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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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CREATION OF CATS AND MICE.

An Italian Legend Involving St. Francis de Paula and the Devil.

I send you a translation I have made of an Italian legend of how the cat was created, written by Antonio de Nino. Many are the proverbs about cats in the Abruzzi.

St. Francis de Paula performed so many miracles that the devil was made ill with envy. Once he entered the cell of St. Francis in the shape of a grand nobleman with a box full of heavy gold pieces. "Here, Francis," said he, "take these, don't remain in this miserable hovel, enjoy life; it is strewn with roses, why do you collect all the thorns?" St. Francis, without much ado, raised his hand and made the sign of the cross, whereupon the fine gentleman disappeared amid clouds of sulphur smoke. Another time the devil led lovely damsels, barefooted and lightly clothed, into the cell of the saint, and then queens and empresses of glorious beauty, covered with jewels and wrapped in mantles of gold tissue. But St. Francis stood there like a log of wood, and at last made the sign of the cross, when everything disappeared. The devil was furious. "I must find some way to make this stolid fellow lose patience."

After much thought he rubbed his hands with delight. He created mice, and they multiplied by thousands in the wink of an eye. The cell of St. Francis was filled by them, and he tried in vain to drive them out with his hands and feet. But as he drove them out of the door they swarmed in at the window, and when he closed both door and window they crept up through holes in the brick floor or dropped down through cracks in the ceiling. Then they clambered up the saint's tunic, made beds in his straw mattress, played pranks in his provision basket and were generally offensive. At last St. Francis, after reciting a fervent prayer, burst out laughing. The mice were beginning to attack him in thousands, when a beautiful little cat was created in the sleeve of his tunic. So he cried to the mice: "I implore you to stop and go your way or you will repent it."

The mice answered by pushing their noses against the bare skin of the saint, as though they wanted to pierce through him, so he drew the beautiful little cat out of his sleeve, and it sprang at the mice blessed with such miraculous hunger that it swallowed two at a time of the big ones and three or four of the little ones. St. Francis hoped they would have been exterminated, and rushed to stop up a hole in the ceiling (he had already shut the door and the window), but he was not quick enough. A pair of mice escaped, and thus we have those tiresome mice all over the world. St. Francis then uttered another prayer, and his beautiful little cat was granted a companion. They multiplied exceedingly, and have always been favorites with devout old ladies because they are a creation of St. Francis.—London Spectator.

ANYHOW IT RAINED.

The Two Wrangled So Long About It They Got Caught in the Downpour.

Tit-Bits tells the story this way:

"It looks like rain."

"I beg your pardon?"

"I say it looks like rain."

"What does?"

"The weather."

"The weather, my dear sir, is a condition. Rain is water in the act of falling from the clouds. It is impossible that they should look alike."

"What I meant was that the sky looked like rain."

"Equally impossible. The sky is the blue vault above us—the seeming arch or dome that we mistakenly call the heavens. It does not resemble falling water in the least."

"Well, then, if you are so thunderingly particular, it looks as if it would rain."

"As if what would rain?"

"The weather, of course."

"The weather, as before stated, being a condition, cannot rain."

"The clouds, then! And here it comes! And I have taken so much time in talking to you that I shall get wet to the skin before I can get to the tram car. Good day."

—Superior job printing at this office.

NEWS OF THE WORLD

HAPPENINGS OF THE PAST FEW DAYS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Total Wreck in Texas—No Action on the Hay-Fauncetote Treaty—Apprentices to Be Admitted to the Mint—Ship Being Laid in New York.

The senate has passed the Porto Rico bill, by a vote of 40 to 31.

By proposed changes in the Hawaiian bill the contract labor law will receive a death blow.

Fire destroyed an immense department store at Pittsburg some days ago, causing a loss of \$2,000,000.

Senator Pettus has introduced a bill providing for the abolishment of the duty on printing paper.

J. W. Gates of New York is reported to have made between \$3,000,000 and \$4,000,000 by the recent rise in railroad stocks.

Good rains have fallen in most of the districts of Victoria and New South Wales, Australia, and the outlook for wheat is now generally more favorable than it has been for years past.

The fund which is being raised by subscription in New York for the benefit of the widow of the late General Guy V. Henry, United States army, has reached a total of \$9663.

A washout on the Fortworth and Denver city railroad caused a bad wreck at Magnolia, Tex. The train was derailed and caught fire consuming the entire mass of cars. Two of the train hands were killed and several seriously injured.

