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READ opening chapter of "Clarence," by Bret Harte, in next week's MAIL.

ONE great trouble with the country is found in the fact that very few of the people are trying to get wealth in the old fashioned manner.

The home production of beet sugar will be a powerful ally for cane sugar in this country. It will also be something of that nature in the American farmer's bank account.

A GALLANT California judge has decreed that "a wife can be compelled to support her husband by labor." It is an undoubted fact that multitudes of wives do that without any order of courts.

IGNATIUS Donnelly claims that if he had been nominated for president instead of Mr. Bryan, President McKinley would have been defeated. Ignatius needs no nerve tonic. There is no perceptible need for a brace for that "tired feeling."

IN THE light of the teachings of revealed religion, what death could be at once more touching and beautiful than that of the Oakland, Calif., widow who last Sunday breathed her last in church, on her knees, and in the very act of prayer?

It is a notable fact, although multitudes fail to note it, that an immense amount of gold will be carried into the Klondike, as well as out of it. It would be interesting if a correct balance could be struck between the amounts going in and out.

AS YOUNG Edison has succeeded in photographing a thought, it is quite probable that someone will turn this new invention on Mayor Pennoyer of Portland and ascertain precisely what that gentleman thinks of Harvey Scott and the Oregonian.

KLONDIKE is no farther north than the inhabited portion of Norway and Sweden. It is the fact that everything up that way is practically in the crude condition which nature left it that makes the going a trip possessed of hardships and privations.

A PENNSYLVANIA man sold his wife for \$3. In New York City Hannah Robinson got \$25 for her husband, John. However, this need not be taken by the new woman as establishing the market value of the respective life partners—some are cheaper than those mentioned.

THE United States has paid out \$2,500,000 in the last seven years to protect seal in return for which Uncle Sam has only received \$70,000. If that is to be the condition of the future the sooner Congressman Johnson's proposition to kill the seal off is adopted the better.

THE New Years edition of the Oregonian was truly a beauty and full of much information that was of direct benefit to its readers all over the land. It was especially of interest and profit to Portland, as it pictured that city as the post of supply purchase for the Klondike country.

CHINA is the most ancient empire in the world and contains one fifth of the human race. Because of the fact that her people will not become enlightened and up-to-date there is little hope of the great em-

pire holding its possessions against the several nations which are now taking on war attitudes in the east.

As a Christmas surprise the Goulds raised the wages of all their railroad employes. As a New Year's "incident" the New England cotton mill owners cut the pay of all their workmen and workwomen. Where would a fellow be required to go to dig up a basis of argument on either side of the above named directly opposite incidents?

THE MAIL today starts volume ten. Five of these mile posts have been turned by the present publisher—and the paper is still independent—and with a circulation of 1920 papers even up. Our friends are the kind a fellow needs to have on his side at all times, while the enemies we have made are those for whom we don't give a darn, and in this respect honors are even up.

THE managers of the entertainment given last Friday night requested that the ladies remove their "head-gear" in order to permit others to see the performers. This was done and it is remarkable, the cloud of obstruction that was removed from before those sitting in the rear of the hall. Since this little hint has been brought out among ourselves, here at home, how nice it would be if this would become a habit at all public gatherings, for very often the ostrich tails at theaters offer to the majority but little more advantage than is received by the small boy who pays nothing and sits under the window outside and listens.

What Keswick is Like.

In Shasta County, Calif., is the mining town of Keswick, and in Keswick are the smelters for the great English copper mine. Keswick is the Butte City of California, and the Butte City of Montana is accorded the distinction of being the morgue of the world—because of the unhealthy atmosphere—made so by the smoke from the smelter. A correspondent to the Yreka Journal thus describes the big smelters and the town:

"The Iron Mountain Mining Company have three big smelters here, employing 800 men in the mine and 600 men at the smelters, on the railroad, in the woods, and in the yards, all being paid monthly. The company piles up hundreds of cords of wood, in long winrows, and places on top of same at one time one hundred thousand tons of ore, just as it comes out of the mine. Then thousands of gallons of coal oil poured over the ore, is allowed to soak through and into the wood, when the whole is ignited. It burns for two or three months, or as long as there is any sulphur left in the ore. It bubbles and spitters like a big pot boiling, giving off a bluish smoke, strongly impregnated with sulphur and arsenic. When the sulphur is all burnt out of the ore, the slag is taken to the furnaces, where the copper, gold, lead and silver is separated from the rock. This combination of metals is called the mat, and is shipped to New Jersey to be refined. Four carloads per day are shipped, valued at twelve thousand dollars per car. For this transportation the Southern Pacific Company is paid \$1200 and there is gold enough in the ore to pay for all expenses, which run very close to \$100,000 per month.

