R. Woolley, Wm. Snow, Joseph Birch and W. H. Crawford, a Board of Directors. On the 24th ult. the President and Board of Directors met for the transaction of business to further the objects of the Society, when James G. Bleak was elected treasurer and secretary, F. B. Woolley, business agent, and Joseph Birch his assistant.

**RESUMPTION OF TRADE.**—Thos. Quinlan and Daniel Craton were fined respectively \$5 and costs for being drunk and endangering the peace. When last seen they were on their way to repair a mud hole.

John Shafer and John Jones, owing to a slight indisposition, placed themselves under the protection of the City, for which the former paid \$20 and the other \$10 to Alderman Clinton.

William Hayward having by frequent draughts imagined himself an officer of the peace, undertook to correct John Jones' morals by knocking him down, for which he paid the Alderman \$10.

**VACCINATION.**—The Gold Hill (Nevada) Evening News says there are no cases of small pox in that place; but the papers in Virginia say there are some cases in that city, and as there is a rolling low score in that loathsome disease may reach Gold Hill it advises all to protect themselves against contagion by getting vaccinated. It thinks it best to do so if the vaccine matter is from a healthy person.

**LEAVENWORTH.**—The printers on the Council Bluffs Nonpareil "struck" lately, because the editor sent in an item referring to the *Bulletin* strike, and expressing sympathy with the publicans. The men were promptly paid off and discharged.

**SEDARVILLE.**—From private correspondence received this morning, we learn that a new town has been laid off on the western range of the Fremont. The writer says: "We have gold, coal, silver, iron, clay, wood and immense agricultural resources; in fact there is nothing lacking to make our town a good and permanent institution. Beautiful meadows of farm and hay land surround us on every side. Splendid water in abundance, and plenty of fine timber growing almost within the boundaries of the city. Men are engaged in excavating the precious metal from the bowels of the earth, and everything around us denotes heavy commerce."

**DIED.**—This morning, of inflammation of the brain, at half past six o'clock, Frances, daughter of Theodore A. and Anna D. Smith, aged two years, three months and five days. The funeral will take place to-morrow at 1 o'clock, from the residence of Bro. J. S. Hemmaway, 4th Ward. Friends are respectfully invited to attend.

We sincerely sympathize with Brother and Sister Smith in this afflictive dispensation of Providence; but, while we feel to mourn with them over their great loss, we trust that they will enjoy the comforting influences of the Holy Spirit to the extent that they are able to feel that He, in whose hands are the issues of life and death, "doeth all things well."

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