Mrs. Fay Creech was shot and killed at Batte, Mont., by an unknown man. The assassin tried to shoot her husband and the woman tried to protect him. The murderer escaped.

Regular troops are to be engaged to run down the Apaches who shot J. D. Mack in Pinery canyon, Ariz., some days ago. Mack has died of his wounds.

The steamer Cleveland which broke her shaft in midocean some time ago and was last reported drifting, has reached Hilo safely.

Representative Gaines of Tennessee in a few days will introduce a resolution in the house giving a vote of thanks to Mrs. A. S. Townsend of San Francisco for her many kindnesses to the volunteer soldiers, especially the members of the First Tennessee Regiment. Gaines has received a letter from Colonel F. E. Beck of San Francisco giving his endorsement to this movement.

There will be no action on the Hay-Fauncetote treaty at this session of congress. This has been decided upon by the Republican leaders of the senate to whom it was apparent after Friday's executive session that the treaty could not be ratified with or without Senator Davis' amendment. No formal action will be necessary, the treaty merely being allowed to remain on the executive calendar until congress meets again after the presidential election.

Joseph Louis Francois Bertrand, perpetual secretary of the Academy of Science, of Paris, is dead. He was born in 1822 and became secretary in 1874. He was a member of the French academy.

Hundreds of unskilled Italian laborers are reported at the mining towns of Minnesota, employed at surface mine labor at \$2 a day. Such has been the increase of wages that the cost of stripping earth at these mines has been increased to 45 cents a yard.

Alabama has sold England 3,000,000 tons coal, for \$1.50 per ton, delivered at New Orleans. Coal in Germany has advanced 50 per cent within a year; the Welsh collieries can no longer supply European navies. Nagasaki, Japan, is importing coal from Virginia.

The treasury department has amended the mint regulations relative to appointments and promotions by providing that in each of the operating departments apprentices may be appointed as the needs of the service require. Apprentices shall be between the ages of 18 and 24 and may be assigned to the assaying, melting and refining and to the coining departments and must be graduated in metallurgy and chemistry from technical schools of recognized standing. The apprentices shall serve three years, at the end of which time they may be given permanent positions in the operating departments where they serve.

A story is brought by the Empress of Japan from Yokohama to-day of a series of additional Chinese raids on the Burmah boundary, culminating in a battle between 500 Chinese and seventy-five military police under District Superintendent Hertz of Rangoon. The Indian military police with fifty garkhas, attacked the main body of the Chinese, killing eighty-four and capturing guns, jingals and banners. The Chinese leader was among the killed. Six of the British forces including two officers were wounded only one being seriously hurt. The scene of the battle was eight miles on the Burmah side of the frontier.

Do You Know Consumption is preventable? Science has proven that, and also that neglect is suicidal. The worst cold or cough can be cured with Sbiloh's Cough and Consumption Cure. Sold on positive guarantee for over fifty years. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

Mail for Alaska—Two Ladies Killed by a Train at Martinez—A Boy Held at San Francisco for Murder—Trouble With Chinese.

The Mountain Copper company of Kewick is going to use petroleum for fuel.

A six-foot bicycle path has been set aside on the road between Los Angeles and Santa Monica.

Yasbel Mullina, who was to have been executed at San Quentin Saturday last, has had his sentence commuted to life imprisonment.

The Washington Republican convention met at Ellensburg Thursday and elected eight delegates to the national Republican convention, instructed them to vote for William McKinley for president, adopting a platform, and adjourned.

The jury in the case of W. S. Curry, charged in the superior court with violating the prohibition ordinance of Sutter county by running a saloon at Nicaslaus, found him guilty.

A board of trade has been organized to care for the interests of Vacaville township. The membership numbers 50 representative business men and fruit growers of the section and will be largely increased.

John Torrance, the nine-year-old son of Jared S. Torrance, was killed in a trunk elevator at the Hotel Green Annex at Passena. The boy went down the shaft to a room only seven feet below. Half an hour later his dead body was found wedged between the trunk-lifter platform and the top of the shaft.

James Pierson, aged 60, and his son George, aged 20, were buried under a mass of rock at the Reelin mines, near Seattle. The boy will recover but there is no hope for the father.

John W. Smith, a railroad hand, was shot and probably fatally wounded by a man named Heid, near Lompoc. The men had been drinking together and quarrelled.

Mrs. Anna Griffith, prominent during the recent war on account of her work with the Red Cross society in California has been granted a divorce from her husband, J. M. Griffith of Los Angeles.

