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TO "SIERRA."

The usual rush which occurs at the Poetical remains exhumed from the 1emains of an exploded heart: composed on a letter which closed a clandestine correspondence. Respectfully dedicated to the author of the poem entitled, "A Remembrance of the Past."

One o'clock, and still I ponder, O'er the letter of yesterday; Never lovers weaker, funder, Sighed the weary hours away.

I'll content with saying, reading, All its treasures-its sorrows o'er and o'er; Still the heart would feign be clinging Round its darling evermore.

Thus my precious I would smother, In my dreamings oft I say; 'Tis foolish lips that kiss each other-Her's, alas ! are far away.

On my cheek I feel the billow Of her glowing bosom beat; Oh, 'tis but the pulseless pillow-Shall I bless or curse the cheat ?

opening of a new House when offices are to be distributed, is lacking in its fullness, yet there are a good many here looking around and picking out tone of astonishment. the good places which they expect or wish to fill when the admistration changes. It is comfortable, isn't it, to be introduced to a man with a hun-

States.

gry gleam in his eye, who remarks coolly: "My dear sir, that place of yours in the-Department seems a nice, cosy one; suits me very well, and his way. March; hope I don't intrude."

and yet most all the members are here.

THE BAGGAGE-MASTER'S WIFE'S his arms instead. He's that kind of a STORY.

" Dinner ready ?" said the baggagemaster to his wife. "Of course !" said the wile, in a

"Yes, yes," said the baggage-master, 'you're afraid of your glass." And then they laughed together. "You don't know what he means," said the rosy little woman to me. "Why, when I'm in a temper I smash things," said the husband, and went

I think I'll take it after the 4th of "In a temper," said the wife, "Why, Tom couldn't be in a temper if he Senator Mitchell arrived here last tried. Tom in a temper ! Good gra-Tuesday and Representative Lane cious ! But I'll tell you what he means, Thursday. Senator Kelly has not yet if you like-for you couldn't get it out Ledger. put in his appearance, so far as I know. of him. And I've half an hour before His advent, however, would naturally me, and my darning in my hand, and be silent as the failing of the hoar frost, you're waiting for the stage, it won't till he should find him in his accus- that, but that was a good while ago.

great, strong, splendid man, is Tom, that he couldn't get angry at a woman.

"But it was a lesson to me, and as Tom says, 'I'm always on time, whatever I have to do.'" "There's no delay. There's no putting off in my house, and I gossip when there's nothing else to do.

"'You see, you're anxious about your glass,' says Tom, when he's in a joking mood, as you heard him just now. But I've got to feel that I've my duty to do as well as Tom has, and that one of the duties we all have on the train of life, that flies on whether we

want it to or not, is always to be on time."-Mary Kyle Dallas, in New York

I HEARD it told at the expense of my friend H-, who was, and is, a noted and even the ubiquitous interviewer waste time for either of us. There was lawyer of the Oxford County bar. "I operate in this way," said the might remain unaware of his arrival a time when I didn't think much about Though I cannot avouch for its truth, stranger, sinking his voice a little; "I sist of a President, two Vice Presidents,

HOW HE OPERATED.

As a saloon keeper was yesterday morning wishing that some one would come in and offer to bet him one to five that the temperance ticket would be elected, a well dressed stranger walked in, lit his old eigar-stub at the gas jet, and then said:

" My name is Deerfield. I have just about to establish a wagon shop employing three thousand men." behind the bar.

loon," continued Mr. Deerfield. "I suppose my patronage amounts to about \$12 000 per year, and it is cash on the nail."

"Glad to see you-very glad " replied the saloonist, trying to look very pleasant.

good as a side-show for the crowd."

carry out his programme.

petter !"

\$2.50 PER ANNUM.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS. society of the Pioneers of Southern Oregon.

ARTICLE 1.

This society shall be known as the "Society of Pioneers of Southern Oregon."

ART. 2.

The object of the society shall be: purchased a residence here, and am The collection of facts, statistics and reminiscences in relation to the early settlement of Oregon, and particularly. "Well that's good," replied the man of Southern Oregon, and to collect" minerals and natural curiosities, and to. "I always patronize some one sa- cultivate social intercourse among the members of the society.

> ART. 3 All persons who arrived in Oregon, prior to the end of the year 1855, together with their famili-s, shall be eligible to membership in this society. ART. 4.

The officers of the society shall conas applied to H-in this particular enter a saloon, as I have entered yours, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall

Now I hear her fondly sighing As of yore, when at the keys we sat alone-The other line was working-Ab! the sigh 'twas but my own.

