

EUGENE CITY GUARD.

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EUGENE CITY, OREGON.

WHAT TWO OFFICE BOYS DID.

Awful Result of That Curiosity Which Marks the Average New Yorker.

Two office boys at 111 Nassau street were left alone at luncheon time and in sole possession of the fourth floor front room. They took advantage of this freedom from restraint by fitting up a doll with a pair of black trousers, a white shirt and a black peaked hood over its china head. They tied its feet together and bound its arms behind its back. Then they slipped a noose at the end of a long string over its neck and threw it out over an electric wire so that the doll hung dangling about twenty feet above the level of the street.

The first man who passed was on top of a high seated wagon, and he slowed up his horses to look at the effigy hanging by its head. This caused a passer-by to follow the direction of the driver's eyes and to stop altogether. The man immediately behind him and a boy coming toward him had to halt at this, and seeing that the man was looking up stared, too.

Three men standing still on narrow Nassau street are enough to attract the attention of a dozen others. The dozen stopped, then another dozen lined up on the other side of the street. No one said anything to any one else, but each stared up in the air at the doll.

A man on an express wagon saw the crowd looking up and pulled up his horse and approached the doll curiously. He evidently thought there was some sort of trick about it, and that the crowd was waiting there to laugh at him. So he stopped. The driver of a cab coming in the opposite direction, seeing this, stopped too. This blocked the wagons and drays in the rear, and the drivers shouted at the expressman and the cabman to go ahead.

When they tried to do so they found the delay had caused a block behind them, and they could not pass unless all the wagons in the rear backed. The first wagon could not back because a heavy truck had turned in from the side street and cut off its retreat.

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THE PACIFIC COAST.

The Gila River Shifts Its Course Nearly One Mile.

Two of the California Train Robbers Reported to be in Custody—Other Occidental News.

At Phoenix, A. T., during the storm nights of heavy fall, but no lives were lost. At Globe a dozen houses fell, and two lives were lost.

The Arizona Legislative Council has passed the woman-suffrage bill by a vote of 10 to 2. It is believed the bill will pass the House.

Seattle is to have a flour mill with a capacity of 600 barrels a day. The capital stock of the company that will operate it is \$200,000.

The California Board of Agriculture strongly indorse General N. P. Chipman for the head of the department of horticulture at the World's Fair.

A resolution has been introduced in the Washington Legislature changing the name of Mount Rainier, the sentinel of the Cascades, to Mount Sherman in memory of the dead General.

A resolution was offered in the Nevada Legislature going away with the iron-clad duel oath heretofore taken by all officers in Nevada. If this is repealed, a duelist will be eligible to hold office in that State.

Bradstreet's mercantile agency reports thirteen failures in the Pacific Coast States and Territories for the past week, as compared with fourteen for the corresponding week and fifteen for the corresponding week of 1890.

Santa Cruz, Cal., is making preparations for the centennial celebration of the founding of the Mission of Santa Cruz. A memorial cross will probably be built on the spot where the first cross was erected 100 years ago by the Mission Fathers.

A Glendora young man took to Los Angeles a California condor that measured 9 feet 11 inches from tip to tip. It was caught during the storm. It was found in a path with thick brush on each side, and being unable to fly, was caught. It will be mounted.

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EASTERN ITEMS.

The Police of Indianapolis Raiding Ogling Dudes.

Report of the Director of the Mint for the Calendar Year 1890, Showing the Gold and Silver Product.

Gifts for the Massachusetts Home for Old Fellows amount to \$70,000.

It is reported that the Vanderbilts are purchasing Michigan iron mines.

Austin, Texas, is expending \$1,400,000 in building a granite dam across the Colorado river.

The police of Indianapolis are raiding the dudes who ogle women as they come out of the theater.

An alabaster quarry, miles in extent, has been discovered in the foothills near Canyon City, Col.

There is a proposition before the Indiana Senate to increase the State liquor license from \$100 to \$200.

A bill has been introduced in the Kansas House forbidding the enforcement of the payment of mortgages in gold.

Boston architects have carried off the prize offered for the best design for a Board of Trade building in Montreal.

The Kentucky Constitutional Convention defeated the proposition to make adultery the only cause for absolute divorce.