The city election held at Santa Rosa a few days ago resulted in the election of the entire Democratic ticket, excepting the assessor.

Lieutenant R. D. Scott, of one of the British ships at Esquimalt, was shot and seriously wounded by a snetry a few nights ago. Scott refused to halt when ordered, and was shot in the back as he tried to run away.

The postoffice department has issued notice to all postmasters that mail will be dispatched on April 30 by steamers from San Francisco and Seattle for St. Michael and Nome. On that date and during the open season registered mail of all classes for postoffices on the Yukon river and for postoffices north of St. Michael in Alaska will be forwarded by all steamers authorized to carry mail to those localities.

Governor Gage has commissioned the following as port wardens of the port of San Francisco: Charles F. Kennedy, Charles H. Spear and R. E. Nickel. The senate had already confirmed the new wardens.

Ed Danford of Sacramento, was shot in the leg by his wife a few nights ago, and received a painful wound. He had been out late and his wife took this means of punishing him.

The California Fruit association has secured about 78 per cent of the entire yield of prunes, or about 37,900 acres. The association will not handle the peach and apricot crop, the contracts falling below the required amount.



The man tangled in the tape from the ticker is the type of the average business man. His business cares wrap him about like the coils of a constrictor and slowly crush out his life. The common sign of the business man's slavery is "weak stomach," the natural consequence of rapid eating, the indigestible pastry, the coffee and pie or doughnuts, with which many a man stuffs his stomach under the name of "quick lunch." The quickest way back to a strong stomach and sound health is to use Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery until perfectly cured. It goes to the root of disease. It removes the cause of ill-health. It makes more blood and better blood, and this blood nourishes every organ in the body to the highest point of vigorous health.

"During the summer and fall of 1894," writes Chas. H. Sergeant, Esq., of Plain City, Madison Co., Ohio, "I became all run down, nerves were out of order. I wrote to Dr. Pierce for advice. He said I had general debility, and advised Doctor Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and, thanks to you for your advice, I used six bottles, and since I stopped taking it about one year ago, I have not taken any medicine of any kind, and have been able to work every day. My appetite is good, I can eat three square meals a day, and I do not feel that miserable burning in the stomach after eating. My blood and nerves are in good shape, and I am in good running order." Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure biliousness.



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Wayne Harris, a 19-year-old messenger boy, is in jail at San Francisco charged with murder. He stabbed Andrew Layden, another boy and caused his death. Harris is said to have acted in self-defense.

A tremendous upheaval occurred in Whatcom county, Wash., last week. Where there was formerly a valley, a hill 70 feet high now stands with a small lake on its crest. The bed of the Nook-sack river was thrown up and the river has changed its course. Subterranean gases are said to have caused the eruption.

The Santa Fe railroad has been occupied to Point Richmond.

Two enterprising farmhands of the San Joaquin valley gathered up dozens of jack-rabbits from that section and taking them to various towns sold them as genuine Belgian hares at fancy prices.

A Southern Pacific express ran into a carriage at Martinez, in which were three women. Two of the women were killed outright while the third received injuries which may prove fatal. Mrs. N. Hill, one of the victims resided on a farm near Cornwall. The other, Mrs. Ruth Ellsworth, was a widow who, with her seven children, has for some time resided near Brentwood. The third occupant of the carriage was Miss Ruth Ellsworth, the eighteen-year-old daughter of one of the women who was killed. She is so seriously injured that the physician who is attending her has but little hope of saving her life.

Alfred Gross has been expelled from the Society of California Pioneers at San Francisco. He is said to have made misstatements in his application for membership.

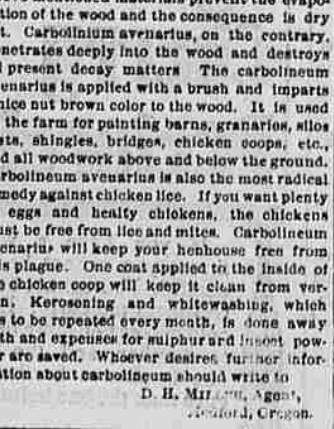
It is said that 75 per cent of the prune crop of the northwest will be secured for the Cured Fruit association.

There are all of 20 new vessels being constructed by the leading steamship lines for the trans-atlantic service between New York and foreign ports. In addition to these there are at least five new lines that are nearly finished and will be placed in commission in the early part of the coming season, besides a large number of vessels that will carry freight exclusively.