"The smoke from the smelters and roasting processes clings to the earth, and destroys all the vegetation for a radius of a mile, while it damages vegetation for five miles. Even here in Redding you notice the pine trees look yellow. As you approach the smelters it is more noticeable, then suddenly you notice all the vegetation is dead. Not a blade of grass or green twig is to be seen in the town of Keswick; no flowers in the yards, no lawn, no plants in the windows; no birds, rabbits or squirrels to be seen—there is nothing for them to live on. I noticed rosy-cheeked children, pretty girls and hearty men, and I met hollow cheeked men, who said their lungs were not strong enough to stand the smoke. I was told chickens could not live there, but the falsity of the statement was proven, for the chickens are there in evidence, crow just as loud at four o'clock in the morning as they do in other towns, and none of them died at the hotel where we stayed."

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PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES.

May Spink and Mary Walker entered the sixth grade Monday.

Class leaders in seventh grade are Maggie Gittins and Olive Hart.

Miss Ruth Peter, of Jacksonville, was among the visitors during the past month.

Addie Skoeters returned to the sixth grade this week, after an absence of several weeks.

The north primary enjoyed a visit to Mrs. Peter's room during their Christmas exercises.

The pupils of the fourth grade commenced the study of elementary geography with the new year.

Almost all of the fifth grade are ready to work again after the vacation. They have begun the study of North America.

The pupils of the second grade are sorry to lose Bonnie Marksberry, who has moved to Good Hill with her parents.

Several new pictures have been placed in the different rooms by the teachers in charge. These are instructive as well as ornamental.

The little people of the south primary were greatly pleased to see so many parents and friends present at their Christmas exercises. They hope to be more proficient in their entertaining by the time we are so pleasantly surprised again.

The pupils of the public school are very much opposed to the action of some of their number who take fruit, etc., from the display boxes in front of the stores. Such actions are considered to be stealing, and if it is not stopped some arrests will follow.

Visitors: Messdames J. H. Whitman, J. S. Hager, W. Ulrich, H. Rich, sergeant, M. C. Kellogg, M. Manie, L. Schull, G. H. Haskins, S. S. Pentz, A. E. Jordan, J. G. Taylor, Butler, J. C. Smith, W. H. Barr, Vanina, L. F. Roome, E. Fisher, Rhodes, Misses Lucy Hitch, Helene Mitchell, Emma Wilson, Emma Coleman, May Pilgpe, L. Miller, G. Johnston, Chas. Mickey, Cora Kozlitz, M. Gay, B. McPherson, Wiley, and Messrs. J. S. Hager, Otto Orvati, W. D. Belleman, J. Wiley, W. Nicholson, S. S. Pentz, Prof. Davis, Prof. Floy, Rev. A. S. Foster, J. H. Whitman, E. P. Hammond, E. Rhodes, H. H. Hollingsworth, J. O'Conder, W. K. Davis, Ed. Forsythe, A. McPherson, Gavitt and L. B. Warner.

Death of Miss Stewart.

Died—At the family residence in Southwest Medford, on Friday, Dec. 31, 1897, Junie Isabella Stewart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Stewart, aged twenty-one years, six months and twenty-four days.

This sad event has cast a gloom over this entire community where Miss Junie has been loved and favorably known. She was born in Quincy, Ill., and came with her parents to Oregon in September 1885, where she was the light and joy of the beautiful home of her fond parents. She was a member of the first graduating class of the Medford high school. She was a lover of music, and would have graduated from the San Jose musical conservatory, where she had spent one year, had she not been called away. Possessed of a remarkably quiet dignity and firm christian character, she greatly impressed all of her young associates, and gave a charm which brightened the walks of society in which she moved. "To know her was to love her." During the autumn she took a great interest in her father's large fruit business, and perhaps over worked both mind and body, bringing on the typhoid fever, which challenged the science of the best physicians, and she passed through the "Golden Gate" just as the morning sunbeams shone upon her face. Her hope in Christ was expressed in these lines she sang just before she passed away:

"I know that my Redeemer lives, And has prepared a place for me." Funeral services were held at the family residence, Sunday afternoon and were very largely attended. She was a member of the Baptist Church, and the pastor, Rev. Geo. N. Annes, conducted the services. The Ladies' Quartet, of Medford, sang very sweetly several hymns appropriate for the occasions. "Go to thy rest fair maid! Live to thy dreamland bed, While yet so gentle, unfeared, With flowers on thy head." "Fresh roses in thy hand, Buds on thy pillow laid, Hasten from this dark and dreary land, Where flowers so quickly fade." "Ere sin hath seared thy breast, Or sorrow waked the tears, Rise to thy throne of chancel rest, In yon celestial sphere!" —G. N. A.

