

freight by the Colorado route, and felt satisfied that important settlements would ere long be made along the banks of that, as yet, only partially explored river.

Attorney General Blair, by invitation of the chairman, followed the lecturer, with an excellent speech on the untold advantages of our connection with the Pacific by navigation, and at the conclusion of his remarks offered the subjoined resolution:

"That this meeting sustain Captains Trueworthy and Adams in their enterprise of opening the navigation of the Colorado river to Callville, and that we deprecate any attempts, such as have been represented here, to bar the navigation of that river to that company or any other association, designed to thereby prevent the free intercourse of the citizens of Utah with the Pacific coast."

The resolution was carried by unanimous vote.

The Hon. Chairman made a few appropriate remarks, during which he stated that he was somewhat familiar with the mercantile operations of this city, and he was rejoiced to see enterprising gentlemen engaging in such laudable undertakings as the one spoken of by Mr. Adams. Prophetic powers were not particularly necessary, he thought, to enable business men to see that, should the navigation of the Colorado prove a present failure, the "Iron Horse" would soon be moving across the plains, which would doubtless add greatly to the comfort and convenience of all citizens on the Pacific slope.

THEATRICAL:—The performance announced for Saturday evening was postponed until Monday evening, in consequence of the tragic event that filled the nation with mourning and brought its Chief Magistrate to the grave by the hand of a wicked assassin. On Monday night the proscenium and proscenium boxes in the Theatre were draped with the emblems of mourning, and a feeling of gloomy sadness seemed to rest upon the audience during the greater part of the evening.

Old Phil's Birthday went smoothly and was well played throughout. It is a fine little drama, with good incidents, language and moral. Mr. H. B. Clawson's Phil was very successful, and he was admirably sustained by the rest of the cast.

The Forty Thieves we looked upon as a great success. Once or twice the machinery worked a little slowly; but all who have been accustomed to see spectacular pieces put on the stage never look for anything else on a first performance. The scenery, machinery, arrangements, costumes and appointments excel anything we have ever had placed on our boards here before. The characters throughout acquitted themselves admirably. The choruses and songs were well executed; the dancing was neat and attractive; and the robber scenes very effective. The closing tableau is beautiful and gorgeous. In other cities where we have been, if put on the stage in the same style as it is here, it would be played nightly for months. Here it would not fail to draw large audiences during a longer period than the brief remainder of the season, if the Management were to keep it on the bills.

As to-day is set apart for general mourning throughout the city, the late lamented President being to be interred, there will be no performance this evening. To-morrow evening *The Lear of Cripplegate* and *The Forty Thieves* will be presented. Saturday night, we notice, is the close of the Spring Season.

THE NEW MAP.—Mr. Johnson, who introduced a few weeks ago, the best Map of the States and Territories ever offered to the people of this country, succeeded in obtaining near one hundred subscribers for the same in this city at \$20 each, payable in Greenbacks at the time of delivery.

Before leaving for the West he appointed Mr. George Goddard, of Great Salt Lake City, his sole Agent and Canvasser, who is now receiving orders for the same map, and at the same price.

Heads of families, school teachers and others now have a chance to procure a map with the latest boundary lines of the territories, distances from principal cities, last census, heights of mountains, lengths of rivers, geological, meteorological, zoological and botanical maps, all of which are neatly delineated on this large map of the United States and Territories.

We understand it is the intention of Mr. Goddard, while traveling through the city and territory, to exhibit a specimen map, and give every one an opportunity of subscribing.

BOUNTIFUL.—By referring to last week's NEWS, br. P. G. Sessions will see that "A Visitor" furnished an account of the very commendable and satisfactory examination of the 12th District School, (br. Daniel Wood's), the notice of which precludes br. Sessions' communication upon the same subject, otherwise it would have gladly been given room.

PROBATE COURT.—The argument on the motion in arrest of judgment, in the case of the people vs. Rosenbaum, came off on Monday. At the close of the argument, the Judge announced that he would hold the matter under advisement till next Saturday week.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT is about to make a very considerable reduction in its war expenditure. The budget for 1865 shows a decrease of twenty-four and a half millions of roubles (£4,000,000) in the army estimates, and four and a half millions of roubles (£900,000) in the navy estimates, as compared with those for 1864.

HOME ITEMS.

SABBATH MEETINGS.—Elder Wilford Woodruff preached a highly instructive and truly edifying discourse upon the uncertainty of human life, the present mournful condition of our country, occasioned by the assassination of our Chief Magistrate, and the fearful state of feeling that must exist with those who plotted as well as those who carried out the murderous scheme.

AFTERNOON.

Elder F. D. Richards addressed the congregation upon the privileges and comforts enjoyed by American citizens, and stated that if they did not realize their blessings while at home, when that portion of them who were Elders in this Church went abroad on missions to the despotic nations of the Old World, they were made to understand the importance of American citizenship.

Elder George Q. Cannon followed upon the same subject, and also reviewed the once unhappy sadness that prevailed in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, consequent upon the perpetration of a like wicked but more dastardly act of cruel murder done in cold blood.

PUBLIC LECTURE.—Last Friday evening Mr. Samuel Adams, who recently came up the Colorado river with Captain Trueworthy, delivered a lecture in the 14th Ward Meeting House, the subject of discourse being the feasibility of bringing merchandize to this Territory by the way of the Colorado.

The Hon. Elias Smith was called to the chair, and briefly introduced the lecturer to the audience.

Mr. Adams prefaced his address by regretting the unavoidable absence of Captain Trueworthy who, through severe indisposition, was not able to be present. He was fully persuaded that all doubts in regard to the successful navigation of that river were now dispelled. The lecturer gave his opinion relative to the probable cost of