

UNION, OREGON.

Died in the Saddle.

At the ranch of William Dixon, the well known Coconino farmer, a singular instance of sudden death occurred.

Alvin Plummer, overseer of the road district that embraces that locality, was coming to the city to transact some business with the board of supervisors.

Mr. Plummer thought that something was wrong with the man, but concluded that he had attack of bleeding at the nose.

Mr. Plummer drove into the field and over to where the horse and his immovable rider were, and found that Mr. Dixon was really dead.

Charged with Painting a Man Red.

Frank Gratton, a painter, was charged before Justice Kavanagh at Long Island City, L. I., with throwing a pot of paint over the head and face of Nicholas Redline, completely spoiling the latter's personal appearance for the time being.

Redline ordered him down, and to hasten the painter's movements he pulled at the foot of the ladder with a hoe.

German Leaving Russia.

According to our Odessa correspondent upwards of ten thousand German families of the colonial agriculturist class have, during the last two years, emigrated from southern Russia to America.

Novel Application of the Camera.

A graphic history of the new library building at Washington is being prepared. At regular intervals, from the top of the building, occupied by the superintendent architect and his force of draftsmen, a camera is turned upon the work, which at present consists only of a great hole dug out in the square east of the Capitol grounds.

Heated Mausoleums.

An innovation which will doubtless give rise to a considerable amount of discussion is that of heating mausoleums. Those of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany at Potsdam, and of his father-in-law, the late prince consort, at Windsor, are both being fitted with an elaborate system of radiators and steampipes.

The money spent for fetes, carriage hire, printing and "indemnities," at the Hotel de Villa in Paris is said to be just five times that of the days of the empire. The number of sinecures has been nearly trebled to find places for friends of the higher officers.

The oldest proposition made for a long time is that of a man at Big Sandy Gap, in the widest part of Kentucky. A railroad is building in that country and one Peter Kidd offers \$500 cash for the privilege of covering the first engine and cars that get into that place with a canvas for twenty-four hours and of charging twenty-five cents admission to the mountaineers and their families for entering the tent.

THE NEWLY WED.

A Pullman Porter Tells How He Spots Them—Evils of the Rice Habit.

It is a Pullman porter, who is talking to an attentive scribe.

"Hardly a week goes by," says the porter, "that I don't see a bridal couple just starting out on their honeymoon. I don't exactly know how I can tell them, but they are as plainly marked to my eyes as if they had the words 'bride' and 'groom' stamped in big letters on their foreheads.

"What's the test? Well, I'll tell you. Not many weeks ago a couple got into my car and sat down very quietly in their arm chairs as if they had been used to it all their lives.

"So Bill got his tests and started through the car. He handed books to everybody, and when he came to the suspected party he took out of his pile two little books, and said, so nearly everybody could hear him: 'Very useful books, sir; hints on housekeeping and hints to newly married people. Only 25 cents.'

"That did it. The girl got up as red as a rose and the man blushed and said a weak sort of 'N-n-n-o.' Then they looked at each other and sort of snickered, and I caught him full in the eyes and smiled a sweet smile, giving him a respectful wink at the same time.

"There are plenty of other giveaways by which I can spot a bride and a groom, and they are safe generally as the test. One day a couple came in the car—which, by the way was jam full—and the moment they entered it was plain as day that they were newly wedded.

"The custom of throwing rice after a bridal couple always makes it unpleasant for the party, as lots of rice is almost sure to stick to their clothes, hats and in their hair.

"I heard the other day that a prominent clergyman recently lost a call to a leading church because when preaching a sermon as a candidate he pronounced a single word incorrectly.

Correct Pronunciation.

"Oh, doctor, that was a lovely sermon you preached this morning," said a lady recently to her pastor in a large New England town, "but if you will pardon me for mentioning it, its effect was very much impaired by a little slip in pronunciation; you placed the accent on the second syllable of the word 'obligatory' instead of on the first."

There was dust on his back and grime of two weeks' standing behind his ears, and as he stood on a corner, yesterday, he was heard to remark that he was from Lansing.

"What is the fare from Lansing to Detroit?" queried a dudish looking bystander, looking waggishly at an acquaintance.

"I dunno," was the reply. "Don't know!" echoed his questioner, incredulously.

"Young man," returned the tramp, impressively, "when I want to go to a place by rail I get quietly on the train, and when it gets there I step off again, without asking any blooming foul questions."—Detroit Free Press.

"Bolton told me he had borrowed some money from you. I was surprised, because I never heard you say anything about it."

"No; I still hope to get it back."

The Cost of New York's Homes.

New York is not a city of homes except for the favored few. These must be able to invest from \$30,000 to \$100,000 in that "home" and spend from \$10,000 to \$25,000 a year to keep up the establishment.

Fancy a man in Philadelphia or Pittsburgh investing such a sum in such a lot five or six miles from his business. I asked a contractor about the matter. He tells me that almost any lot on the west side of Central park will cost \$10,000 excavated, and desirable ones from \$15,000 up.

An Innocent Man Twelve Years in Prison.