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A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING.

John Fox was, on Wednesday, appointed collector of customs for the district of Oregon.

A man with four hearts has been discovered in St. Louis. As long as he hasn't given them to as many women, he may still be comfortable.

Klondike has one advantage over Illinois, the climate is not changeable.—Illinois paper. It isn't, eh? About 300 below zero in winter and 150 above in summer.

It appears from a recent report that the fools who try to "break the bank" at Monte Carlo contributed last year \$7,700,000 to that great gambling institution's coffers.

The women of Kansas still continue to hold the balance of power in securing all the lucrative offices in the state. This is equal suffrage for women, with a surplus in the treasury thrown in.

The recently completed elevator in New York, known as the Great Northern, has a storage capacity of 3,000,000 bushels. It is the largest in the world. The bins are cylindrical and built of steel.

Since Queen Victoria ascended the throne there have been over 500 of the £3 donations which her majesty usually bestows on mothers of living triplets who are in poor or indigent circumstances.

One of the stations of the railway which is to be built from the Red sea to the top of Mount Sinai will be on the spot where it is supposed Moses stood when he received the two tablets of the law from Jehovah.

A Maryland man accused of kissing a pretty girl, went to the trouble and expense of proving an alibi. He should be fined twice, once for making such a defense, even if innocent; and a second time for not being guilty.

"A man never feels thoroughly at home at a house until he can smoke in the parlor," says an exchange. About the time a fellow feels like that the lady of the manor usually wishes it was his home he was in and not hers.

A young lady who received a proposal of marriage in a letter, and was requested to answer by wire, and was told that ten words would cost 25 cents, the same as one, wrote on the message blank, "yes," ten times.

Southern California will market 12,000 cars of oranges this winter, about one-half of which will go east over the Santa Fe and the other half over the Southern Pacific, and it is estimated that in five years orange shippers will be two to three times as large.

A prominent capitalist who was recently offered for \$75,000 an interest in a Klondike scheme warranted to pay \$100,000 a month from the start, responded with this message: "Pay for it out of the first month's earnings. Send the surplus at once." The negotiation failed to go through.

According to the press reports, W. H. Kent, a Brooklyn lawyer, lived by robbing his clients. He seems to belong to the same class as the man who some time ago wrote from the east to Portland inquiring what sort of an opening there was in Portland for a lawyer to practice a little law and a good deal of fraud.

The Chino Champion reports that the beet sugar factory at that place paid for beets during the season just closed \$420,000. The number of net tons of beets worked up was 98,142, 94,000 barrels of petroleum and 1,400 tons of coke were used for fuel. 9,000 tons of burned lime and 10,500 tons of lime rock were used. 8,000 gallons of lubricants were required to keep the machinery running smoothly. For next year's campaign about 11,400 acres of beets will be grown.

Durrant has made the following request: First, that the rope used to hang him shall be destroyed immediately after his death, that no person can say that he holds a piece of it as a memento; second, that none of the spectators shall be allowed to gaze upon his features after he is executed; third, that no autopsy shall be held after death and that no physician be allowed to examine his body; fourth, that after he is pronounced dead his remains shall be delivered to his parents as soon as possible.

The Oregon Agriculturalist says: "About \$10,000 have gone east from Portland within the past month to pay for eggs. It is probable that \$25,000 will not cover the whole cost of eastern eggs imported into Oregon and Washington during the month of October. It is unfortunate that we are sending away so much money that ought to be distributed at home. It is not because of a lack of hens in this country that we are importing so many eggs. There are hens enough, but we have not learned how to induce them to lay a sufficient number of eggs at this season for home use."

Will Probably Hang Today.

