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A man was recently found dead in Rhode Island with three pairs of breeches on. There is reason to believe that he succumbed at the end of a determined struggle to prevent his wife from wearing the breeches.

H. Gale, formerly editor of the Roseburg Ensign, is to start a paper at Canyon City next spring under the auspices of a joint stock company. We may look for a lively paper from that camp and country.

Dr. G. H. Davis has located in Scio, having just returned from California. The Dr. goes there with the reputation of a first-class physician and will doubtless build up a good business in a short time. We commend him to the citizens of Scio and surrounding country.

Decidedly in Luck.

O. A. Brown and E. O. Norton were the lucky individuals at the raffle of Thanksgiving night, for John F. Miller's fine trotting horse, valued at $350. They are in a quandary as to which would be the better course, to sell the horse or buy a buggy. They both feel that Dame Fortune is on their side and will try their luck again.

Terrible Fright.

A couple of timid young ladies were terribly frightened two evenings since by the appearance of a man going in the same direction which they were traveling. They were breathlessly rushing for some haven of security when the pursuer's voice assured them he was a friend. Back streets and few pedestria ns often bring about very ludicrous events.

Grand Soiree.

Prof. Day gives a grand soiree at the Opera House to-night. A large crowd of the elite of the city will be present and a general invitation is extended. His schools have established his reputation as a most excellent teacher of dancing. Our young and middle aged people should take advantage of this opportunity to study the "poetry of motion." Admission to the soiree to-night, only seventy-five cents per couple.

River News.

The steamer Alice brought down from Eola, on yesterday, one hundred tons of wheat for the Salem Mills, and will take on one hundred tons of flour and fill up cargo at Lincoln and Wheatland with one hundred tons of wheat.

The Champion passed up last night.

The Bonanza also passed up in the afternoon.

The Willamette Chief passed down in the evening.

The steamer "City of Salem" will be here this evening on her way to Harrisburg direct.

The Weather.

The O. S. N. Co.'s telegraph furnishes the following weather report from points on the upper Columbia yesterday morning:

Wallula—Weather clear; thermometer 24 deg.

Walla Walla—Clear; ther. 14 deg.

Cascades—Weather clear; wind from north; ther. 25 deg.

Umatilla—Cloudy; ther. 20 deg.

Dalles—Cloudy, no wind, cold; ther. 25 deg. Froze hardest last night of the season.

The Revenue Cutter.

The Government vessel being built at Albina is progressing slowly towards completion, says the Journal. She has now the skeleton, keelson, ribs, etc., in foundation and firmly fastened, and is certainly very stanchly constructed, as far as completed. Persons unacquainted with ship building, will not regret having visited and examined this piece of work.

Curtain Lecture.

A little incident occurred at the Ladies Fair at the Opera House Tuesday night, which was amusing to the listeners and instructive to one of the parties to a conversation. A good looking gentleman engaged a beautiful young lady in conversation, under the shadow of the curtains of the "Art Gallery." Our reporter only caught a few words, which fell from the lips of the little girl and ran like this—"You consume too many cloves, my dear, and I fear they have an intoxicating influence on your brain." The gentleman readjusted his cravat and went down street to commune with nature.

We learn from a Victoria paper that last Saturday, about noon, a deck hand employed on the steamer California, while in the lower hold assisting in unloading the ship was struck on the head by a box of apples which slipped from the slings, and instantly killed. On examination it was found that his neck was broken by the shock. The Superintendent of Police held an inquest, and the jury rendered a verdict that death resulted from accident, and added a rider that the second mate, who was working with the men, should superintend instead of actively helping operations, so as to lessen the probability of a recurrence of such accidents.

Wreck of the Sunbeam.

An extra Astorian of November 23d, gives information that the drifting hull of a vessel first seen from Cape Hancock Lighthouse on the 20th, and which subsequently washed ashore a few miles above that point, has been ascertained to be that of the schooner Sunbeam, built at Coos Bay this year. She had made her first voyage to San Francisco, with lumber, and sailed from that port November 3d for Coos Bay with a cargo of merchandise. She was commanded by Captain Bennett, an experienced seaman and good man. It is hardly possible that any on board were saved.