Half in pleasure, half in sorrow, Thinking o'er each written word and kiss, Vainly I strive to borrow From the past its buried bliss.

Dreaming, walking, I am weary-Night should make our burdens less. Oh, 'tie dreary, very dreary, Thus to love and not possess.

A twelve-month flown: I ponder yet, O'er paper wasted, with tear-drope wet; Sighs cannot lighten the clouds o'ercast, [past. Nor pining e'er brighten hopes dead with the

Then mourn we no longer, Nor vainly regret-You bid me discard thee And learn to forget.

Remember that wi en thou did'st stray, Mollie wrote stories to gladden thy way; Zear me no malice for the wrong you have met The wrong in my measure forgive and forget.

FINAL-ACROSTIC. My affections were as pure as the starlight in Heaven, Or driven snow upon fallen leaves. Loved you ! But too well and not wirely-Little thought me that you would deceive. In letters old and letters bold, Ever and anon you vowed none other to make your

groom.

Once I dreamed of f.bled Cupil, With roses decked and flowers crowned: Fre this dream my heart knew to thraldom, Now I curse the eve which beralds the coming, bluce in the walking I lost the vision queen. MOLLY OWENS.

LETTER FROM WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, Dec: 3, 1876. To-morrow the great national menagwill roar every day for eighty-nine consecutive days. Whether the spectators will tremble with fright or be tacle remains to be seen. My own in my opinion, not at all likely. impression is that the actors in the show will array themselves in all the belongings and tokens of high tragedy gress. It was read to the members of and will rave and split the air, but that the real body and outcome of the show will be regular law comedy. Of course, we all expect an exciting ses- contain numerous suggestions upon sion, and some are nervous enough to such defective points in our laws, and presage violence in the Capitol before our international treaties, as the exigencies of his administration have the Presidential muddle is settled, but I do not look for anything sanguinary, resume of the political history of the beyond the metaphorical " bad blood ' last eight years. But you will have the message entire before this reaches which may be stirred up in Congresyou, and I need not forecast it. sional veins by intemperate speeches.

The first struggle of the season came to a peaceful termination last evening -the contest for the Speakership of the death of one of the oldest resi-dents of Brookfield recalls an incident didn't hear him. 'Bessie,' he should her with the sign of the cross, and says: "I ob-

tomed chair in the Senate. The "My husband was baggage master instance, I am forced to the belief Senator will be found there to-morrow on this very line when I married bim, that there is nothing in his character annual coming of Bill Griswold is close one ever known. No forgetfulness in possible.

at hand. I don't know of any other him. Never drank a drop and never Oregonians who may be expected soon. snubbed the poor, bewildered people There are three theaters in full blast who asked questions. Good-natured societies have been organized for the a silly, irresponsisible girl, who had follows: Winter campaign of fun, frolic and folly. been at school a month before that of The stylish and aristocratic coachman my wedding, and knew as much of you not?" has put on his festive raiment now, and | housekeeping as a mouse.

the wide, handsome and clean streets "He had saved a good deal of money, begin to show the presence of the Win- and had built a pretty house with only ter butterfly who comes here annually four rooms in it, besides the kitchen, to flatter, and fly into the candle-blaze but each as pretty as a picture, and a of the fashionable world. The festive big bow window in the parlor that had social season opens with a glare of cost ever so much. In the window music, diamonds, show and false pre- plants were set, and an aquarium. No tenses. Washington society presents one had a prettier parlor any where. more gold to the square inch, on the It was the pride of my heart.

outside, and more dross and sawdust "The great road ran just pass the and emptiness, inside, than any other corner; it was at Lilliput Junction you? You won't tell?" city of similar dimensions in the United | that we lived-and down below was

the depot, and the train slacked up The House Democratic cancus last going through the town. When Tom night foreshadowed a series of com- ate breakfast at home, which wasn't mittees to proceed to the States of often, he kept ten minutes to get on Florida, Louisiana and South Carol: the cars before they started, and so tempt. na, to inquire whether the late el c- was never in a hurry.

