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GETTING AT THE POINT.

A PARODY, BY E.

Of course I was a shily
Two lines to write in
In the chair,
Where his parent often sat,
But he didn't think of that,
I didn't care, I'd just
Lay his father's Sunday hat
And he knew
That he'd never step to look
For the time, polished book
Sliding through,
So behind the lounge he got,
For he thought he'd rather not
Be around,
When his parent raised the hat,
Moved into the place and sat,
Judgment went,
Then he heard his father's steps,
And another, but he kept
A mouse,
The new person, sure as fate,
Moved into the place of late,
Sinks to rout,
Host from chair removed the hat,
Hate him seat himself in that,
And he did,
From leopards lips and falling
Rarest words and cutting fell
All about,
Now that he's lost his hat,
And a seat that just suits him
Must be seat,
And he wears a weary frown,
But his eye he doesn't show,
Very off.

GENERAL NEWS.

President Angell, of the Michigan University, has been confirmed minister to China.

The eminent Russian statesman Prince Gortschakoff is so dangerously ill that his death is expected at any moment.

The steamer Scotia, accompanied by a tender, will start from London shortly to engage in the work of laying a new Anglo-American cable.

If Russia has to fight the Chinese, she proposes to send to this country for arms and ammunition for the purpose. It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, surely.

There were 5,000 immigrants in New York on the 13th waiting for transportation to Iowa, Dakota, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Every steamer brings fresh arrivals.

Six weeks of thoroughly reasonable weather in England has made a wonderful change in the aspect of the crops in that country according to the *Market Lane Express*.

A wealthy Jewish railroad contractor in Russia has donated 500,000 roubles for the purpose of building, near the university in St. Petersburg, a dormitory for students.

Locomotives which run on common roads and transport heavy loads have been extensively introduced in Nevada, and already interfere seriously with the teaming business.

A fool-hard fellow, plumped head first, most from the railroad bridge at Munlockville, Ky., on Sunday last, one hundred and twenty feet to the water, and escaped unhurt.

Cuba is a great bone of contention just now in the Spanish Cabinet and in the Cortes. The island is costing the government millions of money and many thousands of lives annually.

Since the last disbursement of interest on government 4 per cent. bonds, when Mr. W. H. Vanderbilt was found to be the owner of \$21,000,000, he has sent \$20,000,000 additional to the treasury for registration.

The sickening intelligence comes from Burma that 700 men, boys, women, girls, priests and foreigners were sacrificed at Mandalay recently by burying them alive, for the restoration of the king's health.

It is estimated that 10,000 Canadian emigrants will during the summer seek new homes in the West and Northwest. The Canadian railroads report the emigrant movement for Western points is already heavier than at any time the year.

The government intends to demand of the Atlantic and Pacific Telegraph company, the Pullman Palace Car company, and all other parties holding leases from the Union and Central Pacific Railroad companies 5 per cent. of their net earnings, under the Pacific railroad act, and 25 per cent. for the sinking fund under the Thurman act.

The lumber boom seems to have struck the pine-bearing regions of Wisconsin. For fourteen different localities along the line of the Wisconsin Central Railroad the cut of logs to be manufactured into lumber, exclusive of great quantities of walnut, oak, maple, bass-wood, and railroad ties, aggregates 75,000,000 feet, or an amount three times as large as the cut for the same mills during any previous year.

There is no other planet of the solar system, says science for all, which offers so close an analogy to the earth as Mars. The telescope reveals to us the figures of broad tracts of land and expanses of sea upon his surface.

The durations of his day and night almost coincide with our own. His exterior exhibits the same general character of desiccation. His nights are illuminated by two satellites, which present all the phenomena of our own moon, and more frequently, owing to their greater velocity. An atmosphere probably surrounds this planet in fact, the existence of air is indispensable to his other features. Hence the inference that Mars is a habitable globe appears a very obvious and fair conclusion, and it would be inconsistent to imagine that this planet, provided apparently with all the requisite natural facilities to render life a necessary and desirable feature of his surface, is a sphere of desolation, a mass of inert matter, which, though conforming to the laws of gravitation, is otherwise serving no useful end, as the abode and sustenance of animate creatures. It is far more in accordance with analogy and rational speculation to conclude that Mars is the center of life and activity, and that his surface is teeming with living beings.

LETTER FROM DAVY NEWSOME.