A company has been formed with \$3,000,000 of capital to build a railroad from Milwaukee to Superior, a distance of 340 miles.

In part two of the General Sessions Court at New York Judge Martine fined Jay Gould \$100 for failing to respond to a jury summons.

A congress of American whist players will be held at Milwaukee April 14 to 17 to frame a code of laws for the government of American players.

The Great Northern and the Seattle and Montana railroads have practically consolidated, and through trains will soon be running to Seattle from St. Paul.

The death rate for the entire State of New York is figured by the State Board of Health at 19.65. The death rate in the State outside the large cities is about 16.

A clergyman in New York has declined to permit an engaged couple to rehearse in his church the wedding ceremony which is to be performed at Easter.

During the past six years Minnesota has paid \$78,834 for wolf bounties. During certain months of the year the bounty is only \$3 per scalp, while during other months it is \$5.

A Vienna correspondent says he has authority to state that the recent negotiations carried on among the courts of Vienna, Berlin and Rome insure a renewal of the dreibund.

A private dispatch from Washington received at Indianapolis announces that J. A. Lemeke, ex-State Treasurer of Indiana, has been appointed United States Treasurer, vice Hunter resigned.

It is stated in New York that the stable of the late Senator Hearst will not only be maintained, but that his son will establish a stable at Baricca, N. M., from which he will recruit the stock of racers.

The Vatican authorities are in receipt of numerous letters from the United States requesting the Pope to reinstate Dr. McElvinn. Contrary to reports, Cardinal Gibbons is not mixed up in this affair.

Texas refuses to make an appropriation for the World's Fair. The State will be represented, however, on a big scale by private subscriptions, and a movement is on foot to have the money well inaugurated at once.

The local directory of the World's Fair has begun suits against a large number of delinquent subscribers. In all there are about 6,000 small stockholders who have not paid their assessments, and collections will be pushed.

A bill has been introduced in the Indiana Legislature providing that any man who shall be proven guilty of whipping his wife shall himself receive sixty lashes and that the public shall be admitted to the jail yard to see him whipped.

A new Polar expedition is on the cards. It will be undertaken by Civil Engineer Robert B. Peary of the United States navy, who has just secured leave of absence for eighteen months, with this object in view, from the Navy Department.

The family of General Barrundia has filed a claim against the United States government with the Secretary of State. It has been made without the consent of the country of which the claimants are citizens, and that fact is considered a fatal defect.

FOREIGN NEWS.

The Australian Wheat Surplus Said Not to be Great.

The Movement Against the Jews in Austria Conspicuous in the Contest Over the Coming Elections.

General Booth will build a Salvation hall in Berlin.

Correspondents in Spain note a very strong undercurrent of republicanism.

Various schemes are being tried in Paris for the improvement of the condition of the poor.

Holland's Minister of War has introduced a bill increasing the kingdom's army to 365,000 men.

Ex-Prime Minister Crispi is afraid to plead a case at Marseilles for fear the French will boot him.

Scarlatina is reported raging with exceptional virulence among the young troops in the Versailles garrison.

The German Railroad Minister has caused a panic among the coal-trust people by ordering coal from England.

The Minister of the Italian Treasury has presented a budget in which the reductions will amount to 74,000,000 lire.

The complete victory of the young Czechs has caused consternation and astonishment in the Viennese political circles.

The rejection of the slavery resolution has caused a tremendous sensation in Brussels. King Leopold is greatly incensed.

The proposed Forth and Clyde ship canal will come up at the forthcoming meeting of the Associated Chambers of Commerce in London.

It is stated that a royal commission, of which Joseph Chamberlain, M. P., is Chairman, has been appointed to inquire into the effect of coal dust in colliery explosions.

The London Corporation has added upward of thirty acres to the acreage of Epping forest by the completion through the City Solicitor of the purchase of a portion of Highgate park.

Preparations are being made for a heraldic exhibition in the Scottish port of Edinburgh, in connection with the annual conference of the Archaeological Association, which will be held in that city in June next.

It has transpired that Helena Markovic and Helena Kneianic, who attempted to kill King Milan in 1882, have been strangled to death in prison. Milan has requested Garaschinnic to institute an inquiry into the killing.

