

## LOCAL AND OTHER MATTERS.

**UNDER THE GASLIGHT.**—The performance of this piece last night was all that could be wished, and must have given satisfaction to all who beheld it. It was excellent throughout, and there is not the slightest exaggeration in saying that it was superior to any presentation of this piece made here before. The business of the piece was altered, and much improved in several points, and throughout the entire performance hearty applause was given by the spectators. The minstrels in the piece played several lively pieces and were applauded without stint. Miss Ward as "Peachblossom" was capital; she made more of it than any of her predecessors here, and clearly proved that in low comedy she has considerable ability. Her song was sung with spirit, and, after her performance, last evening, we have no hesitation in saying that in *soubrette* roles she will become very popular with the Salt Lake public.

Miss Eckhart played "Laura Courtland" in fine style; the combat between the "Sixth Ward Chicken" and "Peanuts" was excessively laughable; while "Byke" and "Judas" rendered themselves detestable by their excellent simulation of wickedness and hypocrisy.

Mr. Wheatleigh, as "Snorky," added to his reputation here by his performance last night. In this character there is not much chance for the display of great abilities, but in every part of his performance last evening there were touches evincing the master hand, and giving a finish and perfection to the performance that would be looked for in vain with any but a first-rate actor.

To-night the "Lottery of Life" will be repeated; the cast being the same as on Saturday evening.

**THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT.**—The case of the people vs. Thos. Brannigan and others charged with the murder of C. Russell came on this morning; the jury were not empaneled up to the time of going to press.

**TERRITORIAL TOWN SITE ACT.**—Our readers will notice on the last page of today's issue an Act, passed by the Legislature Assembly at its last session, entitled "Prescribing Rules and Regulations for the Execution of the Trust arising under an Act of Congress, entitled 'An Act for the relief of the Inhabitants of Cities and Towns upon the Public Lands.'"

**EXCITING.**—N. S. Ranshoff and I. Waters indulged in a little pugilistic exercise, yesterday afternoon, and were referred to Dr. Clinton as an arbitrator. Mr. Ranshoff used his "left hand," had he used his right, it is said it would have been a case for a grand and Petit Jury.

**BRIGHTON WARD.**—Elder Robert Hayon, writing from Brighton Ward, under date of the 22d inst., speaks flatteringly of the progress being made by the people in that locality. He states that land is plenty there, presenting ample opportunities for honest industry and enterprise to develop and spread itself. A co-operative store is doing business. We are glad to hear of and to report the progress made in many of the small settlements in the Territory which have failed to become, sooner or later, flourishing cities. Industry, honesty and enterprise will tell wherever they exist; however small may be the beginning of people who possess those qualities they will, with application, eventually bring them from obscurity to eminence, from poverty to wealth.

**FROM BEAR LAKE.**—Mr. J. C. Rich, E. N. Austin and Hugh McClellan from Rich Co., called to-day and report temporal and spiritual matters in the north in a flourishing condition—especially the grasshoppers, says "Saxey," are enjoying themselves in a very happy manner, judging by their attacks on the grain. Much damage has been done, but the trout and "suckers" keep safe from the ravages of the "hoppers" by laying in deep water. Po-co-tello, the renowned Indian warrior, whose reputation for honesty is almost as great as that of a Congressman, had paid a begging visit to the settlements without asking anything from the settlers: The definition of the word Po-co-tello, in English, literally, vended means "give-us-another-sack-of-flour-and-two-bees."

"Saxey" adds that the monster was seen a few days since at Swan Creek, which stream it undertook to ascend for spawning purposes, but was forced back into the lake by a remonstrance gotten up by the settlers on said stream.

**BIRTH.**—This morning, Mrs. Duncan McAllister of a son.

**NEW PERIODICAL.**—We find on our table this morning No 5 of Vol. 1 of *The Manufacturer and Builder*—an illustrated monthly of thirty-two large quarto pages, devoted to the practical interests of industrial progress; published by Western & Co., 37 Park Row, New York, at \$1.50 per annum, and at reduced rates to clubs.

A hasty glance through its pages satisfies us that it contains a large amount of valuable information that can be read with profit by all, but especially by mechanics, builders and manufacturers. The care which is bestowed upon its typography and illustrations gives evidence that taste, discrimination and scientific knowledge will be exercised in the selection of its contents. We cordially welcome it to our exchange list.

