

You can set a watch, but you cannot make it catch.

Can't you keep straight—who is best on mischief?

Keen by tubulous taste like a boiled china egg on toast.

A girl's mottoes: In summer I scream; in winter, I stir.

Jocely, all the papers say; but none of them tell how heavy.

My son, emulate the mule; it is lashed-ward in deeds of violence.

Thien is said to be worth \$20,000,000, and yet is not happy. He wants to be President.

There is no end to rings.—New Orleans Picayune. How about the ring of a bell? Weren't you ever tolled of that?

It is believed that Jacob was the first Indian agent, for the Bible represents him as saying, "Lo, I have served thee many years."

Stubble may be turned under but should not be burned, as is commonly done in California. Fire kills the natural producing elements of the soil.

A swarm of bees earn about twelve dollars each honey season, and board themselves. This is how doth the little busy bee.

The most afflicted part of a house is the window. It is always full of panes—and who has not seen more than one window blind?

Prince Walfjeff, successor to Gorchakoff, is highly spoken of for liberality and common sense, the two main qualifications for diplomatic success.

It is believed that Philippart, the renowned French swimmer, has sailed for America. Since all greatness is comparative, what can he hope to amount to here?

By reason of the scarcity of game, the Canadian authorities are distributing food among the Indians, this winter, to a limited extent. This is a new departure in Dominion affairs.

It is alleged against the Nicaragua canal route that earthquakes might destroy or seriously damage it. The same objection will apply with equal force to any of the other routes projected.

"Contemplate your first baby—you will remember that he amounted to a good deal and something over."—Mark Twain. True, true; he amounted to a good deal and something to carry.

"What is a Bible?" asks an exchanger. How stupid some editors are. Why, what lunatic don't know that a Bible is a-a-a—is a—who walked off with our encyclopedias, anyhow?

The Democrats talk some of resurrecting Horatio Seymour and running him for the Presidency, with Hendricks second on the ticket. They seem to be hard pushed for eligible material for candidates.

The Reno (Nev.) Gazette says that the wild man of Pyramid Lake, whose existence was considered problematical, has at last been caught. He had been living on an island in the lake upon a diet of berries and cheese.

By the recent action of the Board of Education of Maryland, the school teachers at that State will hereafter hold their positions during good behavior, nor can they be removed, even for cause, except after a notice of thirty days.

The young ladies in many parts of Pennsylvania are forming societies for making clothes for the little Indians. If they would also make scraps for the white children on the frontier, they would not be guilty, as now, of an invidious distinction.

When so large a force as sixteen United States Revenue Deputies can be captured in a single county of Georgia by illicit whiskey distillers, the assertion that no troops are needed in the South to enforce the law carries its own contradiction.

They have the same trouble in Canada. The cash of the Toronto Custom-house is about \$200,000, and the Collector and Cashier admit that they have lost it in speculation. It is the "glorious climate" of America that does it.

The people of Kansas are regretting the fact that Jay Gould controls half the railroad mileage of that State. The tendency of the times is toward the centralization of railroad power. It is quite as potent a political power. One is checked by law and the other is not.

While the north pole is being sought by way of drifting icebergs by American explorers; Dr. DeLong's, the Swedish navigator, will make an effort to find it by sailing northward from the New Siberian Islands. His recent successes warrant the hope that he may make some valuable discoveries.

The ex-khalife of Egypt is having a succession of misfortunes. Having lost his throne, he is now called upon to mourn the loss of one of his own downy wives. He did not die, however. She jumped out a back window and ran off with a young Italian artist.

The Corvallis Gazette says that Capt. Wood's recent survey of Yacquina Bay proves that it is only a sand bar and easily improved and much better than his most sanguine friends anticipated.

News of a French steamer on the night of the 25th ult. by these Mexicans, who carried off the mail and horses, and robbed the steamer and only passengers. The latter they used and secured so badly as to make them very irascible.

The Next President.

The business of President-making now engages the attention of a large number of people. It is asserted by intimate friends of Gen. Grant that he does not want the nomination—that he positively will not receive the nomination if there is any contest at the Convention.

Late dates are to the effect that the General has been provided for—that Col. Scott will retire from the Presidency of the Pennsylvania railroad and Gen. Grant will take his place. This, at least, is the very latest provision made for him.

But if either of the above prove true, what becomes of the Niagara project? According to the knowing ones, Grant has agreed to accept the Presidency of the isthmus improvement so soon as the necessary amount of stock is secured and the right of way secured from the Nicaragua officials.

It is highly probable that there is a good deal of guess work about this "providing" for Grant. There is no doubt that a number of interested parties, both Republicans and Democrats, are very anxious to see the General out of the fight, and it is possible that the matter may be eventually arranged, but we shall not worry over the matter even if Gen. Grant should get the nomination.

However, in the event that Grant is not in the line, circumstances indicate that Blaine, Maine's great Senator, is likely to come in winner on the home stretch; and if he succeeds in getting the nomination at the hands of the Republican National Convention, he will be the next President.

A BRIGHT FUTURE.

The outlook for Oregon and the whole North Pacific was never brighter than at present; and in the coming general prosperity, Albany and Linn county will share most generously. We are not permitted at this time to go into details, but we may say—and we say it on the best of authority—that the coming two years will witness the expenditure of more money on this coast in inaugurating and completing grand internal improvements, than has ever been expended in the United States in any two previous years in her history.

