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MAN WAS BORN TO HUSTLE.

He is of few days; but quite a plenty.

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NEWS OF THE STATE.

There was a frost at Burns on the night of August 9th.

Eighty horses are in training at the State Fair grounds.

The Hessian fly ruined the wheat crop in Nehalem valley.

Mort M. Condon, of Marshfield, has patented a cow-milking machine.

Eugene's water consumption averaged 288,000 gallons daily in July—about 200 gallons to each.

Newburg has just sold at public auction a span of stray horses that had been "on the town" for 10 days. They brought \$178.

Li Hung Chang needs a Salem Chinaman to help him outwit the allies. Geo Sun, a Salem celestial, has filed a petition in bankruptcy with \$30 assets and over \$6000 liabilities.

Bears have been killing yearling cattle out near Cheshinmuss this summer. In the radius of 10 miles 17 carcasses were found by the cattlemen while making a tour of that section.

R. D. Hume, a well known canneryman, of Rogue river, has embarked in the business of canning peas to occupy his leisure when salmon do not run. He has 100 acres planted in peas this year.

The Lakeview Examiner says E. Sherlock bought from Dave Elder 2300 ewes at \$3 and 1800 lambs at \$2. The sheep are to be delivered in Drew's Valley, on September 1. This is an important deal, amounting to \$10,500.

A few days of north wind, whistling over the black dust in the burnt district, makes one feel anything but good natured. All buildings, not dust proof, that are occupied by other than strictly religious people, are "privileged" places, where "cussing" can be indulged in and nothing thought of it.—Lakeview Examiner.

George Dysinger reports to the Roseburg Plaindealer that his China pheasant hen, which was sitting on a nest of 16 eggs, has completed the task of incubating them and brought off 14 of the pretty little birds, about the size of bumble bees. This hatching will doubtless net Mr. Dysinger in the neighborhood of \$100.

A few days ago, Snowdile, a Plute Indian of Burns, committed suicide by eating wild parsnips. Last week his child, a 14-year-old girl, on account of bad health, ended her life in the same way. Her mother, upon finding the child dead, procured some parsnips, and eating them, also ended her life. It is unusual for Indians to commit suicide.

Look out for the "rheumatic-cure" fakir, who offers in connection with his medicine, a "dress pattern" for the wife or daughter. You pay for the counterfeit medicine and the dress pattern never materializes. The fakir will soon be here if his eyes do not rest on these few lines, which we take pleasure in giving without charge as an introduction. He is in Crook County now.—Lakeview Examiner.

About two months ago three of John Koberg's fine Jersey calves, 6 months old, were caught on the railroad track and each had a leg broken by a passenger train, says the Hood River Glacier. The bones of their legs were broken clean off, and their legs were dangling. Mr. Koberg immediately went to work to set the fractures, and, with the assistance of his wife, succeeded on all three. After three or four weeks the bandages were removed, and now the calves seem to be all right.

Says the Albany Herald: A man coming up from Portland a few days ago, said he was looking for a steady job. He had been working in eastern Oregon where, he said, the work wasn't steady enough, so he threw up a job he had and started for the valley. He began work at 4 o'clock in the morning, stopped a few minutes for breakfast, worked until noon, stopped a short time for dinner, worked until 6 o'clock, stopped for supper and then worked until 9:30, when they quit work entirely—until 4 o'clock next morning. What he wanted was a place where there was work all the time.

A decree restoring about 100 sections of land in Lake and Klamath Counties to the Government was rendered by Judge Bellinger in the United States Circuit Court, in Portland, last Saturday, in the suit of the United States against the Oregon Central Military Road Company. The decree was granted upon the motion of United States District Attorney John H. Hall. The suit was brought to recover the lands on the ground that the defendant has not conformed to the terms of the grant. The decree states that the patents issued by the United States purporting to convey title to these

lands be and are hereby set aside, cancelled and declared null and void, and the title reverted to the United States, and all deeds of the Oregon Central Military Road Company to the California and Oregon Land Company, for these lands, are decreed to be set aside and cancelled.

Bad Blood

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Real Estate Transfers.

