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## **Century- Old Echoes**

**from The Sentinel  
files, 1857**

(Being a perusal of The SENTINEL'S columns of ten decades ago—which few current California publications can offer).

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Theatrical entertainment was spasmodic a hundred years ago.

Santa Cruzans saw their "shows" in halls or converted ballrooms.

The following story from the Sentinel of October 3, 1857, reveals the situation here entertainment-wise in that long gone day:

**"Theater.**—Our citizens have been highly entertained during the last few evenings. A theatrical troupe under the proprietorship of Mr. Graves, closed their engagement last evening.

"Their engagement, though short, was tolerably successful; but they did not receive that patronage they deserved. The managers have displayed a good judgment in the selection of their plays, and deserve much credit for the fine manner in which they were placed upon the stage.

"We have not time or space to notice each member of the company individually, but it is sufficient to say that they can not fail to draw good houses wheresoever they may sojourn."

**Stabbing.**—We learn from the "State Journal" that a man by the name of McLaughlin, said to be a stable-keeper of this city, was arrested on Sunday evening, charged with stabbing a man named Jas. Perry.

"A difficulty arose between them concerning a personal matter, and was followed by a blow from McLaughlin with a knife. Perry is seriously wounded and is not expected to survive."

### **A PLUG FOR CHARLEY**

"We are authorized to say that Charley Williams has received another supply of Ned McGowan's books.

"They are going out like hot-cakes."

Anthony & Williams, local merchants, carried an attractive ad (for that day) in which they note they had just received a large stock of new stoves, "among which are some beautiful patterns of Parlor and Box stoves: Parlor stoves large enough for any room in town—from thirteen to fifteen dollars."

**Scotts Valley**