The New Telegraph.

A dispatch from Mr. Piatte Barr, Lee's Encampment (on the summit of the Blue Mountains), Nov. 24th, to the Evening Journal, says: "We pass here to-day. The other party are this side of Baker City. We ought to meet at La Grande by Dec. 1st." Should the meeting be effected, the line will be ready for thorough communication, and Portland will then have two lines of telegraph to connect with California and the East, and connection also with Union and Baker counties and Southern Idaho. Oregon is spreading her wings.

PASSENGER LIST.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Ajax sailed from San Francisco for Portland Wednesday forenoon, bringing the following

LIST OF PASSENGERS:

Rev G F Plummer & family, Miss E Armstrong, Mrs L Patterson & 2 ch, J Heady, C J Mosley, S C Sandley, D P Hammond, Mrs H Hyde and child, E R Parker, I B Rapp, C Pierce, A S Pargulson, J Carlin, S W Harper and fam, B S Cook & family, W Langley, A R Pennington & wf, E R Johns and wife, A S Dudley and family, Mrs H H Spring, Mrs M H Dobson and child, C High and wife, John Robbins, wife and 13 children, A Bielob, wife and seven children, Miss Anderson, Miss Kate Mountain, Miss McDonald, J R Rowell, H Appel, L Sohns, Mrs W B Morris, Mrs R Finrey & sister, Mrs F Mayer, J M Carlton, T A Wood, J Kinkead, D Dagleish, Mrs H Parkhurst, neice and 4 children, C Cook, J C Ball, J Dehrling & family, Mrs M J Cox & 4 ch, Mrs O Have and child, Mr W B Wells, R B Knight, H E Compton, G A Dans and family, E Bielob, wife and nine children.

FIRE AT ALBANY.

Livery Stable Burned—Thirteen Horses in the Flames.

A fire broke out about 2 o'clock Thursday morning in Marshall's livery stable at Albany and although the Fire Department were promptly on hand and worked heroically, the building with most of its contents was in a short time entirely destroyed. There were thirteen horses in the stable at the time, nine belonging to Mr. Marshall and four transient, one of which was a valuable race horse from Walla Walla, brought in by a man named Harris only three hours before the fire broke out, all of which were burned.

There were also a number of buggies and covered hacks in the stable, nearly all of which were burned—as well as a large amount of hay and grain. Two men who were sleeping in the stable awoke just in time to save themselves It is not known how the fire originated, but it is supposed to be the work of an incendiary. The loss falls heavily on Mr. Marshall, who had nearly all his available means invested in the business. Nearly a thousand dollars were subscribed Thursday forenoon for his relief by the citizens of Albany.

At one time there seemed great danger of the fire spreading to the adjacent buildings and the contents of Cannon's livery stable and several other buildings were removed, but by the exertions of the firemen the conflagration was confined to the building in which it originated.

This is the latest news we have from the fire and presume it is reliable.

Born.

In this city, November 25th, to the wife of E. D. Williams, a son.

The total receipts at the Ladies' Fair, which closed Friday night, foot up three hundred and twenty dollars. The expenses are to be deducted, but a nice sum has been realized.

Hon. W. R. Dunbar delivered a lecture at Zena last night. There are a large number of followers of Father Matthew at that place. He is a very popurar temperance lecturer.

New Goods.

Look out for the new store in Gray's brick block on State street. Mr. A. Friedman will open out an immense stock of fancy goods on Monday, 29th inst.

Charged With Insanity.

Martin Whitlock was brought into the city last night, on a charge of insanity. An examination will be had probably on Monday.

Veatch keeps the necessaries of life at his grocery store, and you can get them cheap for cash. He wants it understood that cash on the block is the rule. He pays no regard to your religion or politics, but will give you good bargains for cash.

Grand Ball.

The ball given by Prof. Day, last night, at the Opera House, was a grand success. A large crowd was in attendance and a pleasant evening spent. Haas and Hernandez furnished the music and the Professor the management.

The hollow-ware foundry at Gervais manufacture all their ware from Oregon iron, made at Oswego. The company claim it is more tenacious and works more smoothly than other varieties, which you perceive is quite a tribute to the quality of Oregon iron.

