

THE THREE ROCKERS.

Three rockers together a rockin' slow, On the east plazer, all in er row; Where are the folks, you want'er know? No answer comes, but the wind sighs low.

The old house is gray with weather an' time. The well-curb is mossy an' green with slime. Winders rattin an endless rhyme; Nobody's here, but the cheers rock slow.

It ain't yer long since all in er row Three sisters sat rockin' heel to and fro, Kneerin, countin' from here to toe, Watchin' the bay where sails come and go.

They watched and they waited day after day, Not a single ship sailed into the bay; "Joe's long a comin'," then they say, "Whiles must be skeerer," and they all rocked slow.

But while they watched Mandy whitened and shrunk, And Mercy into strange silence sank, And Marthy she looked old and lank, "Whiles must be skeerer," an' they rocked more slow.

Then there come a day when an empty chair Moved soft in the wind by the sister pair, A year more passed, and Mercy there sat watchin' two idle rockers blow.

Three rockers together, a rockin' slow, Not a sail in the place to make 'em go; Folks are dead, if yer want'er know, And the lonesome sea is rockin' Joe!

GENERAL NEWS.

Electric lights are very effective aids to marine divers. Probably of all sensational developments boats are the worst.

Some people are so sensitive that they seem to have curls all over them.

The gold in Uncle Sam's pockets weighs 519 tons, and mery 7396 tons.

Some men find fault because they are never lucky enough to find any thing else.

A messenger boy's diary—Monday, hired; Tuesday, tired; Wednesday, fired.

The annual cost of useless inventions and compounds patented is said to exceed \$500,000.

Brooklyn is talking about a new water supply, and at once there's a cry of "boodle in the air."

This soap, according to an Irish mendicant, is "a quart of water boiled down to a pint to make it strong."

The largest photograph ever made is a picture of the Seventh regiment of New York city, which is eleven by fourteen feet in extent.

The cotton states produce \$20,000,000 worth of finished silk goods a year. The woolly says \$30,000,000 of capital are invested in the industry.

The execution of Chester Bellow at Ames City, Iowa, Friday, is the first execution of the capital punishment statute for over twenty years.

Manama, "said a little boy as he left bed and crawled into hers one night, "I'm go to sleep in your bed—I know I but I've slept by my bed all up."

The last two of the Erie canal men out of Buffalo 28,000,000 bushels in excess of the amount carried by that city by all the railroads.

Freddie, how often have I told you by your soldiers on Sunday?" "Yes, but, mamma, this is a relig-

Public auction sales of pews in Plymouth church, Brooklyn are to be abandoned. Most of the pew holders will retain their sittings at the same prices that were paid last year.

Kansas City built her immense reservoir upon a quicksand and now \$1,500,000 of solid masonry is rapidly disappearing. Better this than that the city itself should go to the bottomless pit.

"You must not do that, my dear," said a mother to her four-year-old daughter. "Nice little girls never do so." "Yes they do, mamma, sometimes; didn't you just see me do it?" was the bright retort.

The last run of the ocean steamship Etruria, was the quickest ever made across the Atlantic. The time from New York to Queenstown was six days and two hours. With favoring winds and tides even this wonderful speed may be surpassed.

There are whole towns in Germany that do little else but make dolls for American children. They are mostly simple country folk. England's children spend almost \$1,000,000, for French and German dolls, and America's children almost double that.

In every human being there are many grains of gold. When one is down, even by indications of his own, do not stoop to throw additional mud upon him. Strive rather to reach him a helping hand to extricate him from the mire in which he is wallowing. This is true manhood.

Some time ago in Syracuse, Kansas, when nomination of candidates for council was under consideration, it was suggested as a joke, that a ticket composed entirely of women be prepared. The ticket was prepared, and now at the election just held it has come out successful.

The doubles in the present House of Representatives, or those having similar names are numerous. There are three Allens, four Andersons, two Bakers, two Beckenridges, four Browns or Browns, three Campbells, two Davidsons, three Hopkinses, two Johnsons, two O'Neills, two Russells, only one Smith, three Stewarts, two Stones, two Taylors, three Thomases, two Thompsons, two Tanners, two Whites, two Whittings and two Willsons. There are twelve Mcs and only five with the prefix O.

A Hartford coin collector has a cent piece of the United States coinage of 1799, which is considered to be worth \$500.

The St. Paul people are afraid they can have no ice palace for their winter carnival this year, because they have no ice yet; though last year there was plenty, and the palace was well under way by the 10th of December. And yet there has been as cold weather already this season as at any time last year. But there has been a great deal of warm weather since.

The United States is the largest consuming country of raisins in the world, and the annual consumption is about 2,000,000 boxes of about twenty pounds each, which at an average of \$2 per box shows an expenditure of \$4,000,000 per annum for one article in the dried fruit line. The amount referred to represents 1,000,000 boxes Valencia, 750,000 boxes California, 200,000 boxes Malaga and 100,000 boxes Smyrna.

Europe has to come to America for its prime turkeys, and New England dealers shipped over 1,000 cases of fine turkeys to England on the fast steamers for the holiday dinners. Most of these birds were Connecticut and Rhode Island products. The average weight of those shipped were about twenty pounds each, and the average price paid for them was \$4. The supply is not equal to the demand for the London market alone.