Emperor William has stated to Chancellor von Caprivi that Social Democracy now have full play within the limits of his legal rights, but that if it sought to overstep these bounds it would meet with the most decided suppression.

In the English Commons Labouchere moved the reduction of the army estimates by £100,000 on account of the troops in Egypt. He said the troops ought to have been withdrawn long ago. The motion was rejected under cloture—140 to 55.

The announcement in several American newspapers that Archbishop Williams of Boston will be appointed Cardinal is not true. Archbishop Williams has written a letter to the Pope requesting his Holiness not to impose that honor upon him.

The distinguished Russian traveler in Central Asia, Colonel Pevtsov, and his companions are expected in St. Petersburg this month. They will bring details of their discovery of a tract of land several hundred meters under the level of the sea.

A Zanzibar dispatch says that, notwithstanding the resignation by the British government of the rights of Portugal in Manicaland, the British flag continues to fly at Marsel, and the British South African Company shows no signs of retiring.

The united Chambers of Commerce of London at a general meeting discussed the subject of ocean penny postage. A resolution urging the early adoption of that rate and to bring a pressure on the government to bring it before Parliament was passed.

Michael Eyraud, the stranger, whose head was cut off in Paris, had his life insured for \$10,000, but the companies refuse to pay on the strength of a clause in every policy relieving the company of liability if the insured meets his death while violating the laws of the country.

The military strength of the Germans along the French frontier is said to be very great. The discipline maintained is the same as if the two countries were at peace. The regiments at Metz are kept almost constantly under arms, and nearly every night are turned out on an alarm to test their capacity for promptness in real emergency.

The British government, under pressure from merchants in the Brazilian trade, is taking steps to obtain for Great Britain an assurance of commercial privileges in that country equal to those granted other nations. English merchants are afraid the reciprocity treaty between Brazil and the United States will divert much of the trade to the latter country.

Sir Charles Dilke, who will be remembered as in connection with the notorious Crawford-Dilke divorce case, is standing for a seat in the Commons. He is issuing a pamphlet stating that Captain Forster should have been correspondent instead of himself. Dilke's candidacy is violently opposed by prominent English politicians, and a large petition against his return has been circulated.

PORTLAND MARKET.

WHEAT—There is a very firm tone to the local market, and the export demand is good, but offerings are very light and trading quiet. Quote: Nominally, \$1.25 for Walla Walla and \$1.30 at 1/2% for Valley.

Flour—Quote: Standard, \$4.10; Walla Walla, \$3.75; 3.50 per barrel.

OATS—Quote: Bran, \$18.00; Shorts, \$19.00; Ground Barley, \$20.00; Chop Feed, \$25.00 per ton; Barley, \$1.25 @ 1/2% per cental.

HAY—Quote: \$10@17 per ton.

VEGETABLES—Quote: Cabbage, \$1.61 @ 1/2% per cental; Cauliflower, \$1.61 @ 1/2% per dozen; Celery, 90¢ per dozen; Onions, 34¢ @ 1/2% per sack; Turnips, \$1 per sack; Potatoes, 70¢ @ 75¢ per sack; Tomatoes, \$2.25 per box; Asparagus, 37¢ per pound; Parsnips, \$1 per sack.

FRUITS—Quote: Los Angeles Oranges, \$2@2.25; Riverside, \$2.25 @ 2.50; Navel, \$4.50 per box; Sicily Lemons, \$5.50 @ 6.00; Apples, \$4 @ 5 per box; Pears, 1 1/2¢ per pound; Apples, \$1 @ 1.50 per bunch; Pineapples, \$3 @ 5 per dozen.

EGGS—Quote: California Walnuts, 11¢; Hickory, 8¢; Brazil, 18¢; Almonds, 10¢ @ 11¢; Filberts, 15¢ @ 16¢; Pine Nuts, 17¢ @ 18¢; Pecans, 17¢ @ 18¢; Coconuts, 8¢; Hazel, 8¢; Peanuts, 8¢ per pound.

BUTTER—Quote: Oregon fancy creamery, 40¢ @ 42¢; fancy dairy, 37¢; fair to good, 32¢ @ 33¢; common, 20¢ @ 25¢; California, 30¢ per pound.

CHEESE—Quote: Oregon, 14¢ @ 15¢; California, 15¢ @ 16¢ per pound.