Removed.

Messrs. Terrell & Gillingham have removed their extensive stock of goods to the store in Moore's block, Commercial street, which they have had fitted up in elegant style for their reception. Their numerous customers will please make a note of this.

Nice Present.

Al. Crossman and Mart. Chamberlin received a box of nice articles, lately on exhibition in the "Art Gallery" at the Ladies' Fair, which articles can be seen at the store of Murphy & Crossman. They do not know the donors, but suspect some young ladies who were connected with the Fair. The present is fully appreciated.

More Spirits.

The seance given by Prof. Jacobs last night was well attended by a very intelligent audience. Considerable confusion in the audience prevented some difficult tests which he intended to have given, but the performance was good. He will meet a few inquirers again to-night at the same place.

Improvements.

The Alden Fruit Drying Company has erected a building, in addition to what they have been using, as the demand for the goods require more working room and increased facilities in every way. Col. Patton is managing the business and is determined to make it one of the most important institutions of the State.

Off on a Visit.

Miss Linnie McCully leaves home in a few days to spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. W. B. Crane, in Virginia City, Nevada. Her many friends in Salem and Portland will certainly miss her and anxiously look forward to the date of her return.

Killed by Railway Train.

A half-breed was killed by the evening train last night near Gervais. We could not get his name, but learn that he left Gervais about half an hour before train time, and pretty well filled with bad whisky. We obtained the above facts from Frank Wilson of the Chemeketa.

The City Election.

The city election for Salem is close at hand. The Chairman of the Republican Central Committee should look after the matter of a convention and see that the party is protected by selecting the best men for the several places to be filled. Put none but Republicans on guard, should be the watchword, and the coming city election should be thought of beforehand.

Robbery and Arrest.

City Marshal Smith yesterday arrested a man by the name of Antoine Miller, on a charge of having stolen a coat, some money and jewelry from a bar-keeper in the Congress Hall Saloon. Some of the jewelry was recovered but the coat could not be found. An examination of the case was had before Recorder Hyde and the prisoner was held over to the Circuit Court. In default of bonds the prisoner was locked up.

New Patents.

Through dispatches to Dewey & Co., Patent Agents, San Francisco, we receive the following advance list of U. S. patents, granted to Pacific Coast inventors: S. Bendt, San Francisco, sofa bedstead; I. B. Dillon, Visalia, Cal., sheep scratch box; H. G. Livermore, San Francisco, ore roasting furnace; W. H. Masterman, San Leandro, Cal., wheel hub; W. C. Nelson, Sacramento, windmill; A. Ryder, Oakland, Cal., coupling for train telegraphs; A. Smith and J. S. Roy, Sheridan, Nevada, washing machine; O. Taber, Santa Clara, Cal., horse hay fork; J. D. Clup, San Felipe, Cal., curing tobacco and cigar mold.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

Mr. Stround, Conductor of the Albany express, who has of late been suffering under symptoms of bilious fever with occasional shakes of ague, has a furlough for a few days and Mr. Wilson takes his place as Conductor.

Business in Portland seems very dull just at present, but there is considerable travel, enough to keep a good run on the principal hotels, while most of them seem to be doing a fair business; none are doing better probably than the St. Charles, owing to the popularity of the landlord and the very reasonable charges.

The Commercial Hotel lately opened in Portland on the plan and price of the Commercial here, is getting a merited run, and still another hotel building is being put up on First street by a new comer, Mr. Quackenbush. The main building, is two stories 90 by 24 with 50 feet front, to be ready about the 1st of of January. It also will be conducted on a similar scale of prices as the Commercial, under the name of "Iowa Hotel."

The steamer Ohio, having been thoroughly overhauled, during this week after a year of hard service, is expected to be ready for service and probably come up on Monday, while the "City of Salem" is advertised to reach here at 5 o'clock to-day, and go on up to Harrisburg. These two boats seem to be growing in favor with the people, as they form an independent line, carrying at low rates, accommodating the people in picking up freight or passengers at any point, and affording the comforts for a trip.

The same may be true, to some extent, of some of the other boats, now plying on this upper river, would be pleased to say the same of all, were it merited.