Editor Democrat:
Perhaps a few lines from old Uncle Davy Newsome may be of interest to your many readers.

POLITICS.
The booms are on hand in old Marion. The machines for manufacturing slanders of all sorts are placed in position, and we shall soon have an assortment of items concerning all the candidates for every office which has money in it. This way of bringing out, just before the election, new revelations concerning the bad traits of character of the candidates, is so well known that it will have but little influence on the voters. The candidates of both parties were brought out, regularly, by the respective Conventions, and they were well known to the delegates, and were endorsed by them. What grand national issues are up upon which the parties are divided are hard to discern. The south and the north, the east and the west desire peace, and reciprocal trade and friendship. We are one great nation on whom the eyes of nearly all nations are turned. If our Republic proves a success, crowns will soon grow to be a thing of the past. We are deeply interested in Oregon in home measures, and these are our politics.

DAVID NEWSOME,
SALEM, May 10th, 1880.

AMIES YOUNG TREE.

When apple or pear trees become diseased from being planted in unfavorable or ill-prepared soil, or from a lack of food, they are very certain to be attacked by insects, which, if they are in a healthy condition, would probably be unknown. Certain washes, such as lime, (a solution of potash), have been applied with success in destroying these insects and restoring the trees to health. But for our own practice we have for the last two years applied a much simpler remedy with much more success, as it causes the old dead bark, the chosen hiding-places of the insects, to cleave off, leaving in its place a smooth, healthy surface. This is simply, after a rain, and while the bark is yet wet, to throw on some dry wood ashes, until the surface of the tree is covered with a thin film. If rain comes the strength of the ashes is carried into every cranny of the bark, and the effect is working cleanliness in the tree. If there is no rain, the ashes will remain and be working their good effects, and be ready for action when the rain comes. The operation of mowing on the ashes is easily and quickly performed; so, if the tree is in a bad condition, it is easily repeated until the insects are all destroyed and a new healthy bark covers the tree. To remedy existing evils now on the ashes between now and the leafing out, after the first rain, if possible; for they can be scattered over the bark now with less waste than when intercepted with leaves, and placed more equally where they are needed. As a preventive of future depredations, sow them on in summer, when the insects deposit their eggs, which will never hatch under the influence of the ashes. Two objects are gained by this operation: The washes, or lime washes, which are used for the trees, as well as destroying its enemies, and impart cleanliness to the tree. —*Germania Telegraph.*

RAILROADS.

Our large State, abounding in more natural resources, than any other State or Territory in the Union, is attracting men of great capital abroad, who are now investing largely in railroads in Oregon and W. T. A quarter of a century ago it was supposed that the high lands in Eastern Oregon were valuable only for stock raising. And in fact the brush lands of Western Oregon were considered almost worthless. But tests have been made, and it is now known that of the 61 millions of acres of land within the State two-thirds of it are valuable wheat lands, and the quality and quantity of wheat grown on these lands is attracting great attention abroad. Hence railroads and ships and river steamers are in requisition to transport our surplus of grain, wool, flour and farm products generally to the world's markets. We are no longer tributary to California. The brand upon our articles of commerce, "Oregon," is a safe passport to foreign or domestic buyers. The lines of railroads now finished, or under survey or construction in Western Oregon, show conclusively the estimation in which this part of our State is held. The two lines of the O. & C. R. R. from Portland south, on each side of the Willamette river, and the feeders which they are constructing—one from Albany to Lebanon, and one from Salem to Howell Prairie, with a feeder south fifteen miles across the fertile districts of the Willamette Hills and Mill Creek valley, will greatly add to the worth of real estate along those lines.

And the two narrow gauge roads, now under rapid construction on both sides of the Willamette River, each passing close to the western spurs of the Cascades and of the Coast Mountains, will open up a market and cheap transportation to our sea-boards.

The extent and productions of these districts, through which these two narrow gauge roads will run, are almost beyond computation. And the large amount of public lands and railroad lands lying near to those roads, but which have been too remote from markets to induce settlers to buy or enter them, will now come into active demand for permanent settlers.

