

### EUGENE CITY GUARD.

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### CURING A POET.

A Terrible Disease Vanquished by Means of a Clever Conspiracy.

Abel Ryder was the queerest of all the queer characters we had in our town. Not that his eccentricities were plain to every body, like some of the old settlers, for one had to be pretty well acquainted with the old man, and enter into conversation with him, to discover what was so strange about him. Abel's hobby was poetry. He never wrote any, so far as I know, but he could talk it. Yes, and he talked nothing else.

He kept a store—a regular village store, where the boys used to congregate, and it was there, on winter evenings, where we used to draw old Abel out, and enjoy his peculiarities. For instance, I would enter and say: "Good evening, Abel!" "Set the table," Abel would reply. (He did not care whether his replies contained any sense, so long as they rhymed; that was all he looked out for.)

Some one else would come in with "Well, Abel, how goes it?" "My manner shows it," answered Abel, never stopping as if at a loss for a word, but answering as naturally as could be.

It was very seldom that we ever "stuck" Abel—he could always find something to rhyme with the last word of our sentence; but I want to tell you how we conspired to bring him down to plain English, for we tired of his ceaseless poetical chatter, and how the conspiracy worked.

We all got together one day, and began to form a number of sentences ending in words which it was difficult to find anything to rhyme. When we had made a list sufficient, we thought, to satisfy our needs, we proceeded in a body to Abel's store. He was behind the counter, and, as we entered, said: "Good morning, boys, a lovely day! How are you fellows, any way?"

Then we began. "Abel," said Tom Ferris, "what's the day of the month?" "I think I—I told you—" Abel scratched his head. "I think I told you once. No, no—Don't be such a dunce—dunth." He paused and looked at us victoriously. But we were not to be beaten so easily.

"Say, Abel," said Bill Bower, "did you ever see a locomotive?" "No; but I think I would know it if—I saw one," he added in parenthesis. This was only a partial victory for Abel, and we followed him up.

"Abel," said a third, "could you run a dynamo?" Abel thought a moment and then replied, quickly: "Your remarks, now, please continue 'em, O!"

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### THE PACIFIC COAST.

Work to be Resumed on the Astoria and South Coast Railway.

The Oakland Saloonkeepers Contemplate Starting an Opposition Brewery to the Syndicate.

Work on the jetties at Yaquina bay has been resumed.

Ground is broken at Sacramento for the new Federal building.

The cry for more cars to move lumber at Portland is still heard, and Union Pacific officials promise early relief.

People in Southern New Mexico threaten to organize and kill Indians if the renegades do not cease their raids.

Olympic mountain explorers report an unlimited quantity of the finest timber, indications of coal and auriferous minerals and swarms of fish in the streams.

James Dunn and George Martin, who were collector and bookkeeper in the agency of the Santa Fe Company at Los Angeles, are missing, and so also is about \$5,000 in their accounts.

Citizens of Modoc county, Cal.; Lake county, Or., and Washoe county, Nev., have petitioned Congress against the proposed abandonment of Fort Bidwell as a military reservation.

It is estimated that wheat and hops will bring into the State of Washington this season about \$12,000,000, lumber and coal about \$15,000,000, and that railway construction will bring in \$25,000,000 more within eighteen months.

A site has been given Whatcom county, Wash., for the erection of a county hospital or infirmary, and the Commissioners have ordered a vote to be taken at the general election in November on the proposition to expend \$200,000 in erecting an adequate building.

The gross earnings of the Southern Pacific system for August were \$4,483,769; and the gross earnings for the year up to date were \$30,120,000, against \$29,497,500 last year. The total operating expenses to date for 1900 were \$20,396,000, against \$20,117,000 last year.

Thomas Nolan, second mate of the ship Yorktown, has been acquitted at San Francisco by Commissioner Sawyer of the charge of cutting adrift a boat containing Boatswain James Weston during a recent voyage. The testimony went to show that Nolan risked his life to save Weston.

