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COCK-A-DOODLE-DOO!!

"We have met the enemy and he is ours." October 7th, 1895, the sun rose in all its splendor and the clans marshaled their forces and drew them up in solid phalanx prepared for the onset. At nine o'clock the battle began. The attacking party flouted their banner to the breeze and a bugler from the headquarters of the great moguls tooted his little horn, calling his faithful to the charge. They sallied out with a grand and imposing show of brag and bluster, and moved upon our outer works. But that Spartan band of freemen, animated by a sense of right and justice, stood firm as a rock, determined to "do or die" with their faces to the foe.

On, on, came the enemies' cohorts; the conflict became general, missiles of destruction were hurled at our undaunted host. The fire was returned with deadly effect. On calling the roll two only of the citizens were slain while seven of the enemy lay hors du combat. Glory enough for one day.

Following is the vote cast in the several wards:
Mayor— 1st. 2d. 3d. 4th. Totl. Maj.
Masters 42 30 75 30 177 29
Macks 27 69 28 28 152 88
Marshall 42 32 75 30 177 29
Cannon 36 66 30 24 156 82
Carroll 36 66 30 24 156 82

The above shows the decided disapproval of the citizens for a renewal of the water contract on the old basis of \$1000 a year for ten years. It is reported on the streets that the water company claim five of the councilmen as favorable to a renewal. We think they are reckoning without the host.

A Strange Accident.
To drown in dried leaves appears strange to many; but it appears that loose straw in bins large enough will suffocate a person who is so luckless as to fall into them, as quickly as a pool of water. The following from the Gervais Star is the account of the narrow escape a hop-dryer had in one of these bins from being drowned: "Joseph Kennedy, while at work around the storehouse Sunday, accidentally fell from the loose boards into the mass of loose hops. He was rescued by his brother, who had hand work to find him, and brought to the surface in an unconscious condition. It was 15 minutes before he was brought to life again. It may seem strange, but dried hops are as dangerous as quicksand—and more than water to fall into. Grant Manning had a similar accident."

State Agricultural College.
The scientific equipment of this institution is the best in the state; 22 instructors; 261 students; 200 graduates; four courses of study—Agricultural, Mechanical, Household Economy, and Bachelor of Science; military training by United States officer; society elevating; surroundings beautiful; tuition absolutely free; no incidental fee; expenses including clothing about \$141 per school year. For further particulars address Jous M. Bloss, President, Corvallis, Oregon.

What Will the Harvest Be?
The above is an important question, and one the solution of which involves the weal or woe of the Oregon farmer. Another question of equal importance is, where shall we go to lay in our supplies of clothing and dry goods? The answer to the latter question might be readily answered by saying, "Go to the Square Deal store of Wollenberg & Abraham, where are kept large supplies suitable for the wants of all, and which they will dispose of for greenbacks, gold or silver, at very reasonable rates."

On the Anxious Bench.
The Syracuse convention was opened prayer. "It was the first time in years," says an old attendant, "that prayer was said in a democratic state convention." As a sign of awakening to the wickedness of the party all good citizens will commend the manifestation. —Utica Herald.

For Rent.
A five-room cottage with hydrant and convenient out house, three blocks from postoffice. Enquire at this office or at 405 Washington street, west side of railroad track.

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Notice.
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INDIANS AND THE RAINBOW.

The Zuni Think the Heavenly Phenomenon Embodies the Form of a Demon. Captain Trevitt W. Okey of Los Angeles, Cal., for many years stationed in Arizona and New Mexico with the regular army, told about the myths and superstitions of the Zuni Indians at a group of friends at a Broadway hotel one evening.

"In the Zuni mind," said he, "the rainbow has ever been a defiled animal, having the attributes of a human being and also the body and some of the functions of a measuring worm. Obviously the striped back and arched attitude of the measuring worm, its sudden appearance and disappearance among the leaves of the plants which it inhabits, are the analogies upon which this personification is based. As the measuring worm consumes the herbage of the plants and causes them to dry up, so the rainbow, which appears only after the rain, is supposed by the simple minded Indian to cause a cessation of rain, and consequently to be the originator of droughts, under the influence of which plants wither away, as they do under the ravages of the measuring worms.