There is no part of Oregon which is, in every respect, more desirable for newcomers than Western Oregon. And, in connection with the subject of railroads, there is no great transcontinental line, direct, which would pierce through the very best portion of our State, and nearly all the way through a vast wheat growing country. This would be a route from Ogden via of Fort Boise, thence crossing Snake River, and thence through the southern parts of Baker, Grant, Wasco, Lion and Benton counties to the Yaquina Bay and Harbor. This would dissect the whole State of Oregon from east to west—325 miles. I am surprised that this route has not attracted public attention already. The cheapness and practicality of deepening and widening the entrance to the Bay, across Yaquina Bar, are manifest to all men whose interests do not warp their judgment. There is the largest and best wheat growing district in the southern parts of Baker, Grant and Wasco counties of any portion of this State; but cut off from all markets nearer than one hundred miles, and hence used only by stock-raisers and miners. It is nearly level all the way. The route across the Cascade Mountains via Mount Jefferson is the best for a railroad of any other across these Mountains, from the Gulf of California to British Columbia. I hope that men

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 20.

Editor Democrat:
All of the proceedings of Congress during the past week that would be of interest to the general reader can be summed up in one short paragraph, though much earnest work has been done. The debate in the Senate over the Geneva Award bill, long drawn out and tedious, has finally ended in an indefinite postponement—which is a mild and positive form of defeat. The case as it now stands certainly presents some peculiar aspects. The arbitration at Geneva awarded heavy damages in favor of the United States, against Great Britain, for the destruction of American property on the seas during the late war, by vessels fitted out in English ports. The claims were due to private owners of the property destroyed, but after settling with all those claims are clear the government still has ten million dollars of the amount awarded. Insurance companies and others have endeavored to establish a right to this balance, but Congress does not seem disposed to allow their claims. It would hardly seem that the money belongs to the Treasury, because the government does not pretend to have sustained any of the damages, yet the result is that we pocket ten million dollars obtained from Great Britain for a specific but illusory purpose. Notwithstanding the ability and ingenuity of their advocates, I do not think the money really belongs to those who now claim it, and the conclusion naturally is that the award was excessive. But upon all these points there is a wide difference of opinion among the ablest members of the Senate. Matt Carpenter, who formerly resisted the claims of the insurance companies, has this session been one of their most eloquent advocates.

THE HOWGATE EXPEDITION.

The ship *Howgate* is being fitted up for the Howgate Arctic expedition, and will sail about the middle of May. The expedition will be in charge of Captain Chester, who is an experienced explorer and navigator. The *Howgate* is a steamer of two hundred tons burden, and is now lying at Alexandria, where she is being strengthened to stand the rough usage she will encounter in the Arctic seas. A permanent depot will be established on the west side of Smith's Sound, and the vessel will return for another cargo of provisions, and on her return to the station will take the men left there, and who have become settled, and push on further toward the pole, and establish another station, and then in six months the new men will push on and relieve those in advance, who will go still further north. By this means the captain expects to be able, finally, to reach the pole. If any of the men get disheartened, he will replace them with new men, of whom he says he can always find an abundance. This plan will take a good deal of time, and it will be six years before the desired object can be attained, but Captain Howgate thinks it is the only way the desired end can be gained.

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Enter old lady of a certain age,
"I wish to register, sir."
"Your name, please?"
"Almira Jane Simpson."
"Your age?"
"60 years old."
"Do you understand that I must give my age?"
"Yes, miss, the law requires it."
"Worlds, sir, would not tempt me to give it! Not that I care. No? I had as lief wear it on my bonnet, as a black-man does his number; but I'm a twin, and if my sister has a weakness, it is that she dislikes any reference made to her age, and I could not give my own, because I don't wish to offend her."

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The terrible vengeance of a husband whose wife has gone off with a handsome man:
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The resident bird we've heard,
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Will come to dinner if you call,
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(From the Corvallis Blade.)

MURKIN FOR WITKAKER AND YAGUINA BAR.