Work is to be resumed at once on the construction of the Astoria and South Coast railway, and the contract has been let to Chinese from Portland for grading seven miles out from Hillsboro, and at Astoria to another Chinese firm for grading several miles up the Lewis and Clarke rivers.

One day last week ten masked men took a land lawyer, James Herrington, from the jail at Bakersfield, Cal., gagged him, conveyed him to a lonely spot, stripped him and applied a coat of tar and feathers to him. He had been arrested on complaint of a settler, whom it is charged, he had engaged in a contest of jerky.

Sturgeon are reported as very scarce in the Columbia above Astoria. The reason assigned for their scarcity is the myriads of sardines that are at present being caught at the mouth of the river. This is the spawning season with the sardines, and the sturgeon, living principally on small fish, will not ascend up the river until the sardines disappear.

A scheme is on foot among saloonkeepers of Oakland to start a new brewery in opposition to the English syndicate, which owns all the breweries in that city except one small one. Some of the former employes of the Oakland brewery are in the movement, and about one-third of the money needed has already been subscribed, largely by saloonkeepers.

The bill for the exploration of the interior of Alaska, to which the House Committee on Military Affairs has devoted considerable time, has been reported to the House with a recommendation favorable to its passage. The report was made by Mr. Rockwell of Massachusetts, who briefly reviewed the object aimed at by the bill. He says that while the coast of Alaska has been followed and mapped almost nothing is known of the interior.

In the Superior Court the jury in the case of Mrs. W. L. Coene against the Los Angeles Cable Railway Company found a verdict for the plaintiff and awarded her \$15,000 damages. In November, 1888, the plaintiff and her husband were riding in a wagon in East Los Angeles. A double horse car of the cable company collided with the wagon, and Mrs. Coene was thrown to the ground. As a result she sustained serious injuries and is now bedridden.

The Southern Pacific passenger department will shortly send some of its employes to make sketches or photographs of the Sequoia National Park tract of land, about forty-five miles east of Fresno, Cal., containing the forest of big trees which Congress recently reserved for park purposes. Photographers are also to be sent to Crater lake, fifty or sixty miles northeast of Astoria. That little is known of this lake, which is described as being a large sheet of water in the crater of an extinct volcano. A person standing on the edge of the crater is said to look down upon a lake 2,000 feet below him.

The annual report of the Northern Pacific, to be presented at the annual meeting of the stockholders on October 31, is said to make a splendid showing. The company has in its treasury \$3,000,000, the earnings accumulated during the past five years, and most of this amount will ultimately be paid to preferred stockholders. The proxy committee this year consists of Charles L. Colby, C. B. Wright and Thomas F. Oakes. The Tacoma Land Company has arranged to give entrance into that city to all railroads converging at that point, and President Wright has approved of the sale of thirty-five acres of land for terminals at Tacoma to the Union Pacific.

House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill for a public building at Oakland, Cal. The bill is reported with an amendment reducing the appropriation from \$300,000 to \$250,000. The report accompanying the bill recommending its passage says that Oakland is a very prosperous and growing city and needs a properly located, commodious and suitable building for postal purposes. The business of the office, it says, is rapidly increasing with the rapid increase of population. The gross receipts of the office for the year ending June 30, 1899, were \$70,243, and the revenue, above all expenses, \$31,420.

Intelligence has reached Ottawa from British Columbia that the governments of Great Britain and the United States have agreed to close Behring sea during 1899, by which time it is expected that the questions at issue will be settled by either mutual agreement or arbitration.

The rush of foreign goods to the United States to escape the increased duties of the McKinley bill has turned the balance of trade against the country. It will cross the statement of foreign commerce shows the exports from this country for August to have been \$56,000,000 and imports \$61,300,800.

In the Mississippi Constitutional Convention the committee to which the subject of securing conciliatory legislation was referred has reported a number of resolutions which claim the incapacity of the negro to govern, and recommend that Congress be appealed to to resubmit the Fifteenth Amendment to the States.

It is reported in Chicago that the Great Northern road would have its Pacific Coast line in operation within a year. It will cross the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific roads in Washington and tap all its Pacific Coast connections. Its Pacific Coast terminal will be south of Portland with branches to that city and Seattle.