The governor has granted a pardon to A. P. Gipson, who was sent from Shasta county in May, 1878, to San Quentin prison to serve a life sentence. The crime of which he was convicted was the murder of a stockman named Schroeder, who bore an unenviable reputation in the community.

The man whom Governor Waterman pardoned was evidently the victim of a deep conspiracy. The petition for his pardon was one of the strongest ever presented to the chief executive.

Let Well Alone.

An odd story comes from Indiana. In boring for natural gas the drillers, at a depth of 250 feet, are said to have struck an immense vein of water, which was cased off.

The Meanest of Incendiaries.

"I cannot understand," said a well known Philadelphian, "what would induce a man, however depraved, to set fire to any property belonging to Mr. George W. Childs, whose reputation for generosity is world wide.

At the Homestead steel works, Pittsburgh, there is about to be placed one of the largest Corliss engines in the world, with a horizontal cylinder 54 by 72 inches. The fly wheel will weigh 200,000 pounds.

A few days ago a dog rushing into a Boston restaurant stirred up a terrible excitement, some of the kitchen employes jumping from the windows, while all the guests mounted the tables and the proprietor chased the animal with a chair.

The royal burg museum, which is in the Nuremberg castle, built, it is claimed, nearly 900 years ago by the Emperor Conrad II, is to be sold at auction.

THE FIRST PARTING.

"Come, Eva, kiss mamma good night, and go with nurse to bed. What, tears? for shame! a moment since you would be good, you said; You're quite too big a girl now to sleep in baby's place.

The mother in the morning came, in longing, anxious mood; With throbbing heart and dewy eyes beside the bed she stood. Where Eva still slept soundly, her arms embracing light.

He Couldn't Eat the Soup.

An elderly gentleman in a restaurant having been served with a plate of soup he had ordered, said to the waiter: "Look here, I can't eat this soup."

A Perfect Man.

Several years ago an artist of Dresden persuaded a locksmith there to give up his trade and become an artists' model. It was a good thing for the locksmith, who is now the famous "muscle man of Dresden, whose magnificently developed body makes him probably the most renowned model in the world.

Silver Deadhead Ticket.

Probably the most unique railroad pass issued this year is that of the Silverton Railroad company of Colorado. It is a thin silver plate, about the size and shape of passes in general use.

Floating Hospitals.

A novel idea is the fitting up of a steamer in England as a "sea going hospital." This is for the benefit of the deep sea fishermen, who are subject to sickness and accidents, and often have to endure great suffering before they can be taken ashore for treatment.

The Iron Crown.

The iron crown of Lombardy consists of a broad circle composed of six equal plates of beaten gold, joined together by close hinges of the same metal. Within is the iron band which gives it a name.

A Clincher.

A letter was dropped into the letter box at the Auburn postoffice recently, bound for Boston, with the stamp fastened on with a pin. It was pushed through the stamp near the right side, thence through the envelope and its contents to the back side, and back again to the front.

They Were Little Girls.

Master Burrill was an old time teacher in the town of Fairfield. A writer in The Somerset Reporter says that he used to punish naughty whispering girls by "bearding them"—that is rubbing his unshaven chin with a week's stubble on it down their pretty cheeks.

Brayton Ives, the well known financier and society man, is a bibliophile. This may not seem to be an expensive pursuit, but Mr. Ives manages to spend a good deal of money upon it.

The Smallest of Twins.

Mrs. Charles Orton, wife of the cough drop man, who is known by nearly every person in the two cities, gave birth a few days ago to two of the smallest babies that there is any authentic record of.

The principal wife of the shah of Persia, who is suffering from cataract in one of her eyes, has reached Vienna and submitted to an operation, whereby it is hoped she will be able to view all the more clearly, on her return to Teheran.

Use Both Hands.

Recently, from my close attention in many years' capacity at the circuit court, I have been suffering from partial or incipient paralysis of the right hand, or what is otherwise known as pen paralysis, the result, of course, of constant writing with that hand.

The Shah's Principal Wife.

The question of the future of the overhead wire system depends so much on the possibility of perfect insulating that the discovery of a material possessing high insulating properties will be one of the utmost value.

Insulating Compounds.

Some time ago the teacher of a Riverside (Cal.) school instructed her class how to act in case of emergencies, such as drowning, gunshot accidents, etc.

A Five Pound Mountain Trout.

Some years ago the Cold Spring brook, that flows from the Pleasant Valley hills between Bath and Hammondsport and empties into Lake Kenka at this place, was stocked with California mountain trout.

Japanese Oranges.

Japanese oranges are different from our ideal of an orange as they can well be, separating from the peel almost as easily as a grape, dividing into sections at the slightest pull, each section like a separate fruit, dissolving its piece into your mouth with flavor of cherries, leaving no pulp behind.

In a blacksmith's shop at Audlem, England, a robin has built a nest on a ledge close to where the horses are shod, and is now sitting upon its eggs.

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Ferdinand J. Droer, of Philadelphia, has presented to the Historical Society of Pennsylvania a collection of 9,000 autograph letters and reliquary curios.

Flocks of wild pigeons have reappeared at Kingston, Ont., after many years' absence.