A heavy wheat dealer from Yamhill predicts that wheat will go no lower, and thinks it will be firmer again soon. *.

THE GLEANERS' FAIR.

First Night.

The Fair held at the Opera House Thursday evening, under the management of the young ladies' Gleaner Society of the M. E. Church, was a decided success in every particular. The fair young managers were indefatigable in their efforts to make the evening pass pleasantly to all those in attendance, while at the same time manifesting a laudable desire that their funds should be materially increased.

The display of articles offered for sale were very creditable both as to quantity and quality; that of needlework predominating.

One feature of the Fair attracted the universal attention of the numerous "little folks" present, and that was the "Little old woman that lived in her shoe," and had "So many children she did not know what to do," personated by one of the little girls dressed up in "motherly" style, seated in a mammoth shoe improvised for the occasion and literally covered with a profusion of gaily dressed dolls, mounted on wheels, which was drawn around the hall followed by a troupe of happy-faced children. The "Art Gallery" was the popular favorite with children of older growth, and "drew" immensely.

A list of names of articles under the head, "Department of Literature, Art and Statuary" was placed in the hands of each visitor and it was amusing to see them marching around and comparing the numbers on the printed list with those on the labels of the curiosieies. The last night of the Fair our reporter remained to a very late hour and compositors became "tired" and we leave a general review and summing up of results for Sunday reading.

Born,

To the wife of D. H. Wagnon, on Saturday evening last, a daughter—weight nine pounds.

PASSENGER LIST.

The Oregon Steamship Company's steamer Oriflamme sailed from San Francisco for Portland Sunday with the following

LIST OF PASSENGERS:

S L Stone, wf & child, J Graves, wf & 3 chn, Mrs E Kelly and ch, Mrs L Ash, Mrs J Johnson, Mrs M Hutchinson, Mrs E C Schafer, A H Wass, A Forbes, wf and ch, Miss S Lenimont, C Lenimont, J D Riggs, C Johnson, Mrs E Johnson, L H Lockwood, Mrs C M Lockwood, F C Hathaway, W Weatherbee and wf, Lee Sam, Dr W C McCay and son, Eleven Indians, Mrs R H Brown,

MARRIED.

On the 28th of Nov. 1875, by Rev. Samuel Heininger, Mr. John F. Cooley to Miss Sarah E. Cole, both of the city of Salem.

It is not good to be alone,
So said the great and holy one,
John thought that this was very true,
Sarah replied we will be one and no more two.

And now since you are both agreed,
Thus to be one in very deed,
May heavens choicest blessing deign,
In your domestic circles to reign.

Nov. 29th, 1875.

Important Document.

In compliance with a request of the Mayor of Oregon City the chief of the Indian Bureau of the Field, O. A. Brown, was necessitated to pay his respects to the good people of the city aforesaid. Jim has been disturbing the people and it requires Brown to arrange the little "drubles." In his absence his Leftenant opened a telegram from Major Boyle, U. S. A., and Inspector of Indian supplies, which explains itself:

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 17.

TO LIEUT. W. H. BOYLE, U. S. A.:—Telegrams yesterday to agents Fairchilds and Litchfield are withdrawn. Notify them that owing to lateness of the season Alsea Indians will not be urged to move until spring.

ED. SMITH, Commissioner.

The Hall Treadle Sewing Machine.

To obviate the disadvantages and fatigues experienced by most persons in operating the sewing machine has been the object of many devices to improve this part of the machine. The best one thus far, and acknowledged by all to be a perfect success, is the Hall Treadle, which has been in the market and in use long enough to show its undoubted merits. It cannot be described in a short article, but the principle upon which it acts it is ingenious and scientific and with this treadle six stitches can be made to one with the common crank movement and it can be worked for hours in succession without fatigue. It has been examined and improved by the highest medical authority. It can be applied to any machine and it is not too much to say that it is an indispensable attachment. See advertisement in to-day's issue.

Killed by Railway Train.