A rich find of silver is reported to have been made in Calhoun county, Ala. It is what appears to be a mine formerly worked by Indians. The ore is said to assay 80 per cent. of pure silver.

General Ely S. Parker, a civil engineer of New York, who served on General Grant's staff during the war, is a full-blooded Seneca Indian, and is said to have suggested the main features of a design that has been adopted for a monument to Red Jacket, the great Seneca chief.

### EASTERN ITEMS.

An Iowa Prophet Augurs a Long, Cold, Snowy Winter.

An Appeal for Aid Made by the American Committee for the Relief of Famine in Ireland.

Over 12,000,000 bananas are distributed in Chicago every week.

Saratoga is to have a new bathing establishment to cost \$100,000.

An opposition water works company has been organized at Topeka, Kan.

A colored evangelist of Brockwayville, Pa., is said to be a second Sam Jones.

There is talk of spanning the Mississippi at Burlington with a pontoon bridge.

The census bureau has announced the population of the Territory of Oklahoma as 61,701.

There are fifty-one different postmasters within the corporate limits of the city of Chicago.

It is reported that one of the largest banks in Great Britain is to establish a branch in Chicago.

The ship yards of the lakes will this year turn out 125,000 tons of excellent cargo-carrying vessels.

Jones, the Iowa weather prophet, predicts a long, cold, snowy winter, starting in early and continuing late.

Buffalo Bill's ill treatment of his Indians is to be investigated by the Indian Department at Washington.

All the little towns in Oklahoma are presenting their claims to the Legislature for the Territorial capitol site.

A monument is to be erected at Lexington, Mo., in memory of the dead soldiers of the Union and Confederate armies.

The President has approved the river and harbor bill and the joint resolution for the purchase of nickel ore for the navy.

A just retribution has overtaken the inventor of the pigs-in-clover puzzle. He has been sent to an asylum in St. Louis.

Washington authorities deny that orders have been sent to the revenue cutters Wolcott to proceed to Behring sea and make seizures.

The postoffice authorities have seized the entire weekly edition of the Cincinnati Volksfreund because it contained lottery advertisements.

Jersey City has a law under which fines of \$100 each are to be imposed upon persons detected drinking malt or alcoholic liquors in her new parks.

The report of the Statistician of Kansas shows that mortgages in that State are being lifted at the rate of 34 per cent. and \$10,000,000 for the year.

Representative Vandever's bill converting the Yosemite Valley region into a grand national park has been signed by the President and is now a law.

The work of classifying the sections in the World's Fair will be completed by November. The whole exhibition will occupy nine buildings.

House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds has cut down the appropriations for buildings at Reno, Nev., and Oakland, Cal., to \$40,000 and \$225,000 respectively.

Secretary Noble has christened the Big Tree reservation "The Sequoia National Park" and promulgated rules and regulations similar to those now governing Yellowstone Park.

The Constitutional Convention of Mississippi has adopted an amendment which bids the Legislature to authorize any lottery tickets be allowed in the State.

In the suit for a limited divorce brought by the wife of Mokee Rankin in New York the latter pleads comparative impotency. He owes much money to Joseph Jefferson, Stuart Robson and others.

As a result, it is alleged, of inordinate greed on the part of the gas trust, Chicago City Council by unanimous vote has declared in favor of municipal ownership and operation of all the gas and electric light plants of the town.

### FOREIGN NEWS.

Russia Making New Laws Against the Hebrews.

The Pope Reported to Adverse to Cremation, and Prohibits Catholics to Attend Them.

English opinion indorses the Burchell verdict.

Napoleon III.'s library is soon to be sold at auction.

Michael Davitt says Parnell's position is stronger than ever.

The recruits for the November entries to the German army number 215,000.

The last performance of the "Passion Play" at Oberammergau occurred September 28.

The Socialists of Germany are greatly rejoicing over the expiration of the anti-Socialist law.