Giant corporations, possessed of millions upon millions of wealth, each striving to be first in the race, will extend long lines of railroads over this State and adjacent Territories, just as rapidly as money will accomplish it. Parties of surveyors have been running lines in every portion of the country where the indications give any evidence that railroads will prove a good investment in the near future.

Among others, three lines have been surveyed from this city to Lebanon, and a profile map of the line, with all the necessary information, made and fled away for use when wanted. If the citizens along the line of this road immediately interested desire its construction, a little exertion on their part will secure it.

Let us have but little doubt of the completion of the Corvallis and Yaquina road, when a road from this city to Corvallis will be an absolute necessity.

With the completion of Jay Gould's road to the Dalles—and this we are promised the coming fall—a rush of emigration will set in for Oregon and adjacent Territories like the like of which has never been witnessed; and with this flow of people will come capital with which to open up our fair valleys, inaugurate new enterprises, and more fully develop the varied resources of this coast.

Every indication indeed points to prosperous times for Oregon in the coming years. Times may be a little blinding now, and money hard to get, but with the opening of Spring there will be an immediate change for the better. Let everybody take fresh courage and push right along.

Returns from Plaquemine and St. Bernard, in Louisiana, show that ex-Gov. Warmoth, Republican candidate for the State Senate, has been counted out, and a Democrat counted in. It is clearly shown that several hundred more votes were counted than are registered in the parish of St. Bernard.

Desert land entries during the last fiscal year aggregated 30,000 acres in Florida, 18,000 in Nevada, 15,000 in Arizona, 6,000 in Oregon and 24,000 in California.

Jury Failed to Agree.

The Oregonian publishes the following letter: LIBERTY, KY., Dec. 8, 1879.

The trial of Samuel M. Williams, of Oregon, alias Charley Moore, who was brought from Portland, Oregon to July 1878, by Sheriff Jones of Wasco county, to Lawrence, Ky., charged with murder, closed Friday evening in a long jury, which stood as follows: The jury acquitted for manslaughter—the fine is \$1000—sent for two years and two for ten—total given \$1200.

When the fun will begin. (From the Memphis Avalanche and Dem.) One of the first measures to be brought before congress will be a bill to appropriate money to pay the United States marshals.

A San Francisco Judge has decided that "an official bond could not extend beyond the life of the officer." Chief Dep V County Treasurer, William Casselman, committed suicide, being a defaulter 1 1/2 the sum of \$20,000. His bond was for \$50,000. Suit was commenced against eight of the sureties, when one of them demurred and the demurrer was sustained as above.

A minister once told Wendell Phillips that if his business in life was to save the negroes, he ought to go to the South, where they were, and do it. "That is worth thinking of," replied Mr. Phillips: "and what is yours in life?" "To save men from going to hell," replied the minister. "Then go there and attend to your business!" said Mr. Phillips.

A Louisville dispatch says that in recognition of the services of Governor Luke P. Blackburn in pardoning a number of noted criminals and sporting men—among them Bob Atwood, who was serving a twenty-years' sentence in the state prison for forgery—the sporting fraternity have given over \$2,000 for the purchase of a magnificent carriage for the Governor.

The House of Representatives has passed the Fortification and Pensions Appropriation bills, and is expected to take final action this week upon the Contingent and Diplomatic and Military Appropriation bills. This will leave the way clear after the holiday recess for a renewal of the contest over the Army, Navy, Legislative, Executive and Judicial bills.

The situation of the English in Afghanistan is critical. Winter has set in with severity, the commissariat is disorganized, the natives are active and hostile. Then there has been fighting, and the result of the British victories is that their forces are confined to Cabul, the Shirpur cantonment and Jelalabad.

The Commission treating with the Utes certainly evinces commendable patience and perseverance. After weeks of parleying they have succeeded in obtaining the surrender of one of the dozen of Indians recognized as engaged in the Agency massacre, and have not lost hope of getting one or two more in time.

On the evening of the 19th inst., at St. Louis, Mo., Dan Rice, the famous circus man, announced that he had been converted and would enter the field as an Evangelist. Moody is holding meetings in St. Louis, where it is altogether probable Dan Rice will begin his new career.

The Portland Standard is now receiving special dispatches through an agent in San Francisco, and its news are fresh. The Oregonian will have to look to it or the Standard will get away with it as a live newspaper.

The President of the Ute Peace Commission expresses the opinion that nothing remains but to fight the Indians. People a thousand miles away came to that conclusion some time ago, and without any prayerful investigation.

The increase in the price of grain renders an increase in the German military estimates necessary. The money will come to America.

The World on the Maine Count.

The New York World of December 15th has the following editorial: Governor Garcelon and his advisers have made a serious political, and not less serious moral, mistake. They have expressed at the last election, on account of technical errors and oversights. These errors and oversights were committed, the votes were not by local canvassers. The votes were in fact thrown out on account of informality in the manner in which they were returned. There is no pretense that this informality was such as to leave the intention of voters in doubt.

A dispatch from Paris describes the once beautiful Empress Eugenie as "gray and pale as marble." Within a few years her misfortune has been recognized as Her husband, son, mother and imperial crown have passed away. In a few months she will be 88 years of age.

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