N B Nye to H G Wortman, 4.90 acres, sec 3, tp 2 S, r 3 W, 2000
Same to same, Galls creek district, 2000
J C Loeber to W C Loeber, land in sec 9, tp 35 S, r 2 W, 100
Elizabeth M Loeber to W C Loeber, land in tp 35 S, r 2 W, 100
Hiram A Spencer to Fannie Darlow, lots 13, 14, 15, 16, blk C Ashland, 300
Mary Ferguson to John C Ferguson, property in Ashland, 1600
John Sheldler to Miles Rainwater, lots 6, 7 and 8, blk 4, Pracht's Alaska addition to Ashland, 400
H E Auker to Sterling Mining Co, interest in nw 1/4 of sec 1, tw 37 S, r 2 W, sec 1, tp 37 S, r 2 W, 200
Sylvester Stevens to A W Short, lot 5, blk 2, Phoenix, 25
W G McKnight to estate of Jos Goldsborough, interest in lot 7, blk 14, Gold Hill, 1
J W Merritt, trustee, to E P Ward, lots 6, 7, 8, blk 4, Central Point, 30
Jacob Wagner to Ella Million, property in Ashland, 140
Jas G Borden, trustee, to J M Kirsh, 200 acres in sec 16, 240 acres, sec 21 tp 40 S, r 2 E, 2000
M E Turner to Ella and Ida Mitchell, 50 acres, sec 4, tp 33 S, r 2 W, 1000
Orin Crawford to Amy Crawford, lot 17, Dekum addition to Gold Hill, 1

What He Said Was Justified, No Doubt, But He Suffered.

No one man or woman or child, young or old, should cultivate the art of criticism. It will be certain sooner or later to get them into deep and unalloyed trouble. From Hazlitt down to Clement Scott the path of the critic has been strewn with thorns and large stones. One can never tell what may happen to him if he turns critic. The punishments are sometimes terrible. You may even have an "English Bard and Scotch Reviewers" written about you. It is true that temptations to turn censor are nowadays many, but they should all be resisted. Any unassuming, modest man when he thinks what a critic should have will be soon persuaded from trying to wear such a mantle. The critic should know something about what he is talking about. He should have at least a casual acquaintance with recognized standards in that branch of art over which he presides. He should have the industry to examine what he criticizes. Of course, none of these qualifications are absolutely essential to a good critic, but he should have them.

There is, however, a north side young man who did not consider the fatal step he was taking in turning critic. He has always had a very flattering opinion of his discernment, but what, perhaps, may excuse him with most people more than anything else is the fact that he acted at the instigation of love. He has been for some time deeply enamored of one of the sweetest girls in that section of the city. As far as he can judge his affections are reciprocated. Active urging of his suit, however, was interrupted last September when the girl who is to either make him happy for life or else wither his existence like a leaf before the blasts of December, as he puts it mentally to himself, went east to finish off her education. Just before Christmas she returned, however. Of course he kept the snow pretty well packed on the front steps visiting her. They got along in a truly ideal manner the first three times he was there. On the fourth she piqued his curiosity fearfully by telling him that if he was real good she had something to show him. Then she pretended that she saw he didn't care enough, and wouldn't let him know what it was under any circumstances.

It took a lot of diplomacy on his part, but after awhile she let the cat out of the bag by withdrawing and producing on her return a large roll of something which, when unfolded, proved to be manuscript. She confided to him that it was a novel she had written while at school. He admired the handwriting and the ribbons it was tied up in extravagantly, but she informed him that this would not do. That he must furnish a critical estimate of the value of her work and that she knew from his professional training he was peculiarly fitted to do this. Of course he was dying to get a look through it, anyway, so he began to peruse it without further urging. After reading for about ten minutes, during which time she played the piano furiously to conceal her turbulent emotions, he said that in his honest opinion it was superb, quite beyond cavil or criticism in any serious respect. She would not have this, however. She said that she felt sure he must have noticed some slight point that could be improved. At this he smiled an aside, like they do on the stage, coughed once or twice and said that if she would insist there was just one little point.

"Do tell me what it is," cried the beautiful author in the greatest excitement.

"Well," he went on, "you have here, 'Fellola was sewing on the side porch.' Now, I just merely wanted to suggest that in this country porches are not sewed on. They are propped up or nailed on."

He might have gone on, but the look she gave him froze his blood. At present he is perfectly wretched. He doesn't know whether it can ever be fully made up again or not.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Levy—"I will give Moses credit for run Ving—he's schmart!" Cohenstein—"Oh, I will give Moses credit for effertying—but goots!"—Puck.

Hardly Orthodox—"To what church did the deceased belong?" asked the coroner. "He was an octogenarian, I believe," said the witnesses.

TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Another cablegram has come from Minister Conger, at Peking. It is as follows:

"TSI-NAN YAMEN, August 7.—Secretary of state, Washington: Still besieged. Situation more precarious. Chinese government insisting upon our leaving Peking, which would be certain death. Rifle firing upon us daily by imperial troops. Have abundant courage but little ammunition or provisions. Two progressive Yamen minister headed. All connected with legation of the United States well at the present moment. CONGRER."

NEW YORK, August 7.—A cable to the Journal from Shanghai says: The allies attacked Peking on August 5. The Chinese were strongly intrenched on both sides of the Pei-ho. The Chinese were driven out after hard fighting of seven hours. They blew up the bridge in retreating. The Japanese were exposed to a withering crossfire in fording the river. The British losses were 60. The Chinese are in full retreat, with the allies in pursuit, but in great difficulties owing to the fact that the river banks have been cut and the country flooded.