Emin Pasha has not yet received the \$5,000 arrears due to him from the Egyptian government.

The Pope does not believe in cremation, and has forbidden Catholics to go to the fiery furnace.

Cyprus is suffering from a scarcity of silver coin. The government prohibits the importation of silver.

It is reported at Buenos Ayres that Dr. Celman, the late President, has \$10,000,000 invested in London.

Russia has ordered six torpedo vessels and 230,000 rifles of the latest pattern from French manufacturers.

The new Austrian torpedo ram, which has just been launched at Pola, is considered a match for any ironclad.

Every night 23,000 homeless and homeless people sleep by the Thames in what they call the Port of London.

England has formally notified King George of the Tonga islands that his country is under British protection.

It is reported from Ceylon that an attempt is to be made to introduce Ceylon cigars to the American market.

It has been arranged to convert the Cuban debt at the end of the year through the French and Spanish banks.

It is reported that the French forces have subdued the natives of the Society islands and established protectorates over them.

Prominent French Socialists declare that Boulanger promised to cast his lot with the revolutionaries in the first civil commotion.

A London dispatch from Algiers says that a cyclone has swept over a large portion of Algeria, doing an immense amount of damage.

Scarlet fever is epidemic in many places in Silesia. It has been found advisable to close schools. Numerous deaths have occurred.

It is a matter of public congratulation, but no more than was to be expected, that the popular elections in Brazil have fully sustained the Republic.

The English Admiralty is engaged in constructing an armored battle ship, Balfour, intended to be more powerful than any of its class yet constructed.

Emigrants are returning to Enroge in large numbers from the Argentine republic, finding the country at present in too chaotic a condition to settle in.

According to the recent census of Switzerland the Republic contains 1,700 Protestants, 1,200,000 Catholics, 8,300 Jews and 10,000 non-religious persons.

The Emperor of Austria has decided that the electric light shall be introduced into his palace at Vienna. Eight thousand incandescent lights will be required.

President Reichs of the Icherabach Orphan Asylum at Nuremberg, Bavaria, has been arrested on a charge of selling orphan girls to a life of shame. The government will close the institution.

### PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—Foreign markets are steady, but the demand for cargoes slow. Locally there is no change. Shippers still quote \$1 25 for Valley and \$1 17 1/2 for Walla Walla.

FLOUR—Quote: Standard, \$3.90/4.00; Walla Walla, \$3.60/3.80 per barrel.

WATER—Quote: 44/48c per bushel.

MILLS—Quote: Bran, \$1.50/1.65; Shorts, \$2.50/2.64; Ground Barley, \$2.50; Chop Feed, \$25 per ton.

HAY—Quote: \$16/18 per ton.

VEGETABLES—The market is firm. Quote: Cabbage, \$1.50/1.75 per cental; Cauliflower, \$1.25 per dozen; Onions, 2c per pound; Cucumbers, 10c per dozen; Carrots, \$1 per sack; Beets, \$1.50 per sack; Turnips, \$1.25 per sack; Tomatoes, 50c per 50; Potatoes, 80c/81c per cental; Sweet Potatoes, 2c per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 11c/12c; California, 9 1/2/10c; Young America, 14 1/2/15c per pound.

BUTTER—The market is firm. Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 35c; fancy dairy, 32 1/2; good to fair, 27 1/2/33c; common, 22 1/2/25c; choice California, 28/30c per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 25c; Eastern, 25c per dozen.

POULTRY—Quote: Old Chickens, 65c; young, 3/4; old Ducks, 60c/65c; large young, 47/50; Geese, 9c per dozen; Turkeys, 14/15c per pound.

FRUIT—Quote: Tahiti Oranges, \$4.50 per box; Sicily Lemons, \$9/10c per case; Pears, 1 1/2/1 3/4; Apples, 60/65c per box; Grapes, 70c/81c per box; Pineapples, \$3.50/4.00 per dozen; Bananas, \$4 per bunch; double, \$4; Peaches, 80c/85c per box; Watermelons, \$1.00/2.00 per dozen; Cantaloupes, \$1.50/2.00 per dozen; California Quinces, \$1; Oregon, \$1.50 per dozen.