We mentioned the death of a man near Gervais, on Saturday night last. The following is the finding of the coroner's jury:

We, the undersigned, a jury summoned to examine into the cause of the death of Joseph Jodean, who was found lying near the railroad track in the town of Gervais, at 6:30 p. m., Nov. 27, 1875, do hereby certify that to the best of our knowledge and belief, from the facts presented in evidence, a careful examination of the body and the place where the accident occurred, Joseph Jodean came to his death by falling through a cattle guard and across the track of the railroad while attempting to cross while in an intoxicated condition, and was run over by the approaching train.

W. S. DUSENBERY,
J. J. WILLIAMS,
E. H. STIGER,
J. T. HAIN,
JOS. MOTT,
J. H. COOLEY.

Mr. Pelton tested his new thresher a few day since, and those who witnessed the work pronounced it the best machine in use. We give below a statement of Mr. A. J. Fowler, well known in this State. The work he speaks of was done with a 36-inch cylinder:

EVERGREEN, March 1, 1875.

I purchased and used for two years past, one of Pelton's six-fold horse powers, with no cost for repairs so far, and the gearing show no marks of wear, being now, to all appearances, as good as new. I use 14 horses to run a separator, and have given the power some very severe strains. My common running is 1,400 to 1,500 bushels a day, and my largest day's run was 2,075 bushels. I find this power more economical than a steamer, while I get ample power for threshing without worry or distress to my horses. In comparison with the Pitts' Power, I can do from 30 to 50 per cent. more work, with a lighter draft for my team.

Respectfully,
A. J. FOWLER.

NOTES BY THE WAY.

A new and useful improvement on the river steamers is the head light for night travel. While passing up the river on the "City of Salem," in the thick darkness of a rainy night, these reflectors throw a light forward over the waters and near shore, scattering the sleeping birds with terror, rendering night travel on the river quite romantic, while it assists in receiving and discharging cargoes at the various landings.

The "City of Salem" took on a pleasure party of ladies at Salem on her last trip to Harrisburg, rendering the darkness and gloom outside light and gay within, by song and music on the fine piano, and an occasional waltz thrown in to keep the gay variety, the purser assisting with violin in solo and in chorus, to amuse, while other duties were not pressing. So all were happy without a marriage bell. Above Corvallis, in daylight, the river is divided and subdivided in so many chutes, channels and cut-offs that any new navigator might take one, thinking he ought to have taken the other, and wishing he had before he is satisfied he is in the main river. The Government pulled some snags from this part of the river, but their number is legion yet, and they come and go during high water like birds of passage. It might be more serviceable to navigation up here to have finger boards placed at the numerous forks pointing the pilot the main channel, or one through which he could pass, without cutting overhanging trees that were left after the "one hundred tons of brush" by government last summer. [See government report of last summer's work.]

River has fallen eighteen inches since last Friday, but likely to come up if the rain continues. The City of Salem received a cargo of wheat at this point and Monroe, with other freight and passengers. There are some shippers who appreciate the advantages of reasonable rates of freight and fare on the river, well knowing that a combination of the lines mean higher rates, and perhaps no boats at all for two years, as it was a short time since. The Independent Line, you perceive by ad. in another column, propose to make regular trips and go to any place on the upper river, when business calls and weather permits.

At Harrisburg improvements are going on. New Odd Fellows' hall, Hiram Smith & Co. have improved their corner with a two-story durable store, a grain elevator, several dwellings, another hotel and several additions to note. The late high water carried away the dam, but they saved about 1,000 barrels of flour. *

A MUTUAL MISUNDERSTANDING.

Two colored citizens had a little trouble at the Postoffice.

"Sir, I stigmatize you as a falsehoodfier!" exclaimed the first.

"And you, sir, are a cantering hipelerit!" replied the second.

"Ah! talk away!" growled the first, "but my character is above disproach."

"And your influence don't detach from my reputation one Iowa!" growled the other.

And thus they parted.

OUR DOUGLAS COUNTY LETTER.

A Model Oregonian.

GARDINER, Nov. 22, 1875.

