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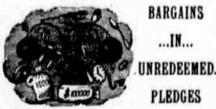
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MAN'S MERRIMENT BRINGS ABOUT HIS CONFUSION.

A Young Laly School Teacher Beats a Man After an Exciting Race of Sixty miles Over the Ozarks to save a t.c.oo.house.

In the little town of Oakland lives Miss Ioa Record, a pretty school teacher, who recently ran a race to the land office with Jim McVey, of the same pince, beating him by a fraction of a second, but beating him all the same, to the delight of her friends, says the St. Louis Giobe-Democrat, Miss Record has been the teacher for several years in the viringe nestled among the Ozarks, just off the bank of the picturesque White River. The residents of the village had succeeded by hard work and many privations in building a substantial schoolhouse. For convenience the teacher lived in a small log house adjacent, with her widowed mother and little sister. There never would have been any question as to the rights of the village in occupying the bit of ground where the scholhouse is located had it not been for the recent mineral excitement throughout this ent.re country. This was the incentive which induced the people to look closely to their own and their neighbors' title deeds, and in the course of his investigation Jim McVey discovered that the schoolhouse was built upon land that had never been cla.med by anybody. The young man made up his mind to own that bit of land, and so took measures to "homestead" it. The school teacher was told of the intention of the gentleman, and immediately decided that she would present a prior claim to the land, which was of so much value to her as the site of the schoolhouse. The town of Harrison, the seat of the land office, was sixty miles away, over rough mountain roads, but that didn't daunt the little lady, who determined that if McVey was going to take her schoolhouse she would get there first and homestead it herself. She called upon her brother to assist her, and they saddled their horses and the race began, Miss Record patriotically defending the rights of the "little red schoolhouse" and Mr. McVey working for Mr. McVey.

The ride was long and fuil of dramatic incidents. Upon reaching White River Miss Record learned that McVey had just crossed. She did not wait for the ferryboat, but into the river she urged her horse. He plunged breast high into the stream and swam most of the distance to the other side. Then on to Yellville with foam-flecked sides the horse went, the plucky little rider never besitating a moment until she had jumped from its back at the door of the clerk's office in this town. The clerk looked at the pretty, flushed face of the lady as she stated her wishes, and it was with real disappointment in that he informed her that Mc-Vey had been there five mnutes before. "But," said he, "Miss Record, this man's papers have not yet gone to Harrison, and if you can get there before they do you can yet have the land." It was 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but she was ready to mount a fresh horse and begin the thirty-three-mile ride. In the meantime McVey had learned that she and her brother had set out for Harrison, and it didn't take him long to make up his mind to follow them. He arrived at Harrison at about the same time as the others, and they rode up to the land office together, only to learn that the land office would not be open until 9 o'clock the next morning.

In the interval Miss Record had canvassed all the possibilities afforded by technicalties, and long before the hour she was present, having taken her stand at the desk of the recorder. Me-Vey stood before the desk of the receiver. She was in the best humor imaginable, and made several witty remarks at his expense while the recorder walted watch in hand. Finally, he laughed just at the moment the recorder called time, and Miss Record, dropping her papers on his desk, said: file these for record." McVey was one moment too late, his laugh having cost him the homestead. Miss Record declares that, as soon as she gets the title, she will deed the school building to the town of Oakland, and although the people of the village feel safe about their schoolhouse, they have cause for regret, as the neighboring town has offered Miss Record more money for her services in its school.

STUFFED PETS.

Taxidermist Says Women Take a Mel-"Women take a melancholy pleasure

in stuffed pets," said a well-known taxidermist on Sixth avenue to a New EUGENE, OREGON York World reporter. "There is a sort of tender, gruesome sentiment about it that pleases them. My principal customers are for this reason women.

"They bring me dead dogs, dead cats, dead birds, and the other day one came in with a little fish out of her aquarium that had come to an untimely end. The queerest order I ever had was to fix up a pet mouse that had died from too much cheese.

"I mount more canary birds than any other pets. They look picturesquely pretty on the mantel.

"I always have my pets stuffed after they die,' one woman explained 'because then I can talk to them just the "The taxidermist, to be successful,

must be an artist. He must study live animals, familiarize himself with their pose, the droop of the head, and make the poor dead thing look natural. "'That doesn't look like my Neddie,'

never threw it back like this.' "And that one little gesture was the keynote to the individuality of her bird-the one thing in which it differed from all others.

