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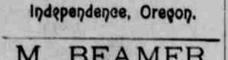
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A Rattlesnake Baby. The following is taken from a letter written by a Wasco county lady. After giving the name and date of a child's birth, she writes: "Where the child's fingers and toes ought to have been there were rattlesnake's heads, and there was a small snake grown from the top of its head and hung down on its face. The head of the snake was the child's nose, and when-ever the baby moved the snake on its face would raise up, run out its tongue, and hiss. The baby only lived five hours, but the snake part lived five hours longer."—Portland Oregonian.

Politics and Literature. In a recent interview Emile Zola, the French novelist, said: "I have always instinctively been clear of politics. A man cannot be a politician and a literary man at the same time. There are two things who strive in different ways for the same goal, that is, to be known and lauded by the multitude." No Distinct Remembrance. They had a big banquet at Spokane Falls the other night. The reporter who attended it concluded with the candid admission that "it is not distinctly remembered by anybody present who made the last speech."

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EASTERN NEWS.

An Ex-Convict of New York Saves Eleven Lives. SEVERAL DEATHS FROM HYDROPHOBIA.

Railroad News—Numerous Murders Throughout the East.

Columbus, Ohio, is having serious trouble with the street-car strikers.

California has made a demand for ten acres to display horticultural products at the World's Fair.

At Ellsworth, Me., a riot occurred between circus players and town men. Many broken heads resulted.

A furious wind and rain storm swept over Central Nebraska, doing a great deal of damage, but as far as learned no lives were lost.

The sixth international Sunday School Convention of the United States and British North America and provinces will open in Pittsburg June 24th.

The wife of Daniel Lockwood, a well-to-do farmer of Vineland, N. J., has been arrested on the charge of trying to poison her husband by placing morphia in his tea cup.

The contract labor inspectors attached to the New York large office stopped seven Belgians from landing. They were expert glass blowers and were bound for Glassboro, N. J.

Exchange Broker Wolf of New York has disappeared with \$20,000 of money which about one hundred Hebrews had entrusted to him to take to relatives in Europe to pay passage to this country.

A number of children were bitten by a rabid dog in Hay, Belgium, a few days ago, and two of them have died from hydrophobia. Several of the survivors have been sent to M. Pasteur for treatment.

Near Addison, Steuben county, N. Y., Emmett Crane shot Mrs. Gale Perry, a married woman, the mother of four children, because she refused to accept his attentions as a lover, and go and live with him.

David Regan became involved in a quarrel in a saloon in La Porte, Indiana, with a young countryman named William Evsckle. The latter struck Regan a powerful blow in the face, which resulted in breaking his neck.

John L. Sullivan was snubbed by Joseph H. Brodny, the veteran newspaper publisher man, at a banquet in Washington recently. Brodny refused an introduction with the remark that Sullivan was a bully.

The school ship Saratoga, sailed from Delaware Breakwater for her first voyage, June 1st. She has 163 boys on board, and will visit Fayal, Southampton, Lisbon, Madeira and other points, returning to Philadelphia about October.

Ex-Judge Henry S. Austin, an old member of the Chicago bar and one of the founders of the city of Keokuk, Iowa, has been appointed by the U. S. District Court to the embezzlement of funds from an estate of which he was administrator.

Bill Thomas, a colored brakeman, a giant in size and strength, was shot and killed at Birmingham, Ala., by six colored men, and instantly killed. Thomas was hated for his physical strength. Four of the negroes are under arrest.

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"THE AIR-BRAKE DID IT"

An Engineer's Remarks and Modesty in Disclaiming Credit Therefor.

We went winding up the mountains, says a writer in the Philadelphia Item, our massive engine drawing us up the curving grades without an apparent effort. We had crossed an iron bridge and made a curve, at the end of which another train in slight winding to the left, and from the track a cottage home stood in the shadow of the hills. Looking past it to a point just beyond, which was visible from my side of the engine, I saw and excitedly exclaimed: "A cloud in the track!"

At the exclamation John sprang from his seat. One glance down the track and his face became pallid. A child, 8 years old perhaps, stood midway between the rails and not 100 yards from the engine. I looked down at the child. It stood facing us, clapping its little hands as it was wont to do from its mother's arms, perhaps, at the passing of the cars. In another instant I was thrown forward, almost pitching through the glass window in front. At the same moment I heard a scream, a woman's voice, and with arms aloft and face paralyzed with terror the mother stood upon the steps of her cottage. We were nearest to the child—it was not twenty yards from the engine, which, under the pressure of the air-brake, was bumping and jolting furiously.

I looked for John; his seat was vacant, and I saw the pilot was within twenty feet of the child, the train still in motion, too rapidly to be checked before reaching it! I shut my eyes, my heart stood still. Again the mother's heartrending scream, and I opened my eyes to see the child tossed several feet in the air. My head swam as I averted my eyes, and I fancied I heard the crushing of the little form by the now slowly revolving wheels, when in hazy tones I heard a man's voice utter: "Thank God!"