New York philanthropists have established, besides the one-cent coffee stands at various places in the poorer parts of the city, model lodging houses, where any sober person can find a night's lodging, including night clothing, for ten cents. One of these is self-supporting and since it opened its doors, two years ago, more than 65,000 persons have been accommodated. It is proposed to establish more of these places.

COAST NEWS.

Cattle are reported poorer and grass shorter this year in Harney valley than was ever known before.

Spokane Falls during the year increased from 3500 to 8000 population. The value of improvements was over \$1,000,000.

The population of Seattle is put at 15,000, that of Tacoma about 10,000, both of which are somewhat exaggerated.

Ching Ling, a Chinaman, was convicted in Portland, last week of murder in the first degree, for killing another Chinaman.

Freight trains will not run to Ashland from the south till the ballasting of the track between tunnel fourteen and Ashland is completed.

Rumor has it that the O. P. Co. has purchased a steamer to take the place of the lost Yaquina City, and that she will be started from New York soon. One story is that she is a 3,000 tonner and is very fast.

Since the completion of the O. & C. the managers report quite an increase in the number of through passengers to Portland. It is thought that by next summer they will have to run two through trains daily.

Roseburg Review: Owing to the prevalence of the diptheria scourge the school directors of district No. 4 have dismissed the Roseburg public schools until March when the new building will be ready for occupancy.

A telegram from San Francisco announces that the new freight rates on the O. & C. road will not go into effect for some weeks. On receiving the news the O. R. & N. Co. concluded to stay by their old rates for a time yet.

Albany had a \$4,500 fire last Tuesday. During the fire Dr. M. H. Ellis was struck in the eye by an exploding cartridge, and had to have the eye removed. At last accounts he was getting along as well as could be expected.

Among the luxuries now in the New York market are strawberries at \$12 per quart; Barbara grapes, \$4 per pound; tomatoes, 50 cents each; California peaches, \$2 per doz.; Tangerin and Mandarin oranges, \$1.25 per dozen, and plums, \$1.25 per dozen.

"Is a clam a fish?" was the question before the San Francisco court last week, a Chinaman arrested for peddling fish without a license having proved that it was a clam he was selling. The prosecuting attorney argued so strongly that a clam was a fish that his honor took the case under advisement.

A petrified salmon has been found in California on a hillside 1,500 feet high. The fleshy part resembles crystallized and variegated quartz, retaining in part the yellowish color of the salmon, and what was the skin of the fish is now a sort of porcelain, or white flint. It is supposed to be a relic of some ancient river.

Last Monday the wreck of the stranded steamer Yaquina City was sold to Capt. Chas. Lutchins, of San Francisco, for \$1000. The sale is said to have resulted in a bargain for the purchaser, as each of the two boilers cost \$12,000, and are in good condition, while the shaft, which was comparatively new, cost over \$9,000.

La Grande Gazette: The two sisters, Misses Harper, are types of true womanhood. They left here last spring and each took up a ranch 30 miles north of Joseph. One taught school while the other kept house and looked after the lands. Their energy is not only a credit to themselves but an example that any young lady might be proud to follow.

On Thursday morning of last week the bodies of the two Chinese laundries were found in a well back of their laundry at Monmouth, their bodies in a horribly mutilated condition, they evidently having been killed by an ax and knives. Two checks for \$290 and \$170 in their favor were found in the back yard. It is thought they had considerable money in their laundry, for which they were murdered. It was a horrible affair and caused intense excitement.

QUITE AS BAD AS BULLETS.

An Old Soldier Tells of His Campaign in Virginia—The Enemy in Ambush—Twenty Years After.

SELMA, N. C., Feb. 11, 1887.

Gentlemen—Yours inquiring whether or not I had been benefited by Kaskine, and if so to what extent, &c., to hand. In reply will say that my health has not been as good in twenty years as now. I suffered with chills from malarial poison contracted while serving in the Confederate army on the Peninsula Campaign in Virginia. Did not miss having a chill at least once in twenty-one days, and more frequently once in seven days, for more than fifteen years.

In this condition I visited New York in November, 1885, on business. While there I stopped with Mr. E. D. Barker, of the University Publishing Company. He called my attention to your Kaskine and procured for me a bottle. After my return home I took the pellets as directed and found much relief afforded thereby. Of this change I wrote Mr. Barker, who sent two or three bottles during the past year. My health greatly improved. I increased in weight from 165 pounds to 200 pounds, my present weight. I believe the Kaskine did it. Quinine had failed, as had other remedies usually administered in such cases.

Now, unless in case of exposure to extra bad weather, I do not have chills, and my general health is quite good. I turned over half a bottle to a young lady friend a few weeks since. I learn from her mother that she was much benefited by it while it lasted.

I trust you may be able to introduce Kaskine generally in this country, in which many suffer from diseases consequent upon malarial poison in the system. From my own experience I can emphasize its excellence for such diseases. If I can serve you call on me.

I am very truly yours, JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH.

Seven years ago I had an attack of bilious remittent fever, which ran into intermittent malaria. I tried all the known remedies, such as arsenic, mercury and quinine. The latter was administered to me in heavy and continued doses. Malaria brought on nervous prostration and dyspepsia, from which I suffered everything. Last winter I heard of Kaskine and began using it. A few bottles of the wonderful drug cured me. Malaria and dyspepsia disappeared, and as you have seen a June day brighter for the summer.

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