"It will be seen that the visible phenomenon called the rainbow gets by analogy the personality of the measuring worm, while from the worm in turn the rainbow gets its function as a god. Of this the cessation of the rain on the appearance of the rainbow is adduced as proof. The fading of the flowers is attributed to the rainbow, which, consuming their imperceptible existences, thus derives his brilliant coloring, just as it is believed that the measuring worm gets his green, yellow and red stripes from the leaves and flowers which it devours.

"The influence of this union upon the Zuni mind is to place the rainbow among the malignant gods. It is frequently painted on war shields and made a demon to be propitiated, yet shunned. When a rainbow appears in the sky, the Zuni Indians and those of many other tribes turn their backs upon the beautiful sight and covertly imprecate the unfriendly spirit." —New York World.

"THE BRACELET."
It Was Beautiful Until It Became a Reminder of His Death.
"Here," he said, "is a bracelet. Wear it always, that like our love it may prove endless and unbroken in its circle." And from a silken case, in which the name of the goldsmith glinted, he drew the pledge of their new affections. She stood before him, radiantly palpitating, as it seemed to him in the ecstasy of his attention—perhaps with the pleasure of so rare a trinket. The diamonds lost their luster in the rapture which her flashing eyes conveyed. Holding her hand, he was adjusting the gift to the flexible wrist into which tapered her well rounded arm—its skin seemed whiter now, as if expressive of so much purity about to receive the binding earnest of his words.

"But," he said, hesitating suddenly, "I must tell you, and yet why should I? This bracelet, by the touch of some mysterious magic—so the jeweler tells me, and yet I can hardly believe it—shrinks about the wrist of her who proves untrue, and its wearer loses forever the use of her hand, which then hangs limp and lifeless, in token of her perjury."

"Surely," she answered, "you cannot wish to put me to such a test as this who need none. I should wear it were it not to me but an eternal reminder of your doubt, each diamond but an eye to watch—and it is much too gaudy. A plain ring will do for me." —Philadelphia Press.

Incident.
There used to be an old porter at a certain Irish railway station who was more remarkable for independence of character than attention to his duties. On one occasion two of the directors were traveling over the line and noticed that the name of this station was not called, the neglect being the more serious as it was a junction. This was made the subject of complaint, and old Charley, who was the delinquent, was promptly brought to book and reprimanded.

He was very wrath that any one should find fault with him and thirsted for revenge. So, keeping a lookout until he saw the directors on their return journey, he stood opposite their carriage and shouted in a stentorian voice: "Cookstown Junction! Change here for Randalstown, Castledawson, Magherafelt, Moneymore and all stations on the Cookstown line, and don't say, ye blaggards, ye weren't towld!" —London Answers.

The Best Signal Light System.
The best night signal lights are those invented by Lieutenant Very of our navy, and named after him. Very's signals consist of a white, a red and a green star, each fired into the air from a pistol, so that by firing one, two or three of them in quick succession and in different orders, with a pause between the groups, different letters or signal numbers can be made until a sentence is complete. They can be easily read from vessels 12 miles away. —St. Nicholas.

"Old Kentucky Home."
"Old Kentucky Home" is the twentieth song in Foster's book of plantation melodies, though when and under what circumstances it was composed cannot be exactly stated. One writer on musical curios says that it was suggested by an allusion that Foster heard a negro make to his former home in the Blue Grass State.

The "Celestial Empire," referring to the domain of China, has a significance in the Chinese legend that the early rulers of that country were all deities. Pope's features were very small and delicate. All his life he was very pale and looked sickly.

In 1236 a hen was bought in Paris for a penny. It may Do As Much For You. Mr. Fred Miller, of Irving, Ill., writes that he had a Severe Kidney trouble for many years, with severe pains in his back and also that his bladder was affected. He tried many so called Kidney cures but without any good result. About a year ago he began use of Electric Bitters and found relief at once. Electric Bitters is especially adapted to cure of all Kidney and Liver troubles and often gives almost instant relief. One trial will prove our statement. Price only 50c. for large bottle. At A. C. Marsters & Co.'s Drug Store.

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