DESERET EVENING NEWS.

Friday, ... April 16, 1869.

LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

THEATRICAL.—Last night a bumper house witnessed the performance of "Lucretia Borgia" and "Don Caesar de Bazan." The playing of Miss Western in each piece was equal to anything she has hitherto attempted during her engagement here, and fully sustained her reputation with the Salt Lake public.

The playing throughout, with the exception of a slight hitch in the first piece, was excellent and the entire performance, both for quality and quantity, has seldom or never been surpassed here.

At the close of the first piece, Miss Western and Mr. Herne, in answer to the calls of the audience, appeared before the curtain, and a "speech" being vociferously demanded, the gentleman briefly responded, thanking the public for the kind reception they had accorded to himself and Miss Western during their engagement, and expressing a hope that they might soon have the pleasure of again appearing before a Salt Lake audience.

To-night the ever popular play of "Arrah-Na-Pogue" will be presented, Miss Western, Mr. Herne, Miss Lockhare and the full strength of the company appearing.

This is positively the last appearance but one of Miss Western and Mr. Herne.

WHY SO.—The *Montana Post* states that "the Utah Delegate in Congress, Mr. Hooper, is, rather strangely, one of the most popular and influential delegates in Congress."

Opinions differ, but we see nothing strange in a gentleman of Mr. Hooper's calibre, backed up, as he is, by the unanimous vote of his constituents, being influential and popular even in Congress.

NOT HE.—It having been rumored through the city that the Mr. Palmer killed in the late accident on the U. P. R. R. at Green River, was Mr. A. B. Palmer, the well known blacksmith of this city, we are requested by his wife to state that such is not the case; the gentleman killed was a Mr. K. J. Palmer, a gentleman with whom we are not acquainted.

PROBATE COURT.—George Cook, who was found guilty last Saturday of stealing a span of horses and wagon from Riverdale, was this morning sentenced by his honor Judge Smith to two years hard labor in the penitentiary. The charge against the same prisoner for stealing from Judge Carter at Fort Bridger, fell through, no prosecutor putting in an appearance. The court adjourned until to-morrow at 10 a. m.

Particulars of the Death of Franklin B. Woolley.

The following account has been furnished by the St. George Office of the Deseret Telegraph Line to Bishop E. D. Woolley, in relation to the death of his son Elder F. B. Woolley: "Frank left Point of Rock Station on the Mojave river on the evening of the 17th of March. He rode all night in a rain storm and stopped at Fear's in Cajon Canon, thirty-four miles distant from where he started. He left there and went to San Bernardino, stayed there during the 19th, and on the 20th returned to Fear's and stopped about three hours. He then went to what is known as Dunlap's ranche, about eight miles east of the main traveled road, to look for his horses, intending, if he did not find them there, to return to his train and make other arrangements. He stayed all night in a hay stack, and is supposed to have started early the next morning with the intention of returning to his camp. He had gone about half a mile, when from the tracks, it is supposed he met about sixteen Indians, when he dismounted from his mule to parley with them. Failing to compromise with them, and seeing they intended to kill him, he turned and ran about twenty-five paces, when he fell, shot by arrows. Such is the supposition. The Indians then stripped him of everything and dragged him into a ravine about twenty-five steps distant and there left him. They then led the mule a short distance up the hill to a bush and stabbed it, where it was afterwards found dead. Frank's failing to return to either Fear's or Burton's stations, which were on his way back to his train, awakened alarm, and Mr. William Gregory, of Fear's, and Charles Gerrard, of Burton's station started out in search of him. There being a trail going to San Bernardino, which did not pass either of these stations, Gregory and Gerrard went to it and there discovered nine head of horses, belonging to Gerrard, killed and mutilated. The men hearing noises in the brush, and both being unarmed, started back, and, when about half way across the valley, they found Franklin's black whip, covered with blood. Gregory then started for San Bernardino for a party of men to hunt the body. Arriving at Fear's, he found a freighter named Aiken, who, with his teamsters and some other men of the station, went in search of Frank. Gregory proceeded to San Bernardino, but could raise only one man, named R. Mathews. Arriving at Fear's, he found Aiken had returned with Frank's remains, much mutilated, most of the flesh being gone from the bones. Aiken had conveyed them on a mule from where they were first discovered, and was just burying them as Gregory returned. This was on the 25th of March.

The morning that Frank left, the train divided, it having been so arranged with Frank. The light wagons started on, leaving E. D. Woolley, jun., with the rest of the train. They waited three days, and then started on the 20th, Frank having arranged, before he left, that they should proceed down the Mojave and he would overtake them. The train traveled three days to the foot of the Mojave. It was then thought best by the boys, as they were getting short of provisions and grain, for the train to go on and leave E. D. Jun., until Frank came up. If Frank did not come up in time they would wait until some wagons, expected from San Bernardino, arrived. The train started on the 24th. E. D. Woolley Jr., stopped there that day, waiting the arrival of the mail-carrier. The mail carrier reported finding a hat on the banks of the Mojave, but upon inquiry E. D. Jun., did not think it was Frank's. On the 25th he started back with some freight teams and found the missing horses near where they had been lost. Mounting one he reached Fear's and learned the particulars. He then took the body to San Bernardino, arriving there on the 27th. He obtained a zinc coffin and started for home, staying at Fear's the night of the 27th. Next morning Gerrard conveyed E. D. Jun., with the body until they overtook Aiken at Cottonwood on the 28th. Aiken then took the body about 30 miles to Woolley's wagon, E. D Jun., waited one day for a train which was coming through and reached St. George this morning.

FUNERAL OF J. V. LONG, ESQ.—The funeral obsequies of this gentleman took place at his residence at 10 o'clock this morning. There was a large number of his friends present, who evinced deep sympathy with the bereaved family. The assembly was addressed by Elders W. S. Godbe, S. W. Richards and Bishop E. D. Woolley. At half past eleven the procession left for the Cemetery.

AURORA BOREALIS.—Shortly after sunset last evening a very beautiful aurora borealis lighted the northern heavens. About eight o'clock it appeared most beautiful, shooting tremulous rays of various colored light far towards the zenith. These rays were of a sombre red, pink, cream color, white and many other shades, constantly changing their hues, form and appearance. Shortly after eight the colored tinges disappeared and columns of milk-white light took their place, these changing again to a subdued light over the northern horizon, which caused that part of the heavens to appear as though the moon would shortly rise from behind the mountains, the moon itself at that time being near the western horizon. These "northern lights," as they are familiarly called, generally portend stormy weather. Last night was clear and frosty, the water in some of the sects being slightly frozen this morning. To-day is very windy, cool and unpleasant, with indications of a storm, the barometer tending to "rain."

INDIAN TROUBLES ON THE PLAINS.—The Cheyenne *Argus* of the 8th inst., has the following:

"A dispatch was received at Fort D. A. Russell, yesterday, asking for reinforcements for Fort Fetterman, which Red Cloud demanded the surrender of. His warriors were in large force between Fetterman and Laramie. Several companies of cavalry were immediately sent to their assistance, but we did not learn under whose command. The paymaster has been on the road for two days and is in great danger.

It is rumored that an express wagon was attacked and five men were murdered between Fetterman and Laramie, which we hope is untrue."

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