'It might just as well be any other

sparrow. Why, Neddle had a way of

tucking down his head in the cutest

"Men are different. It's trophies of the chase they bring to me; sometimes and Celery Seltzer. the skin of a handsome dog, from practical, no sentimental reasons. They want it make into a rug. You can't get traveling public, call at 150 North

utilitarian standpoint. "One man came to me one day in

great disgust. "'My wife brought the corpse of a parrot yesterday,' he said. 'Now I've it. When she comes back say it flew away, or the rats got it.'

One little girl creptetimidly in here one day with a wee kitten in her hands. "I want it fixed up so I can keep it work; importer of saddlery, hardware, always, she whispered. 'I guess I whips, pads, etc. 55 Union ave., Port squeezed it to death, I loved it so hard, and, Or. so won't you put sawdust in it so I can hug it all I want to? I like it better than a doll."

YOUNG BUT PLUCKY RIDER.

Youth Who Followel the Hounds with

In a hunting community not far from this city there is a son of one of the members who seems destined to throw Its owner permits it to come to maturity. His courage is of the first water, his nerve without limit, but he is only 11, and his discretion leaves some thing to be desired. Once the ardor of the chase is on him, his father says he will put his "gee" at anything in his path, even if it should happen to be a church. He has until recently ridden to bounds on his pony, but so clever was his work that the attention of the master of fox hounds was attracted, and he gave the boy recently a leg upon one of his own hunters. The horse was rangy, half-bred, 171/2 hands high, and with a temper of his own.

After they were in the field the master of fox bounds remembered the hunter's peculiarities of temper, and his heart misgave him. The boy was excited and happy, but he looked a bit lonely and forlors seated on the huge horse, and the master of fox hounds decided to ride close at hand to keep a careful eye on him. After the hounds found all semed to go well, however, and the master of fox hounds forgot his good intentions as his sporting blood rose. Suddenly he remembered and looked around just in time to see the boy put his mount at a five-barred gete. The horse refused, and up his nick the youngster slid. He grabbed wildly, and his tiny arms went round the horse's neck. So close was the horse that his head was over the gate he struck the top bar. To this he hung, and as the frightened master of fox hounds rode up he held up his hand. "Please, Mr. Blank, does that count as a fall?" he demanded. "I didn't touch ground." "Why, no, Reggie," said the master of fox hounds, as he disguised a laugh in a cough, "I don't think that ought to count as a fall. Are you hurt?" "Not a bit," was the cheerful response, "and now, if you'll lead him up I'll mount from here and then I won't have to touch ground." He did, and was in at the death, and anything he wants in that club now is his from the best hunter in its stables to the mastership of the hounds when he grows up .-New York Tribune.

Wheeler Was Too Polite. At Washington the other day it was raining hard, and the street cars were crowded with passengers more or less bedraggled. Among them was General Joe Wheeler. Next to him was a woman wearing a mackintosh, who rose to get off at Fourteenth and F streets. Gen. Wheeler noticed an umbrella lean-

ing against the car seat. He grabbed the umbrella, ran after the woman, caught her at the door, and said: "Pardon me, madam, but you

left your umbrella." The woman looked puzzled, but took the umbrella. Gen. Wheeler resumed his seat. Then a woman on the other side of him gave a little scream, and said: "Why, you nasty little man, you gave that woman my umbrella." Then she appealed to the conductor.

Gen. Wheeler apologized, but the woman said: "Now you just get right off the car and get it for me or I'll

notify the police." Meekly the veteran of three wars tumbled off into the rain and ran after the woman with the mackintosh. He made a hurried explanation, got the umbrella and rushed back to the waiting car.

As he handed it back to its owner he said: "I trust you will pardon me madam. I assure you it was all a mis-

The woman glared at him. "I don't know about that," she sniffed. "I don't believe you are any better than you ought to be."

Sabbath Observance and Rinderpest A member of the Volksraad of the Orange Free State, South Africa, recommends Sunday observance as an effectual cure for the rinderpest. Re cently, in the course of the debates on the new Sunday observance act of that State, he assured the members that if they only passed a stringent Sabbath law, "rinderpest and all other plagues would vanish, and the land would be one flowing with milk and honey."

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