Six thousand troops were left with guns to guard Tien-tsin. Two days southwest of Tien-tsin are 15,000 Chinese with heavy guns. An imperial edict orders the recapture of Tien-tsin and Taku forts no matter what expenditure of life may be entailed.

WASHINGTON, August 8.—The Chinese situation is considered very grave by the authorities in Washington. The receipt of the message from Minister Conger last night which indicated a continuation of firing on the legations and the government insistence that the ministers should leave Peking, which Mr. Conger considered would mean certain death, brought matters to an acute stage. All day the cabinet officers who are in town have been consulting with one another and the president has been communicated with by telegraph and telephone.

President McKinley after the consultation made three demands of the Chinese government. Briefly as follows: Give assurance as to the safe condition of our ministers; Chinese authorities to cooperate with relief column for protection of legation and foreigners; and immediate communication with ministers.

LONDON, August 10.—In the capture of Yang-tsun the losses of the allies, according to a dispatch from Chefoo, August 8, purporting to give an account of that engagement, were 200, the majority of them being killed.

"The allies marched on Yang-tsun," says this report, "at dawn Monday. The position held by 15,000 Chinese was well entrenched to the east of the river. After four hours of heavy fighting the Chinese were driven from their defense works."

The capture of Yang-tsun gives the forces of the allies an excellent base of operations and is considered of great importance.

The road to Peking is supposed to be opened.

ST. PETERSBURG, August 10.—The Russian admiralty has received the following dispatch from Admiral Alexoff:

"NEWCHWANG, Sunday, August 5.—The Chinese town of Newchwang, on the Gulf of Liao-tong, was captured August 4, two war ships taking part in the bombardment. The inhabitants were dispersed."

The Russian war office has received the following dispatch from Grodekoff: "KHABAROVKA, August 9.—General Rennenkampf, August 7, overtook and defeated the enemy beyond the Amur river, capturing two guns. The battle was continued as far as Jgest. During the evening of August 7 the Chinese assumed the defensive on both our flanks. They were driven back with great loss."

WASHINGTON, August 12.—Indications of the desire of China for a peaceful settlement of her difficulties have been multiplying for several days. Official evidence of that desire was presented to the department of state today. It was in the form of an edict promulgated by the emperor, Kwang Hsu, appointing Li Hung Chang an envoy plenipotentiary to negotiate with the powers for an "immediate cessation of hostilities" pending a solution of the problems which have grown out of the anti-foreign uprising in the empire. Earl Li is to act directly for the emperor, and a fair inference is that whatever terms of settlement may reach with the powers will be approved by the imperial government.

WASHINGTON, August 6.—The following cablegrams have been received at the navy department:

"CHIEFOO, August 6.—Bureau navigation, Washington: British Fame reports unofficially engagement at Peitsang, Sunday morning, 3 to 10:40. Allied loss, killed and wounded, 1200, chiefly Russians and Japanese, Chinese retreating. TAUSSIG."

"CHIEFOO, August 6.—Bureau navigation: Official report, believed reliable, says 18,000 allies heavily engaged Chinese at Peitsang on daylight of the 5th. REMZY."

Tauissig, who signed the first message, is in command of the Yorktown, which is at Chefoo.

The body of Miss Bessie T. Warren, who was drowned in San Francisco bay in a yachting accident about four weeks ago, has been found near where the accident is supposed to have happened. The body of T. J. Kelly, her companion, was found a few days ago.

The 35,000 volunteer soldiers serving in the Philippines are soon to be withdrawn, their term of enlistment expiring in June next.

Reports state that 7000 Christians have been slain by Boxers at Pao Ting, east of Peking.

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PACIFIC COAST NEWS.

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED FROM THE WEEK'S DISPATCHES.

California's Big Show of Fruit at Paris
—An Ex-Convict Tries to Murder His Father—Fatal Collision at Spokane—A Railroad Sold.

Edward Donoghue, a brakeman, was killed by an accident on the McCloud river railway, and Thomas Holloran, the engineer, was seriously injured. The train started down a heavy grade and ran away pulling the engine with it.

Santiago Baldes attempted to assault the 11-year-old daughter of Superintendent Caffey of the San Emidio ranch, in the Tehachapi mountains, and was shot to death by the girl's father a few hours later. A coroner's jury has exonerated Caffey, declaring his deed a justifiable homicide, and commended him upon the course he pursued.

The Visalia and Tulare railroad was sold recently to W. D. Hoffus & company of Seattle. The rolling stock and rails are to be shipped to Seattle. Since the advent of the Santa Fe railway, the Visalia and Tulare road has been a losing proposition.