Tell Your Sister A beautiful complexion is an impossibility without good pure blood, the sort that only exists in connection with good digestion, a healthy liver and bowels. Karl's Clover Root Tea acts directly on the bowels, liver and kidneys keeping them in perfect health. Price 25 cts. and 50 cts. Sold by Chas. Strang, druggist.

Carbolinum Avenarius. The most radical remedy against chicken lice and the best wood-preserving paint is carbolinum avenarius, manufactured in Germany only. The farmers all over the country count amongst their heaviest expenses to run the farm, the lumber bill. All are undoubtedly interested to learn of a medium to reduce the same at least to half its former cost. This medium is carbolinum avenarius, a wood preserving paint based on 29 years' experience. Many are of the opinion that paint, tar and linseed oil will preserve the wood against rot and decay. These coatings only form an air tight cover, but do not destroy the albuminous parts of the wood, which always starts the rot. The coatings with above mentioned materials prevent the evaporation of the wood and the consequence is dry rot. Carbolinum avenarius, on the contrary, penetrates deeply into the wood and destroys all present decay matters. The carbolinum avenarius is applied with a brush and imparts a nice nut brown color to the wood. It is used on the farm for painting barns, granaries, silos, posts, shingles, bridges, chicken coops, etc., and all woodwork above and below the ground. Carbolinum avenarius is also the most radical remedy against chicken lice. If you want plenty of eggs and healthy chickens, the chickens must be free from lice and mites. Carbolinum avenarius will keep your henhouse free from this plague. One coat applied to the inside of the chicken coop will keep it clean from vermin. Kerosene and whitewashing, which has to be repeated every month, is done away with and expenses for sulphur and insect powder are saved. Whoever desires further information about carbolinum avenarius should write to D. H. Mitchell, Agent, Medford, Oregon.

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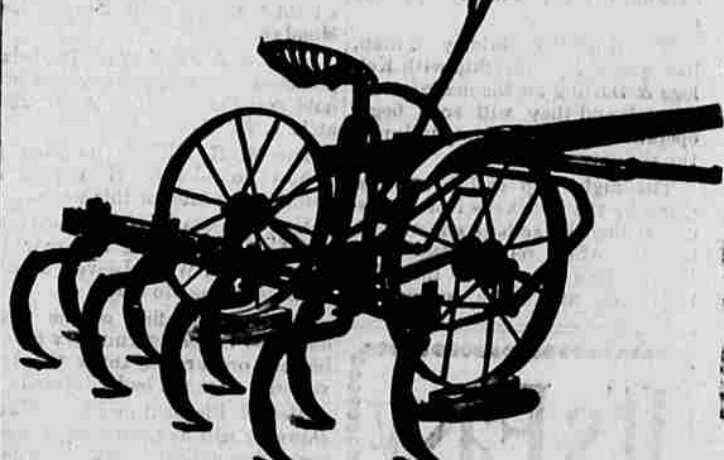
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The Black Percheron Stallion, NERO. Nero was bred by Wm. Avery, of Wakefield, Kansas; foaled, May 4, 1889; stood by Imported Voltaire 4200 (2007); Dam Nannie by Nyanza 809; he by Success 402; stands 16 1/2 hands high and weighs 1750 pounds. Will beat the following places during the season from April 1 to July 1: Central Point Williams' heavy barn Mondays and Tuesdays; Ashland, Hilltop's heavy barn, Wednesdays and Thursdays; Medford, Union heavy barn, Fridays and Saturdays. Terms:—For season, \$7, to be paid at end of season. To insure, \$10, to be paid when mare is known to be in foal.

The Standard Bred Trotting Stallion, ZILOPHONE. Zilophone's register No. is 5546; race record, 2:24; trial, 2:28; sire of Dam Mollie Nurse, 2:14 1/2; Zilophone was bred by Jay Beach and bred by the Great Atlantant, 3000; sire of Chisholm, 2:04 1/2; Dam Nora, 2:08; Alta D, 2:09 1/2; Ella T, 2:08 1/2; Doc Spry, 2:08; Takumont, 2:09 1/2. Zilophone's dam was Belle Price, by George D. Prentiss; he by Erickson, 1901; he by Membrino Chief, Jr. Zilophone is a beautiful dark bay with black points; stands 15 1/2 hands and weighs 1600 pounds and breeds very true. Terms:—Season, \$10, to be paid at end of season. To insure, \$15, to be paid when mare is known to be in foal. Hay and grain taken in payment when parties so wish.

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