ED. STATESMAN:—Most of your readers have heard of the typical Western man, who, bent on going West, crossed the plains with his ox team, to California struck the ocean and traveled up the coast a hundred miles to hunt a ford, but had to give up going further West. He is here. Your correspondent has had the pleasure of an interview with him. Startled by the information that that remarkable man, is a resident of this part of the country, I set out in search of him. The streams being swollen and the roads nearly impassable, in consequence of the heavy rains, I had some difficulty in reaching his place of residence. The worst obstacles in my way were trees fallen across the road, which constantly impeded my progress. A fir tree a hundred yards from the road, falling directly towards it is sure to reach across it. But I put my horse through on his best speed (a borrowed horse), jumping him over logs, climbing around them and squeezing under them, I arrived in good time. Found a well cultivated farm, good house, barn, fences and other improvements, splendid orchard, shrubbery, even grape vines, strawberries, etc., giving the place the appearance of competence, thrift and comfort. Such I found it. Seeing two men butchering a hog, I rode towards them. They were just in the act of hanging it on a peg nearly out of their reach. "Rar, Jerry, rar," were the first words I heard as I approached them, when the old man's foot slipped and he, hog and all fell into the mud—he and the hog side by side on their backs. The young man to save himself from falling upon them, stumbled astride of both, making a picture which only Nast could render ridiculously nasty to truthfulness. I sat motionless on my horse uncertain whether to laugh, sympathize or assist them, but I said as the old man made a motion to rise, "Good evening, Gentlemen." He said, "Good evening, Sir," in a cheerful, gentlemanly style, half raised from his ridiculous position. I then inquired if "this is where Capt. Westwood lives?" "Yes, sir, 'light," was his prompt reply—"that's what they call me, d—n 'em. I was only captain of one wagon across the plains," with a comical smile. I alighted, tied my horse and assisted them to hang the hog, by which time there was a general uproarious laugh, which introduced the interesting interview of the evening. The butchering being soon over, and having told my name and business, he said, "Let's go to the house. Jerry, put the gentleman's hoss up." He conducted me to a good, substantial, plain farm residence, introduced me to his wife and two daughters—all as good natured, genial and happy as one could find in a day's journey. In explanation of how he got so muddy, he gave a humorous account of his fall and introduction to me, causing a hearty laugh all round, in which his wife and daughters participated, after which he exchanged clothes and we were ensconced for the evening beside an old-fashioned fire-place with the clock on the mantel between flower vases and statuettes, pictures on the walls and piano in its proper place; later in the evening baskets of apples and pears and a pitcher of cider were added. By the way, a mug of that last is not bad to take. After a supper that would do honor to a culinary artist and charm the palate of a King, the object of my visit to see the country and find out all I could about it for the benefit of immigrants, that subject was discussed at considerable length, giving information of importance to those seeking homes on public lands, interspersed with anecdotes, hunting adventures, narrow escapes from Indians, privations they underwent on their settlement here twenty years ago. The Captain gave a brief but thrilling account of their journey across the plains. I regret my inability to condense into one newspaper article the details of this evening's conversation. I will give but one incident of the plains. One drizzly day while traveling high up on the Platte, in company with other teams and a drove of cattle, coming to good grass they concluded to camp early. They drove their teams and cattle across a small stream to camp on the opposite bank and were about to corrall their wagons when the storm increased, accompanied with thunder and lightning. All were across except the owner of the drove, the recognized Capt. of the train, who sat on his mule on the opposite bank and had just given orders to corrall the wagons when a lightning shock prostrated the whole company, horses, mules, cattle and moreover 500 head of stock and thirty men. A tree close by was riven into splinters. Soon they all rose, but two never; one of whom cried, "put me in the creek, I'm burning up." They bathed him several times the other also, but he was dead, the former recovered sufficient to be hauled across to California where he died that fall. Some will read this who were in the train at the time, participated in and were observers of the awful phenomena. A singular incident connected with this is the fact that a young man who was driving a lazy calf about half a mile back on the road was prostrated by the same shock and the calf killed. The man was left to tell the tale.