Durrant's chances for escape from the gallows today have materially lessened during the past few days. In the United States circuit court Wednesday Judges Morrow and De Haven rendered their decision in the Durrant case, submitted Tuesday. They denied the application for a writ of habeas corpus, and also refused to grant Durrant's attorney leave to appeal from this decision. An appeal has been made to Governor Budd to either commute the sentence or grant a reprieve. Chief Justice Beatty, of the supreme court, who dissented from decisions of his colleagues against Durrant, visited the governor Tuesday, but the result of the conference is not known.

Doings of the Circuit Court.

Joseph G. Barden and W. H. Wade vs. H. C. Dollarhide et al.; confirmation of sheriff's sale; sale confirmed. H. C. Allen, trustee, vs. Hydraulic Mining Co., et al.; plaintiff given until January 6 to take further depositions. J. H. Lane vs. Harriette Ellison; foreclosure of mortgage; judgment for plaintiff for \$170.50 and \$25 attorney fees and mortgaged premises to be sold.

Beauty, Utility and Value

Are happily combined in Hood's Sarcaparilla Coupon Calendar for 1898. The lovely child's head in an embossed gold frame, surrounded by sprays of flowers in mosaic, the harmonious pad in blue with clear figures, and the coupons by means of which many valuable books and other articles may be obtained, make up the most desirable calendar we have ever seen. The first coupon article is Hood's Practical Cook's Book, a handsome, useful volume of 350 pages. Ask your druggist for Hood's Coupon Calendar, or send 6 cents in stamps for one to C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.

In Memory of W. W. Stanfield.

Wasley W. Stanfield was born in the state of Ohio, Oct. 5, 1829, and died in Medford, Oregon, Dec. 15, 1897, aged sixty-eight years, two months and ten days. He was married Feb. 24, 1850, in New Buffalo, Mich., to Louisa C. Barnes. Nine children were born to them, four of whom are living—one son in Waverly, Kansas, and one in Missouri, and two daughters who reside in Medford with their mother. The oldest daughter, Mrs. Minnie Deu Vaul, died in Medford less than one year ago, leaving her little daughter, Edith, to be cared for by the loving grandparents. Little wonder that those remaining are disheartened and sad, as successive bereavements out their home taking from them their dear and loving father and sister.

In the year 1861 Mr. Stanfield enlisted in the war, first as a private in the 14th Iowa Infantry. He was afterwards promoted to captain and fought like many a brave soldier in many hard contested fields, showing his devotion to his country and the old flag in the siege of Shiloh, Fort Donelson and Pittsburg. He was discharged from duty at the close of the war, returning to his home and family then living at Des Moines, Iowa. On leaving there the family went to Afton where Mr. Stanfield practiced law for a number of years. After disposing of his property and settling up his business, he, his wife and four youngest children journeyed to California, stopping in San Francisco for a short time. From here they went to Victoria by water and in 1883 settled at Seattle, Wash. On meeting with reverses and losses there they came to Oregon in hopes of bettering their conditions, and they have resided in Southern Oregon ever since.

"I'm off agin, on agin, gone agin— to Walters, of course. Groceries?—Yes."

—Legal blanks at THE MAIL office.

WANTED 10 CARLOAD OF HORSES... For particulars write to Wm. Goodfellow, Fort Wayne, Ind. 18 and 20, Holman St. Image of a horse.

Stove Wood Is "Better than Gold" just now, and we have purchased a line of the famous... Simond's Saws We have four grades—"Crescent," #1, "Hoo-Hoo," #2, "Tacoma," #3 and "Webfoot," #4, per foot. They are all made expressly for us and bear our name. Every blade warranted. We have the best Axes the world can produce—also a complete line of General Hardware, Stoves and Tinware... BOYDEN & NICHOLSON The HARDWARE MEN...

Just Arrived Two new lines of ladies' up-to-date button and lace, Goodyear welt and... DRESS BOOTS Heliotrope and black silk brocade tops. Also a special line at \$1.75 per pair low and spring heel, coin and square toes, light and heavy weight. Beautiful Christmas presents... Tayler, The Foot Fitter

JUST TELL THEM THAT YOU SAW THE RAMONA PURE FOOD PRODUCTS ON OUR SHELVES. DON'T Think because we are not talking loud that we have no goods to sell—just come in and see if we don't treat you white, and give you 100 cents in value for every dollar you invest... Yours for Business Davis & Gilkey

Christmas Goods Just as regular as the month of December rolls around just as regular do we fill our shelving and counters with Holiday Goods... Our stock comprises Candies, Nuts, Cigars, Smokers' Sets and Toys for the little ones—and Christmas Trees to hang them on... Parker & Higgins, MEDFORD, OREGON