Washington telegram, May 1st:
"The House Committee on Commerce, after hearing arguments from Representative Witkaker, has agreed to recommend an appropriation of \$50,000 for the improvement of Yaquina Bay. He is also sanguine of obtaining an appropriation for Copuella harbor."
This is glorious news. We must congratulate the people of Oregon, especially of this section, upon the bright prospects of their future. The improvement of Yaquina Bay harbor is now assured beyond a reasonable doubt, and the friends of the project may safely rejoice. It is almost certain that the bill will become a law. It is a rare thing for the work of committees to be materially changed. In the committee room is where the work was done, and it is in no way probable that it will be overhauled when the bill comes up for final action. If the bill is presented in the general bill for harbor and river improvement action will be taken on it within perhaps two or three weeks. In consideration of the usual custom of Congress in regard to such matters and the amount of opposition the measure has met with, the appropriation is as large as might reasonably have been expected. Among the enemies of Yaquina Bay we may, from various indications, class Genl. C. S. Stewart, senior member of the Board of Engineers of the Pacific Coast, who desires to do so much for Trinidad harbor in California, and who is the author of a minority report from the Board favoring Trinidad as the site for the proposed Harbor of Refuge. In this connection we refer to Stewart to show the nature of some of the opposition to Yaquina, and that we might not have expected a larger appropriation under the circumstances. When the \$50,000 are expended, it will demonstrate whether or not the improvements may be made permanent, and knowing so well that the work can be made permanent, and appearing to Congress that it can, there will be no difficulty in securing appropriations from time to time sufficient to complete the improvement. It is generally known that it is the custom of Congress to make appropriations in this manner.

AGRICULTURE.

What is true that the merits of Yaquina harbor, in themselves, demand an appropriation, it is likewise true that to favorable legislation could have been secured for it without the claims and merits of the location being, with much hard work, clearly pointed out and persistently urged. The people of this section can themselves claim some credit for the success of the measure. Much credit is due Col. Hogg and others for their untiring efforts in behalf of the bill, and too much praise cannot be awarded Senator Slater. To Representative Witkaker we owe a debt of gratitude which we can in no other way repay than by the expression that we appreciate his efforts. It is not our desire to discuss this question in connection with politics, but "Honest John" Witkaker has done so much to entitle him to our confidence that he is undoubtedly entitled to the vote of every man in Central Oregon, and we can in no better way assure him that he has labored for a grateful people. With a view to the amount which we demand being appropriated in installments we took occasion to intimate in the *Blade* of last week that the work might remain unfinished at the close of this session of Congress. It proves to be true, and we desire to return a man to Congress who will finish it. We know Witkaker to be true; and why, then, should we support George, a young man of quite ordinary ability, a man who knows nothing of the workings of Congress, when it would take at least a session to learn anything about pressing the claims of his constituents, and who is no friend of Yaquina Bay anyhow, and who would oppose rather than further the interests of that section!

(Obscure Herald.)

IS DEATH NOT BETTER.

A touching incident occurred in the deaths of the aged people, Mr. and Mrs. Dickson last week. For convenience in attendance during their illness they were placed in separate bed rooms. The head of the beds were placed against a thin partition which having an open door permitted the two old people to converse, though not able to see each other. The night before the husband died his wife heard him gasping and was very anxious to be with him but was unable to rise. Soon she was informed that he was dying, and in order to be by him, the beds were moved so as to bring them parallel with the partition, the heads opposite the door. This done, the fond wife reached out her hand, grasped her husband by the hand, and held it during his last moments. Thus death found them as neatly 51 years before the marriage ceremony left them, joined hand in hand. It was a simple and affectionate token of the love of a long life, and the day following the wife, too, folded her arms in the sleep of death, and joined her husband in the beginning of a longer life.

FARM NOTES.