After the Captain's brief narrative of the plains Mrs. W., by way of sequel, continued it with a brief ideal picture of their journey up the coast hunting a ford across the Pacific. On inquiring I learned that the story was originated by himself in a letter to friends in Missouri in which he said he had crossed all the way successfully, had got as far west as he could go for the Pacific and had traveled 300 miles up it hunting a ford, but when he struck the Umpqua and could not find it he gave up, he would have gone further, but he found a country that just pleased him, that he did not intend to go further nor move again. He is not tired of this country yet. California he thinks too uncertain, on account of droughts, for successful farming. Nothing here but bad fences endanger crops. He gave me a description of Loon Lake and Ten Mile Lake and their surroundings. The former is about 15 miles south of Scottsburg; the latter half way between Winchester and Coos Bay, near the coast. These lakes are surrounded by good land for settlement.

As a fit termination of the evening's entertainment the Captain suggested that we have a tune or two. I seconded the motion, whereupon after a little persuasion, the elder daughter gave us a few tunes on the piano, finishing up with "Home, Sweet Home," the best I ever heard it. Indeed, I seemed to hear it for the first time. Such soul, sentiment, pathos, I had never imagined could be condensed into that piece! It was simply played, not sung. It touched a cord in my soul, and tears filled my eyes, and I could imagine the feelings of the homeless, wandering composer as he incarnated and immortalized in that tune the sentiment of the most exalted of our race, but never before him given utterance. Little was said after. We quietly retired for the night, I thinking, musing, dreaming of "Home, Sweet Home."

Yielding next morning to pressing invitations I consented to remain until after dinner and take a stroll with the Captain about the farm. We saddled our horses and went in all directions, about as far as we could for the brush; finally on turning a point of the bluff that jets out into the valley, right above us on the point was a bear in full view and easy range. The Captain without a word raised his Henry rifle and fired. The horse gave a lunge side wise and backward and the Captain was thrown into an old fir tree top and his horse left in full speed for the house. My horse tried to run also, but I succeeded in turning him and saw the Captain hung up on an old dry limb and the bear coming down the hill directly for him. I halloed, "the bear is coming," yet at the same moment thought my companion was pierced through by one of those sharp bayonet like limbs, but before I could do or say anything more the bear had struck him and were both together. I hurried to the center of attraction and found the limb had only run through his clothes and up his back, making it next to impossible to disengage himself, but had succeeded by the time I reached him. The bear was dead, the bullet having passed through his brain, and he rolled directly past the Captain, who like a fowl on a spit before the fire, awaited his approach. "I knew I'd killed it," was his first words, "but d——n that horse, if I'd had my spotted Cayuse I could a set and shot all day," and he jumped on the bear and transposed a dozen texts of scripture and part of the catechism, and wound up with: "Well, I don't care for nothing else, but its ruined my new pants. I couldn't run from this bear, could I?" I pinned up his clothes as best I could and we went to skinning the bear, but before it was skinned Jerry had arrived with his father's horse, apprised by the horse's return that something was wrong, and he caught the horse and brought him back. The Capt. showed his clothes as evidence that he had been near a "bar." We left it and went to the house. They intended to return with the team for the game. We arrived in good time for dinner. The Captain's encounter with the bear and his narrow escape engrossed the dinner hour.

I have but one more item to pen, leaving unsaid much that would interest the readers of the STATESMAN. We had green peas, cucumbers and tomatoes picked right from the vines that morning, cooked and prepared in the usual way. No frost to present date, things green and growing. The Captain followed me out as I left and in a confidential manner said: "Now, come up the first time the weather is good, and have some more fun, if it is at my own expense. I'll take you to the elk range and you can kill your first one and may be I can kill another bear. Now, come." I promised him I would. PIONEER.

TEACHERS' BIBLE.

I have bought a copy of the *Teachers' Bible* to keep and use. I think it well suited for that style of Christian warfare known as "hand to hand." It is neat, compact, clear, portable, durable. If it be true that "the word of God is the sword of the spirit," it should not be hampered in a cumbersome volume, with stiff boards and gold clasps. Every working Christian, like the angel of the revelators vision, should have "IN HIS HAND A LITTLE BOOK OPEN." The Christian who would save men must learn to "open the oracles of God's forces." This Teacher's Bible opens the most conveniently, in a literal sense, of any book I ever saw. If every active Christian had one of these Bibles, and would use it, not only in his closet, but in his daily contact with the world, the day of triumph for the cause of righteousness would be nearer at hand.

P. S. KNIGHT,
Congregational Pastor.

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