THE EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, - - - - December 28, 1870.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—Last night Mr. and Miss Couldock appeared, as announced, in the domestic drama, "The Chimney Corner," and sustained their reputation as finished artists. Mr. Couldock is one of the greatest actors that ever graced the boards of any stage. In his specialties we believe he has no superior. His conceptions of the parts he enacts are so clear and his rendition so true to nature, that the observer entirely loses sight of the actor and only sees before him the individuality he represents. Such was his Peter Probity last night. During the rendering of the affecting parts of the play many of the audience could be observed surreptitiously wiping their eyes. He appeared the complete embodiment of the author's idea. The writer has seen the late Charles Kean in his favorite roles; has had the pleasure of witnessing the admirable personifications of Phelps, Anderson, Creswick and Dillon, all eminent in the dramatic profession, but, notwithstanding the precedence gained by these gentlemen, Couldock is as great in his line of characters as Kean was or the others named are in theirs. Author and actor stand in much the same relation to each other as do the theoretical philosopher and the practical man who utilizes and gives force to the ideas of the theorist. Mr. Couldock seems to fully appreciate this relationship in all his delineations, displaying not only a correct conception of the author's meaning, but a thorough knowledge of the human heart. Such portrayals of character, as manifested in his acting, are highly instructive, imparting deeply impressive moral lessons; showing that, when properly conducted, the drama can be made a medium for imparting useful lessons to every class. The acting of Miss Couldock is also life-like and true to nature. There is no straining for effect, her aim being in every look, word and guesture, to identify herself with the part she enacts.

At the close of the "Chimney Corner," Mr. and Miss Couldock were called before the curtain, when the former expressed his thanks for the kind reception they had received, in a few brief and appropriate remarks. We trust the Salt Lake public will show their appreciation of the high merits of the prince of actors by by filling the Theatre during his brief stay.

INFORMATION WANTED.—Jane Draper is anxious to hear from her brother, John W. Bryant, who emigrated to America in the ship *Columbia*, in the year 1856. He crossed the plains to Utah in Capt. Horn's train, in the year 1861. Any information of his whereabouts will be thankfully received by the above, at Herriman, Salt Lake county, Utah.

MEETING AT THE CITY HALL.—A meeting was held, according to appointment, on Monday evening, at the City Hall, of the Society for the importation, improvement and cultivation of stock, bees, &c. In consequence of the day being a holiday the attendance of members was not large, but the meeting was quite interesting. The report of the committee on horses was not given, the chairman being absent. An adjournment was made for two weeks from Monday night,—the 9th proxime, when a full attendance is desirable.

WEDDING CAKE.—We tender thanks for a rich wedding cake, sent by Mr. Alonzo E. Hyde and wife, (late Miss Annie E., daughter of Elder John Taylor) who were married by Elder Taylor, in this city on the 15th instant. We wish the happy pair every joy, and trust that their venture on the sea of matrimony may prove as pleasurable and prosperous as the cake so kindly forwarded is delicious.

A PLEASANT PARTY.—There was a very select party at the Fourteenth Ward Assembly rooms last night. We noticed among the guests President D. H. Wells, Elders W. Woodruff, Joseph F. Smith and Bishop Edward Hunter. One noticeable feature about this party was the early hour at which it convened—5 p. m.—and dismissed—between 12 and 1.

EXCOMMUNICATED.—

PROVO CITY, Utah Co.,
Dec. 24th 1870.

Editor Deseret News.—To-day, by unanimous vote of this class of the School of the Prophets, Dr. Don C. Roberts, charged with the crime of seduction, was cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A. F. MACDONALD, Secretary.

FARMINGTON, Dec. 26.

Fred E. Strong and Clarinda A. Strong, (daughter of John Walker of Farmington,) his wife, were on Dec. 25, cut off from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, for apostacy by denying the faith.

JOHN W. HESS, Bishop.