Mr. Dalrymple, the great wheat grower, has faith in the crop in Dakota. He will sow 25,000 acres this spring. He will also break five or six thousand acres of prairie.
Over 20,000 car-loads of live and dressed poultry are carried into New York city yearly, and 25,000,000 dozen of eggs go to the same market. According to the best estimates, the United States produces 9,000,000,000 dozen of eggs.
One of the occupations of young men who are filling up western Texas is to breed geese. One of them has 3,000 geese, whose feathers are plucked every two months. Each bird will average a pound and a half a year, worth fifty cents per pound.
Few realize the necessity of manuring orchards. When once planted, the trees are to remain on the same soil thirty or forty years at least. They in a few years exhaust the soil in the soil they are most fond of, and then they will cease to be productive and thrifty unless properly fed.
Green crops for manuring should not be plowed deeper than four inches; they are turned under more than four inches will receive enough of solar heat and atmospheric air to insure rapid decay, and when covered too deep their full beneficial effect cannot be realized till the next plowing, when they are brought nearer the surface.
A correspondent of *Tier's Monthly* says that one spoonful of castor-oil, powdered saltpetre to a full water will destroy potato bugs, squash bugs, and other insects. For roses it is unsurpassed. For maggots that work at the roots of squash vines, pour about a pint of the liquid upon the root of each vine as soon as the pests indicate themselves.
Potash dissolved in water, or lye from wood ashes, is the best wash for trunks and large limbs of fruit trees. Whitewash should not be used, as it closes up the pores of the bark, which should be kept open in order to insure a healthy tree. Potash or lye answers every purpose which whitewash would, with some of its objections.
A compound for the production of a first-class straw: One-third part of sulphate of iron, one-third sulphate of copper, one-third common salt, thoroughly blended, and when applied to be rubbed in that the compound shall form a component part of the individual. Great care, however, must be exercised that the compound be in no case exposed to the fungi of holly, or the character of the whole will be destroyed.
A ton of wheat when carefully burned leaves 23.24 pounds of ash, while a ton of straw will leave 69.33 pounds, and a ton of chaff 179.07 pounds. To know this is of interest to the wheat grower, as it teaches the importance of returning the straw to the soil, and great care ought to be taken of the crop in each year, as a fertilizer is as much as three pounds of straw, containing six times as much mineral manure as the grain itself.
A Western fruit grower says that he cut out of a limb an inch in diameter from an apple tree in each month of the year. At the end of five years, when they were all healed over, they were opened and those found to have decayed the least were those cut in February and March, or just before the swelling of the buds, while those cut in June or July, or during the growing season, had decayed the most; by this it would appear that the old way of pruning in early spring, before the sap begins to flow, was the best.

A SENSIBLE GUY.

"I'll tell you what," said a New York girl the other day, while examining a printed curriculum, and trying to make up her mind what study she would take up next; "I'll tell you what I would like to study— I don't mean that I want to be a physician, and practice, but only to know what to do at home if anybody is sick or anything happens. I am sure it would be more useful to me than—" and she turned to the prescribed course of study—"than spherical trigonometry and navigation. What is the use of my studying navigation?"
"But we can not run for the doctor every time anybody sneezes or coughs, and I would like to know what to do for any one who is a little sick."

TRULY HAPPY.

The only time in life when woman seems truly happy is when she calmly sits down and attempts to trim a new bonnet with old trimmings. She seems truly happy, but what a Yeanusian is at work in her heart.
A mother noticing her little daughter wipe her mouth on her dress sleeve, asked her what her handkerchief was for. Said she: "To shake at the bottom in the street. That is what papa does with his."

DEMOCRATIC STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Democratic State Central Committee will be held in the city of Portland on Tuesday, May 18, 1880, for the purpose of placing in nomination a candidate for State Printer, to be voted for at the ensuing June election. A full attendance of the committee is urgently requested.
C. F. BEATIE,
Chairman Dem. State Cen. Com.
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A BEST CONSERVATION.

The *Stockton Herald* justly denounces the conduct of Hop Sing Bee, the craven and despicable moral leper who is the servant of the Chinese Emperor and chief lackey to the Chinese Vice-Consul in this city, and who has bartered his birthright of citizenship—as did the more conspicuous similar traitor Burlingame, for golden profit. The *Herald* remarks: "Colonel Bee, Chinese Consul at San Francisco, late Saturday invited the Imperial flag here in confirmation of the Superior Court of the judgment of the Police Court in Kearney's case. The hoisting of that flag on such an occasion was a wanton and deriding insult to the American people, that should be promptly and indignantly resented. Col. Bee deserves to be sent to the House of Correction to keep Kearney company during his stay in that institution, and we hope there may be found legal means of sending him there. He probably raised the flag with the hope of provoking some act of violence by Kearney's followers. Happily he failed in this. But he should be warned by the authorities not to repeat the experiment. His insolent action has already to a great extent neutralized the effect of Kearney's conviction. It tends to make him a sort of heroic martyr rather than an ordinary convict, and has done more to excite the people to popularize the San-fall agitation than Kearney and his associate ruffians could have done in a year. If there are no legal means of reaching the Consul—and we presume there are some—there should be an expression of public indignation that he will not soon forget. The law has been properly vindicated by the conviction and punishment of Kearney; but the public peace should not be again endangered by the flaunting of the Chinese flag in triumph over his conviction. The Administration at Washington owes it to the people of this Coast to revoke the appointment of Col