EGGS—Quote: Oregon, 20¢ per dozen; POULTRY—Quote: Chickens, \$5.00 @ 6.00; Ducks, \$8 @ 10; Geese, \$9 @ 11 per dozen; Turkeys, 14¢ @ 15¢ per pound.

HORS—Quote: Nominally, 20¢ per pound.

Wool—Quote: Willamette Valley, 16 @ 20¢; Walla Walla, 14 @ 17¢ per pound.

HIDES—Quote: Dry Hides, selected prime, 58¢ @ 63¢; do less for color; green, selected, over 55 pounds, 4¢; under 55 pounds, 3¢; Sheep Pelts, short wool, 30 @ 50¢; medium, 60 @ 80¢; long, 90¢ @ 1.25; sealings, 10¢ @ 20¢; Tallow, good to choice, 3¢ @ 3 1/2¢ per pound.

COAL OIL—Quote: \$1.95 per case.

RICE—Quote: \$5.75 @ 6.00 per cental.

HONEY—Quote: One-pound frames, 17¢.

PICKLES—Quote: \$1.50 @ 1.33 1/3.

CHEESEBERRIES—Quote: Cape Cod, \$11 per barrel.

SALT—Quote: Liverpool, \$16, \$16.50, \$17, stock, \$11 @ 12 per ton in carload lots.

COFFEE—Quote: Costa Rica, 21¢ @ 22¢; Rio, 25¢; Arabica's, roasted, 2 1/2¢ per pound.

BEANS—The market is firm. Quote: Small Whites, 3 1/2¢; Pink, 3¢; Bayon, 4 1/2¢; Butter, 4 1/2¢; Lima, 5 1/2¢ per pound.

SCARF—Quote: Golden C, 4 1/2¢; extra C, 5¢; dry granulated, 6 1/2¢; cube crushed and powdered, 6 1/2¢ per pound.

DRY FRUITS—The market is firm. Quote: Italian Prunes, 12¢; Peaches and German Prunes, 10¢ per pound; Raisins, \$2.25 per box; Plummer-dried Pears, 10¢ @ 11¢; sun-dried and factory Pears, 11¢ @ 12¢; evaporated Peaches, 18¢ @ 20¢; Smyrna Figs, 20¢; California Figs, 30¢ per pound.

CANNED GOODS—Market steady. Quote: Table fruits, \$2.00, 2 1/2¢; Peaches, \$2.50; Bartlett Pears, \$2.00; Apples, \$1.65; Strawberries, \$2.50; Cherries, \$2 @ 2.50; Blackberries, \$2.50; Raspberries, \$2.50; Pineapples, \$2.75; Apricots, \$2 @ 3.00. Pie fruit: Assorted, \$1.50 per dozen; Peaches, \$1.50; Plums, \$1.25; Blackberries, \$1.65 per dozen. Vegetables: Corn, \$1.25 @ 1.50, according to quality; Tomatoes, \$1.15 @ 1.30; Sugar Peas, \$1.40 @ 1.60; String Beans, \$1.10 per dozen. Fish: Salmon, \$1.25 @ 1.50; sardines, 80¢ @ 81¢ per dozen. Condensed milk: Eagle brand, \$8, 10; Crown, \$7; Highland, \$6.75; Champion, \$6 per case.

IRON—Base quotations: Iron, \$3.00; Steel, \$3.10; Wire, \$3.75 per keg.

SILK—Quote: \$1.90 per sack.

TEMPORARY MARRIAGES.

Persian Couples That Contract Matrimony for a Specific Time.

A writer in the Philadelphia North American describes the marriage custom among the Persians which would hardly have been known to our people until a few years ago. A Persian couple may enter into honorable matrimony for any specified time—a day, a week, a month, six months or longer. A priest and a written contract are required, as in the usual form, and a dowry and present bestowed. Whether the transaction is entered upon for a matter of days or years, at its termination the parties may free themselves of all further obligations toward each other.

This form of marriage is indulged in largely by travelers and men who occasionally take them from place to place. A mixed party of travelers—men, women and children—arrive at a village. The and children—susceptible by the charms of some rustic belle. The village priest is summoned forthwith, and the young lady's father invited to the caravan.