John M. Slovenski charged with blackmailing two Los Angeles capitalists committed suicide while his preliminary examination was taking place last week.

A small herd of cows and horses on a ranch in Yolo county have been found to be afflicted with splenic fever.

A steamer is expected to arrive at Seattle this week with gold dust valued at \$1,000,000.

John Carlson was probably fatally stabbed by a halfbreed Indian named Palook at Fresno, Mendocino county. Palook was captured.

A shark 12 feet long was captured by fishermen in San Francisco bay one day recently. It is the largest shark ever caught there.

Judge Trott, at San Francisco, has decided that Mrs. Nettie R. Craven was not married to the late Senator James G. Fair, and consequently is not entitled as a widow to a family allowance out of his estate. Judge Trott also decided that the pencil will and deeds offered by her were unquestionably forgeries.

A correspondent says that most extensive exhibit of staple and fancy nuts at the Paris exposition comes from the state of California, whose walnut and almond display is superior to anything of a like nature to be seen at the exhibition. Of the three two nuts alone some 40 varieties are shown, including walnuts as large as apples and almonds resembling oyster shells. One ranch in northern California bears the distinction of having exhibited 100 varieties of almonds separately marked and vased at the World's Columbian exposition, which record the California commissioners declare will be raised at the St. Louis in 1903.

There is to be quite a prune crop in the Willamette valley, Or. The fruit-growers there have formed an organization.

The intense heat a Washington Sunday enabled a man to fry an egg on the sidewalk.

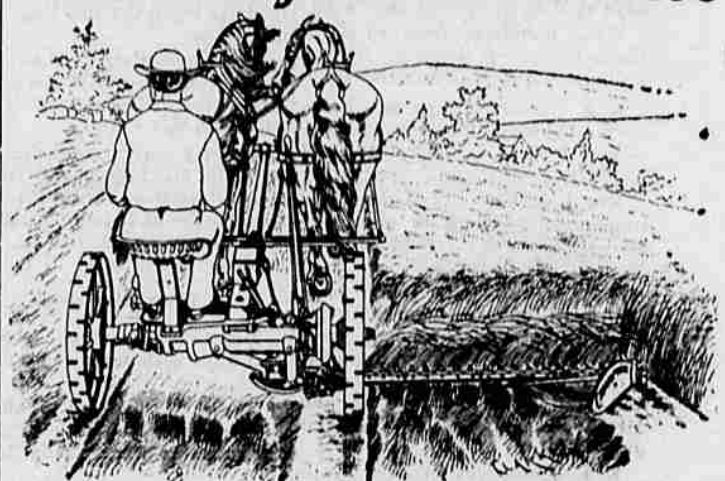
Because his aged and blind father, Dr. Max Strassman, would not contribute money for him to squander his son Leopold shot him. Four shots were fired, two taking effect. The wounds are not serious but the shock may prove fatal on account of age, the victim being 84 years old. The would-be parricide is an ex-convict.

Official figures show the spring pack on the Columbia river for last season to have been 268,000 cases. While it is impossible at this time to get the exact figures, a carefully prepared estimate places this season's pack 262,000 cases. This estimate is based on four dozen one-pound cans to the case. Besides the above, 1000 tons, or what would equal 50,000 cases of salmon, were shipped by the cold-storage men.

D. O. O'Reilly has brought suit in Sherman county, Or., for an accounting of the funds of the Columbia Southern railway, a corporation. He charges misuse of funds.

The grape-growers and the wine men of Fresno are at war at present. The wine men have called in their buyers, and say they will buy no more grapes, as the growers are holding them too high. They are asking \$18 a ton for black grapes and \$15 for muscats.

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The Narrow Escape That a Chicago Family Has Had From a Premature End.

"What a narrow line divides life from death!" said the man that got on at Oak Park, reports the Chicago Times-Herald.

"Been reading something?" asked his seat mate, with a quizzical smile. "No. Actual experience. Do I look like a man who nearly died last night?" "Certainly not. You're the picture of health."

"Well, I did. After dinner I laid on the lounge for a few minutes' rest, when one of the children slipped a piece of candy in my mouth. I cracked it with my teeth and at the same moment coughed slightly. It was a little cough, but somehow I drew my breath, and down went a fragment of candy into my windpipe."

"The next instant I was strangling. My wife and children flew around in distraction, but could give me no relief. My throat puffed out in my efforts to draw a breath, my face grew purple, and knots of sweat stood out on my forehead. I suppose that's the way a drowning man feels. Anyhow, it was something awful and indescribable."

"And then the doctor came?" "There was no time for the doctor. I held my head down and coughed, and the piece of candy was dislodged. I breathed again. Blessed breath! The revulsion was something wonderful, and in two minutes I was myself again. No, I can't laugh over it yet. I will never be so near death again until my end comes, and then I pray to Heaven it will come some other way."

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