**THE WEATHER** for the past few days has been extraordinary for its latitude at this season of the year. The "oldest inhabitant" has no recollection of ever seeing before in the month of May such weather as we have had this week. We have had almost continuous rain since Sunday evening, not showers, with intervals of sunshine in the valley and storms in the mountains; but the skies have kept up an almost steady weeping. Yesterday the weather was chilling, and it was thought if the storm continued, we would probably have snow. But this morning the rain continued to pour down, reminding one of California in the rainy season. This afternoon the rain has ceased, the air begins to feel warm and balmy, and it is probable that we shall now have fine weather. Whatever may be the excess of water in the river and on the low lands, the upper and bench lands may have been benefited, and considerable wheat will ripen without further irrigation.

## Died:

On Monday, the 17th inst., in Kanabrah, Washington County, Utah, Maria James, wife of Rev. John J. Davies, and daughter of Henry and Martha Davies.

Sister Davies was born April 14th, 1833, in Carmarthenshire, South Wales. She embraced the gospel in January, 1853, and emigrated to Utah in 1854. She was firm and undying in her faith and integrity, she lived a true and saint, and was beloved and esteemed by all who knew her. She leaves a husband and six children to mourn her loss.—*Cons. Mill. Star* please copy.

## Correspondence.

LEHI, May 24, 1869.

**Editor Deseret News.**—Dear Sir,—Being a subscriber to your valuable paper, the *EVENING NEWS*, I thought I would write you a line about Lehi, to let you know how we are getting along.

The health of the people, as a general thing, is good. The brethren have got through the hurry of planting, and the prospect for good crops is very promising. Wheat, barley, etc., never looked better. We have no grasshoppers, thus far, to do any hurt, and if the prospect continues as favorable as at present, we shall have a good harvest; which will come very acceptable, after having our crops eaten by the hoppers, more or less, for the last two years. Our Co-operative store is running very well, and thus far, under the management of our Bishop, D. Evans, it has proved a decided success, and has been a blessing to the people.

About a week ago the Bishop and the Directors of our Co-operative Store purchased the store and goods of Brother Thomas Taylor, of this place also the goods of Brother Hammer, which leaves us with one store "The Lehi Union Exchange."

We are making active preparations for entering our lands immediately. On Saturday last Col. W. Chipman's regiment came out for drill and inspection of arms, on the parade ground east of our city. After inspection, we received some very good instructions from Bishops Evans, Harrington, McCullough, and Brown; also from Col. W. Chipman, and P. H. Alfred and Israel Evans, members of the Colonel's staff, upon the necessity of our being alive to our military duties, etc.

ANONYMOUS.

**SALT LAKE CITY, May 25, 1869.**  
**Editor Deseret Evening News.**—Dear Sir.—Some time ago I read an account in the News of an accident by running teams by Bro. Hale and others, of Grantsville, which I thought ought to be a lasting lesson to all who saw or heard of it, but (although not approving of such conduct in drivers) I have lately indulged therein myself. The circumstances I propose to write that some may profit by what others suffer if they will. Last Sunday evening I was driving down the State Road, with a light wagon, having with me three ladies. When just across the big slough I overtook a horse team with two men and two boys in the wagon. They were driving slowly along, and I being in a hurry, having a long distance to travel that night, turned to go past them, when the driver whipped up, and I fell in behind, and he again drove slow. I turned out again to go past, but again he whipped up, and I came in behind for the second time, when he reined up his team again.

Thus I tried several times to pass, and each time I fell behind he drove slower. Now, I hold it my duty never to take an offense until it is intended as such; but, becoming convinced that they were bent on imposing on me, I concluded to drive past, so I let my horses "out." I took the off side and they first turned to the left, and then suddenly turned short to the right, with the intention, as I thought, to turn me into the bank. I saw the move, and slackened a little, and suddenly turned to the left, and thus I gained the road, while they, running too near the bank, turned to the left too short and turned their wagon over bottom side up, throwing them out; more than that, the team turned over too, and thus became unable to run away.

I stopped as soon as I could to see if any of them were hurt, but seeing all of them get up, and my team being excited, I drove on. I trust the driver received a lasting lesson that will teach him to act more like a man in such matters in the future, and never again aggravate any one by tantalizing motions and gestures, even if he does have such an advantage as he then had. I know not who he was, but I hope neither men nor horses were hurt.

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