"I wish to be united in matrimony to my honored daughter, the light of my household, oh my father," says the amitt-traveler. "Hushallah."

"Hushallah!" returns the parent, "for how long?"

"For three weeks, oh my father," says the traveler, "and I will make the settlement ten tomans—five tomans down and the five upon our return from Meshed, when your holy, three weeks hence, when your daughter shall be returned, thrice blessed daughter shall be returned to you a pilgrim to Imam Kiza's sanctuary."

"What! ten tomans—pooh, pooh!" screams the father derisively, and making little of the advantages of the pilgrimage to Meshed. "My daughter is a jewel and the belle of the village. Her settlement must be 100 tomans cash down."

The prospective bridegroom and the father of the young lady in the case now argue and squabble for probably an hour, at the end of which time they compromise on thirty tomans and three-quarters. The priest draws up a marriage contract then and there, which the groom and the bride's parents sign. In it is stated the exact terms of the marriage, the amount of the settlement, and the time the contract is to expire. The priest is fed, the settlement money paid over to the father, and the blushing bride, who has had nothing to say in the matter whatever, is handed over to her husband. She is mounted on an ass or bundled into a kajwan and accompanied the party to Meshed.

Three weeks later the travelers halt at the same village on their return. The bride of three weeks slides off her donkey, kisses her husband's hands and returns to her parents' roof. She is now a charming young widow, and possesses thirty tomans and three-quarters, besides an extra toman or two presented by her husband at parting, if he has been pleased with her conduct as a spouse. With this snug sum, and the additional charms of her new condition, she of course very soon makes mince-meat of some worthy young peasant's heart and settles down for life. It sometimes happens, however, that the young bride takes advantage of the temporary marriage to steal away her husband's heart, and then at the old home a new marriage contract is drawn up and she becomes his lifelong helpmeet.

A Good Many of a Kind.

"Behold me!" laughed a recent bride returned from her wedding trip and busy establishing herself in her new home, as an intimate friend came upon her, "among my tea balls."

The friend echoed the laugh when she looked about. From chandelier, candelabra and cornice, on cabinet, easel and lamp, hung by their slender chains these perforated globes of silver; they swung from picture frames, glistened in curtain folds, twinkled among the brasses of the hearth, occupied on all sides unusual niches, where in a spirit of jest their embarrassed owner had placed them.

"I don't know," she said, "what could have developed this remarkable unanimity of purpose on the part of my friends, but when the wedding gifts began to arrive, it simply rained tea balls. I was delighted with the first, contented with the second, not so well pleased with the third, sorry at the fourth, angry at the fifth, sixth and seventh, amazed up to the twelfth, and paralyzed after that. What, my dearest girl, she finished tragically, "am I to do with twenty-three tea balls, by actual count?"

Which points a moral concerning wedding gifts. A casual acquaintance, a man especially, shopping with generous intentions toward a coming bride, will be wise to select nothing of which but one only is needed in a household. There are so many other things choice ought not to be difficult. A piece of Wedgwood, Doulton or royal Berlin; a bit of bronze, marble, brass or the French and Viennese, an etching, a rug, an artistic screen or piece of tapestry—these are only the beginning of the list of things which are prized by the maker of a home and of which too many can hardly be possessed. There is an aroma of taste, too, about wedding gifts that is too often offended. The more formal trifles should offer articles of adornment and decoration rather than of pronounced utility. Relatives and intimates are not so restricted.—New York Times.

A Novelty.

Fully three-fourths of the babies of the world go naked until they get to be five or six years old. The Canadian Indians keep their babies naked up to a certain point, and as for the little Koreans, they wear nothing but a short shirt until they are as old as our school boys. Little Egyptians of both sexes trot around without any clothes on, and the poorer portions of the Chinese children are often without clothes. I have seen quite large boys and girls naked in Havana, Cuba, and in southern California, or rather on the Californian peninsula.—Sheffield Telegraph.

Naked Children.

One of the best qualities of shaving brushes is made out of the hair of badgers, and the business of catching them is still so active, in spite of their comparative scarcity, that upward of 5,000 badgers' skins were exported to Great Britain from America in one year recently.

What Follows.

A howl and cry usually follow the small boy's acquisition of a pocketknife.—Rugby Standard.