THE DESERET UNIVERSITY.—We were exceedingly gratified in attending the examination of the pupils at the Deseret University, commencing on Tuesday and ending on Friday afternoon of last week. We thought, before attending, that we were familiar with the range of study and the progress made by the students of that institution; but our visits thereon the several days of the examination dispelled that notion, and demonstrated that both were far beyond our expectations. The elocutionary exercises on Friday afternoon were especially interesting. There was no effort at display, the scholars merely going through their usual exercises. Some simple compositions then read evinced decided and considerable ability. Hood's "Bridge of Sighs" was recited by one young lady with a pathos and feeling which would have done no discredit to a professional elocutionist; and in this branch of the exercises the ladies seemed to especially excel. We think there was no visitor at the examination who was not delighted. It is the intention of Professor Benedict to give hereafter, every Friday afternoon, at whatever hour may be appointed by Professor Parke, a lecture on practical chemistry, to be illustrated with experiments. This will be a great addition to the studies already pursued in the College, and may be the means of developing from Rocky Mountain element genius as transcendant as that of Liebig or Davy. The heads of families in Salt Lake and neighboring cities have abundant cause to congratulate themselves in having an opportunity to send their children to an institution like this, whose corps of learned professors and skillful teachers it would be difficult to surpass. It is deserving of the warmest support of all classes of the people.

CONCERT TO-NIGHT.—We remind the public that Professor Gubman and his assistants will give a concert in the Thirteenth Ward Assembly Rooms to-night, which will commence at eight o'clock.

ENTERTAINMENT IN THE FIRST WARD.—"D. B." a correspondent in the First Ward sends a brief sketch of an entertainment given last night by the teachers and pupils of the First Ward Sunday School. The evening past very pleasantly to all present, the time being spent in songs, duets, glees, recitations, dialogues, instrumental music etc. This is good; music is a great refiner, and such entertainments amongst the rising generation, especially among the boys, will be found to have a far more elevating tendency than sheepskin leggings, mexican spurs, whisky, tobacco, dancing, and other things of that class that some have been inclined to indulge in; and we hope the Sunday School and other authorities of the various Wards will use their influence in extending, promoting and encouraging entertainments of this class amongst the young. The movement is progressing, it is a good one, and deserves encouragement.

PROVO.—Our correspondent "Mac," writing from Provo on the 24th says:

"A greeting was held in this stake of Zion yesterday and to-day, at which much good instruction was imparted. A committee was appointed to arrange for co-operative sheep and cattle herds in the county. President Smoot gave special instruction in regard to establishing good schools, hiring the best qualified teachers, and promoting education; also to improve our farming interests, by enclosing good pastures, and making meadows, of the open lands through the county; improving the stock and taking care of it; importing machinery instead of merchandise, encouraging home manufacture, and the production of many things here which we, still continue to send East for—beside much general good counsel to the priesthood.

A CHURCH FOR PRESCOTT.—Prescott, Arizona, has lots of heathen, both white and red, but no church. The San Francisco *Call* says that a Norwegian lady, named Cederholm, has undertaken to supply this disideratum, and has commenced her labors by soliciting donations for its erection, from the people of San Francisco. This is a somewhat severe commentary on the folks at Prescott; the "rocks" abound in that region of country, and if the people need a church badly one would think they would rather pay for it themselves than have recourse to pious mendicancy for the purpose. The people of San Francisco will be very likely to view the subject in this light, and Mrs. Cederholm may find the accomplishment of her self-imposed task a hard road to travel. If she lived in Utah, and her conscience were sufficiently elastic to permit her to lie easily, she might easily procure funds in the east for such a purpose. One who could lie quite as well as or better than he could preach has tried the experiment, and great were the spoils.

FOUND.—A Fur Cape. The owner can get it on application at this office.

REVELATIONS OF THE MOUNDS.—The origin of the aborigines of this continent remains a mystery, insoluble, to all the learned societies of the world, notwithstanding their research and study. The Book of Mormon gives a brief account of the origin and history of the people who colonized this continent ages before it was known to the whites. This account, though given by revelation from Heaven, is rejected universally by the religious world. But the revelations of the mounds are occasionally giving irrefragable confirmation to the testimony of the Book of Mormon, and if common sense could overcome prejudice, that book would be prized as a treasure, not by religionists merely, but by all ethnographical and other societies interested in paleontology.

An exchange refers to a discovery just made in Missouri as follows:

"It has long been known that the mound builders once made the site of St. Louis the theatre of their operations, and many interesting discoveries have from time to time been made. Last week another was added to the list. In East St. Louis workmen are engaged in leveling one of these mounds for a railroad track, and at a depth of thirty feet from the original surface of the mound, they struck a line of *cedar posts*, eight in number, standing erect, sixteen feet apart, in a straight line running north and south. The posts are each eight feet in length, and much decayed by time. Before coming to these posts, the men dug up bones and relics of the Indians in considerable quantities, showing that the posts had been covered by earth by those who built the mound, and that the race which succeeded used the elevation as a burying place before the coming of the whites."

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