NOIS—Quote: Walnuts, 13c; Peanuts, green, 12c; Almonds, 17c; Filberts, 14 1/2/15c; Brazil, 13 1/4/14c per pound; Cocoanuts, 4 1/2 per dozen.

HONEY—Fancy White, 1-pound cartons, 18c per pound.

NAILS—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.20; Steel, \$3.35; Wire, \$3.90 per keg.

IRON—Quote: 30c per pound; nominal prices.

HIDES—The market is weak. Quotations: Dry Hides, selected prime, 8c/9c, 1/2 less for culls; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4c; under 55 pounds, 3c; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 3c/50c; medium, 60c/80c; long, 90c/1.25; shearings, 10c/20c; Tallow, good to choice, 3 3/4/4c.

WOLLS—Quote: Eastern Oregon, 10c/11c; Valley, 16c/18c per pound.

CRANBERRIES—Quote: Wisconsin, \$5.50; Cape Cod, \$4 per barrel.

The Merchandise Market.

SUGARS—Quote: Golden C, 5c; extra C, 5 1/2c; dry granulated, 6 1/2c; cut crushed and powdered, 6 1/2c per cask.

DRIED FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 12 1/2/14c; Petite and German Prunes, 10c per pound; Raisins, 12 1/2c per box; Plum-dried Plums, 11c/12c; Sun-dried Plums, 10c/11c; evaporated Peaches, 2c; Smyrna Figs, 14/16c; California Figs, 9c per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, \$3.25; Pink, \$3.75; Bayos, \$4.50; Butter, \$3.50; Linas, \$5.50 per cental.

CANNED GOODS—Market is firm. Quote: Table fruits, \$2.25, 2 1/2c; Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Pears, \$2.25; Plums, \$1.65; Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2; Blackberries, \$2; Raspberries, \$2.50; Pineapples, \$2.75; Apples, \$1.85. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$3.75 per dozen; Peaches, \$1.40; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.12 1/2/1.40, according to quality; Tomatoes, \$1.20/3.50; Sugar Peas, \$1.40/1.60; String Beans, \$1 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, \$1.50; sardines, 80c/81c/40c; lobsters, 4c/5c; oysters, \$2.25/2.75 per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8.25; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75; Champion, \$6 per case.

COFFEES—Quote: Costa Rica, 22 1/2c; Rio, 25 1/2c; Arabica's, roasted, 26 1/2c per pound.

TEA—Quote: 20/45c per pound.

PICKLES—Quote: 1 1/2c/1 1/2c; \$1.25 5c.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, \$17, \$18, \$19; stock, \$11/12 per ton in carload lots.

COAL—Quote: \$2.20 per case.

### THOUGHT SHE'D DROP IN.

And While She Was In She Told a Pleasant Little Story.

A busy Chicago housewife had just dusted the furniture and was about to wash the windows when there came a violent ring at the door bell. A faded-looking woman, carrying a green parol and a bag that peeked like a tobacco sack walked in when the door was opened, and refusing to give her name, entered the parlor.

"Would you object to giving me your name?" said the housewife, when the strange woman had seated herself.

"Never mind my name."

"Will you please state your business?"

"Never mind my business."

"Well, but why am I honored with this visit?"

"You'll find out soon enough."

"I should like to find out now, if it will not be putting you to any unnecessary inconvenience."

"All right. My business is not very important, to be sure, but perhaps you might take some little interest in it. Your name is Mrs. Natterson, I believe."

"Yes."

"Ah, hah. How long have you known your alleged husband?"

"My alleged husband?"

"Yes."

"I have been married three years."

"That is, you think you have been married that long."

"Oh, it's a matter of no consequence, but as I happened to be in this town and more especially as I chanced to be passing, I thought that I would drop in and tell you that this man Natterson married me in Massachusetts some five or six years ago, I forget which. But it amounts to nothing, you know."

"Merciful heavens, madam, you horrify me!"