I opened my eyes, and standing upon the pilot was John Akers, holding in his arms the child, its face wreathed in smiles. The engine was now at a standstill. I looked at the father, came with a blanched face and trembling steps. The child, in merry accents, called out: "Want to ride, papa?" He took his baby from John Akers' extended hands, and, folding her in his arms, sank down on the earth beside the track.

John clambered back to his perch and sounded the whistle. The passengers looked out of the windows, wondering what had occurred. A trembling drew the lever, which started the engine, putting and hissing until it was going at full speed again. I looked toward John—his blue eyes were on the track ahead, but they were dimmed with tears on his cheeks, as if, perhaps, thoughts of what would have been his feelings if his own little girl had been the one on the track. Not a word did either of us speak until at Christburg, on the top of the Alleghenies, I drew the lever, which started the train stopped. As I started to leave the engine I turned and grasped John's hand.

"You did a brave thing, John—a noble act."

"'Twas the air-brake," he modestly and blushing replied; "it was the air-brake that did it."

A STRANGE LAND.

Features of Australia—Flowers Without Odor—No Shade.

Australia is a country in which nature has established conditions unknown elsewhere, says the Boston Journal, and where civilization must adapt itself to surroundings which fit not the European mind. It is a country full of absurdities in animal, vegetable, and human life. Its native race, in point of intelligence and development of resources, is far below even the savages of the people of the stone age of Europe, and its most characteristic types which disappeared from every other part of the globe some millions of years ago. Its trees and plants are representative of species found nowhere else in chalk and coal measures.

Hardly anything here has the character and quality of its relations in other lands. Although the trees and flowers are chiefly those of the temperate zone, the birds are of the most part of the tropics, and flash the gorgeous colors of the parrot and the cockatoo through the dull foliage of the sad-toned eucalyptus. The birds have no song, and such notes as they possess seem like a hoarse croak from a period when reptiles were assuming wings and filling the tree-tops with a strange throng, before heard only in the swamps and fens. The flowers have no scent, while the leaves of every tree are so thickly covered with a sticky substance, since every leaf is set at edge against the sun, and shed, not their leaves, but their bark, stripping off in long scales, exposes the naked wood beneath, and adds to the ghastly effect which the forest already holds in the pallid hues of its foliage. The contour of the country is one of that but newly risen from the waves. Its thousands and thousands of square miles, level and level and level, with only a few hills and a few valleys, looks like the uplifted bed of some great sea and is as monotonous as the unrelieved expanse of coast itself. Here and there are low hills, which show in the distance a country about them the evidences of ancient lava flows. Elsewhere are piled up masses of bowlders, which show the long courses of glaciers over the face of the land. Everything seems prehistoric in its origin, and forgotten. To the traveler from other lands an impression comes that he is visiting a country which had ceased in its development long ago.

The Sierra Valley Leader says. There are capitalists here from New York who are endeavoring to induce the ranchers of this valley to sign contracts for water to irrigate the land at \$7 per acre for the first year and \$3 per acre for each succeeding year.

Arthur Kenley, one of the oldest settlers on Big Meadows, Nev., was drowned while trying to swim his horse across a rough about two weeks ago, and his badly decomposed and mutilated body was found nine days later in the Humboldt.

Two young girls were arrested in San Francisco the other day for vagrancy. When they appeared for trial the next morning two young men stepped into court with licenses eager to marry the wayward girls. The judge allowed them their honeymoon.

Lieutenant D. L. Brainard of the Second Cavalry, arrived at Vancouver last week from Fort Reno, Mo., with the horses of his troop from Fort Bidwell, Cal., intended for troop E of the Fourth Cavalry, which has been ordered to take station at Vancouver Barracks.

The Sixth Annual tournament of the Sportsman's Association of the Northwest will be held in Portland June 12, 13 and 14. Prizes aggregating \$8,000 will be offered. Besides the medal for the best average there will be the Assa-tion gold badge valued at \$50, and the Tacoma Globe diamond trophy. It promises to be the largest meeting ever held in the Northwest. Washington, Montana and California teams will participate.

It has just transpired that recent negotiations for the purchase of the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern Railroad had been in the interest of Jay Gould and other New Yorkers. J. B. Pace, the wealthy Virginia tobacco planter, and a large holder of the stock, has been the prime mover in the matter, and it is now stated has secured a controlling interest in the road. It is also asserted that the road will be at once extended eastward to Spokane Falls and connect with the transcontinental road north to connect with the Canadian Pacific.

COAST NEWS.

The Experiences of an Exploring Party.

Portland Plasterers' Strike Off.

Jay Gould Again at Work in the Northwest.

The total loss by the Bucoda fire of June 7th was \$450,000.

Only married men are employed on street work in San Diego.

Union has been selected as the county seat of Union County, Or.