

DAD'S LETTER

—BY—
BOB STANLEY.

Jus' been down to git the mail, fearin' that it might git stale layin' there until the sun comes to show the blizzard's done. Weren't my turn to go a-tall, but somehow I couldn't stall off the feelin' that I must git the mail, or else I'd bust. So I up and hit the trail, facin' cold, and snow, and gale—sometimes almos' gittin' lost 'fore the open range was crost. Got the mail and there I found somethin' that explained the sound which had kind o' led me there through the freezin' winter air.

"Twas a letter which was wrote, trembly like, and made me note that the one who held the pen wasn't stiddy like some men. Made me feel a little sad for I knowed that good old Dad writ them words in which he said, "Boy, come home afore I'm dead. I am nigh on eighty-four, and I want my boy once more 'fore the reaper calls, but then, if you can't come, boy, amen! Boy, O, won't you come to me once agin and let me see you, and let me take your hand like afore you left this land?"

Kind o' think I'll up and go back to Dad who's writtin' so for he's been the only friend, ceptin' mother, to the end.

SOME PIONEER NEWS

(From the Coos Bay News, published at Marshfield, January 14, 1889, Siglin & Bennett, publishers.)

The school at this place has an attendance of over 100 scholars. The Coquille was higher at Randolph last week than at any time since 1862.

A drove of cattle for Whitney has been brought over the Randolph trail since the storm.

High tides, rivers up, hills covered with snow; the hardest winter ever experienced in Oregon.

Last winter we had flowers in bloom every month in the open air. Where are they this winter.

The thermometer in Eastern Oregon has been down to 20 degrees below zero, 38 degrees lower than on Coos Bay.

Mr. Lewis' and Mr. Cox's fish houses near the mouth of the Coquille, blew down, Mr. Cox losing a number of barrels of fish.

Mr. Dyer was on Cedar Hill during the storm last Friday. Trees fell all around, one falling close enough to break the saddle on the horse which he was holding.

"Buckskin Jack's" boat was capsized near the Lone Tree one day last week and Jack was rescued by the steamer Coos. But for the rescue he would probably now be where there would be no cold water for him to fall into.

The News is the oldest permanently established paper in Coos county. The Record died, the Argus died, and the Mail doesn't feel well, but the News is healthy, well established and constantly increasing in circulation. If you want the oldest, the most reliable paper and one that will not suspend after election subscribe for the News.

Two men had a "set-to" at the P K saloon the other night, but as this is leap year they confined their operations entirely to scratching and hair pulling. Their faces looked as ring-streaked and striped as Jacob's historical cattle, at the time he played it so fine on his old daddy-in-law.

Storm Items.

Coos Bay witnessed a storm last Friday, never before equalled in Oregon; it reminded one of the hurricanes on the plains of Kansas. Houses were moved from their foundations in Empire City, where the storm was felt in its greatest fury, trees, several feet in diameter were twisted off like reeds in the grasp of a giant, logs, lumber, etc., went adrift.

The steamer Satellite was cut loose from the wharf and went before the gale up into North Slough, where she beached. She is probably afloat by this time, not much the worse for her escapade.

The planking and caps of Whitney's wharf washed away, and the market was in great danger for a time.

The largest house in Chinatown is missing, Mongolians all safe.

Mr. Luse's pile driver, with a 1200 pound hammer, was blown off the wharf.

The schooner Merchant lay stern to the storm, the water breaking over her in sheets, hiding from sight at times all but her masts. They were compelled to lash down the deck load of lumber to keep it on board.

Marshfield is more protected, yet the storm was felt in great force, trees in the forest breaking with a regularity, sounding like picket firing.

The barrels of water on Merchant's store were lifted off and spna through the air like chip hats.

The windows in the academy were broken and school adjourned amid confusion.

Preceding the storm the barometer was lower than it was ever known before on this coast.

The schooner Emma Utter loaded with 400 tons of coal from Southport and a deckload of lumber from Dean's mill drifted onto the middle ground above Empire last Thursday, lodging on the reef. She was considered a loss at least to the extent of a hull, but the gale on Friday washed her off the reef and she now lays on the mid-reef ground on the sand, full of water. The deckload has been transferred to the schooner C. H. Merchant, and it is thought that the vessel can be pumped off and got afloat without taking the coal out.

make an order to that effect which order, among other things, shall set out in full the name of the mother, her place of residence, the names and ages of each of the children, and the amount allowed to each child, and upon presentation of such order, the county court shall direct monthly warrants to be drawn therefor, but no such warrants shall be paid from any other money except that provided for by section 7 of this act.

Section 9.—If the amount of money raised in any one year, as provided by Section 7 of this act, shall not be sufficient to meet the demand of all cases coming within the provisions of this act, any surplus remaining over from moneys raised under the act in any previous year may be used, and if there is then a deficiency, the tribunal designated by Section 6 shall apportion the money available among the cases coming within the provisions of this act as to it may seem equitable and just and to that end may change or modify any order of allowance theretofore made.

Section 10.—For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act, the tribunal, mentioned in section 6, shall have power to summon witnesses and compel their attendance and pay them out of the money provided for by this act the same per diem and mileage as is paid witnesses in criminal cases.

Section 11.—Whenever any woman on whose account any allowance shall have been made under the provisions of this act, shall marry, such allowance shall cease, and no allowance for any child shall continue after such child shall have reached the age of 16 years.

IRISH RESENT CARICATURE.

Protest Against St. Patrick's Day Souvenirs.

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—At a meeting of the members of Division No. 1, Ancient Order of Hibernians of Portland, shortly before St. Patrick's day of last year, souvenirs displayed in certain Portland stores were condemned as reflecting uncreditably on the Irish people and a committee was appointed to visit the places and request the removal from their windows of objectionable displays. The wishes of the committee were cheerfully complied with.

Following the example of the Portland Hibernians in condemning such offensive displays, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle and other cities of the Pacific coast and Central states have fallen in line and a vigorous protest is being waged against caricaturing the Irish people and the annual St. Patrick's day souvenir display. A meeting will be held shortly attended by delegates representing Irish societies to voice their resentment of such slurs, and also the "stage Irishman," who will come in for his share of criticism.

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MIL0 M. PIERSON, Administrator of the estate of Oliver Landrith, deceased. (First publication Dec. 19, 1912; last publication Jan. 16, 1913.)

WOMEN'S AID IS URGED

FOR STATE ASSISTANCE TO WOMEN LIBERALLY THIS SECTION.

For the state aid being liberally signed and will soon be the Coos county member of the legislature by Armstrong of North Oregon women who are circulating them. The bill, which is attention is as follows:

Every woman who more children under 16 years and whose other dead or is an Oregon state institutionally physically and whose support of whose child or dependent wholly or her labor, shall be entitled to assistance as provided for the support of her child or child.

Subject to subsequent this act, every woman in Section 1, who is all of whose children dependent upon her labor shall receive from moneys of the county in and her child or child the sum of ten dollars for one child and if she than one residing with dollars and fifty cents for each of such addition.

It is the purpose of this act to keep the which it is applicable, under the guidance and their mother, and that shall make a home for and if, in the judgment of the court, the tribunal which is to this law as hereinafter mother of such child, or the expenditure of the said pursuant to this tribunal may direct that shall be paid to some or shall designate, to the support of such children.

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