tions had been conducted according to "Well, one morning he had had of school, here you have it. I asked the Constitution of the United States | breakfast at home, and had fiften min- him yesterday if he could lend me half and the laws of those States. No utes to spare, when some one came a dollar, and he told me he couldn't." definite action, however, was concluded ru-hing past the house on horseback, upon. I think that both the House and crad out to Tom that old Hill, a not?" and the Senate will send such commit- brakeman on the road, had just been tees. Some, at least, of the Republican very mach burt by a train and he was Senators are in favor of over-hauling going for a doctor. Tom liked old the late elections in Mississippi, Ala- Hill, and he started to his feet at once. bama, North Carolina, Arkansas, etc., 'Bessie,' said he, 'I must see the poor ones would come to-' as well as in the States above named. old fellow. I have ten minutes or Outside Democrats are talking about more for it. I can run to the depot in down."--Ledger. contesting the regularity and legality three. Now, take my keys, my dear, of the admission of Colorado, as a State, and have them at the door for me when erie will open in this city, and the animals for the purpose of throwing out the I pass. Remember how important it electoral vote of that State. That such is.

an attempt will be made by some of "You see the great bunch of keys the hot-headed and least politic of the | was heavy, and he didn't care to carry Representatives is most probable, but them all with him down to where old moved merely to laughter, at the spec- that the body of the Democracy in the Hill was and back. And I didn't House will join in the movement is, wonder at it as V lifted them from the table, checks and chains and all. And It is understood that the President's I meant to stand at the door as he came message is ready for delivery to Conup; but there was time to spare. So I just ran back into the yard to tell Mrs. the Cabinet, yesterday, and had the Jones, next door, over the fence, about finishing touches put to it. It will be the accident to poor Hill-and got of unnsual length, and as it is Presi- talking, and the time passed as time will dent Grant's last annual message, will in chat; and ten minutes is nothing, you know.

"And our house was on the street, one of a row. There was no getting to the back door without going around forced upon his notice, as well as a the whole of them, And the door had a patent lock and the big bow window was fastened down; and while I was chattering like a magpie I didn't see my husband flying up the road, with good three minutes before him to get his keys and run to the depot in.

if he is in the city. I hear that the and they said he was the most carefal which should render the thing im-H-had a case on the docket in

which, among other things, he wished to prove that his client had no money, Christmas, and allow him to make here, and the Lord only knows how he was as could be, and as firm as it and to that end he cross-questioned many amateur dramatic and saltatory he hadn't been good nature l, and I was one of the opponent's witnesses as

"You asked my client for money, did

"Well-yes, sir." "Answer promptly, sir. Let us have no hesitation. You asked him for money-now what was his answer?

"I don't know as I can tell." "But surely you remember?" " Yes, sir."

"Then out with it. What was his answer?" "I'd rather not tell."

"Ho! ho! "You are on that tack, are

"I would rather not, sir." "But I should rather you would! So, sir, if you do not answer my question promptly and truthfully, I'll call upon the court to commit you for con-

"Well, sir, if I must tell tales out "And you believed him, did you

"Yes, sir, for he said you had robbed him of every cent of his ready money, and if he didn't get out of your hands pretty soon, his wife and little

"That will do, sir. You can step

A MUSICAL PRODIGY .- At Keytesville, on a recent visit. we called at the residence of Col. F. M Redburn. He has a son, six years of age, that can perform correctly most any tune he hears, on the piano, at the first sitting after hearing it. He played a number of pieces for us, entering into the spirit like an old performer, keeping excellent time and carrying along the what it is to be drunk. parts perfectly. He took to playing alone, without any instructor, and of course by the ear, instead of note, as elaborately with gaiters, game-bag, and he can't read a note. He commenced playing when about three years old. gun, accompanied by his faithful dog, goes forth to hunt, but shoots nothing. He has a wonderful knack for music, Unwilling to return empty-handed to

and when a new piece is played, sits the house, he stops at the market and like one enchanted, drinking in every sound, and is able to detect any error buys a hare, which he presents to his in an instant. We feel confident he wife. The hare was terribly high-not has no superior of his age, and with alone in price. " Ah !" said his wife, proper opportunities he ought to attain with a sniff, "so you killed it. You the highest fame as a musician .- ; /, were right. It was high time." Louis Rural World.

THE WIDOW AND THE BOQUET. - A man takes a hack down the Champs pretty widow, whose husband has been | Elysees towards the Faubourg St. Ger-

dead several years, received a beauti- main. He noticed that at every flash The death of one of the oldest resi- 'Bessie,' he cried, at the gate; but I ful boquet the other day. The man that of lightning his driver piously makes no members under twenty-one years of

ask for a bottle of wine and a box of be chosen by ballot, by a majority of cigars, and then walk out without pay- all the votes cast, at the annual meeting. If called back, I say that I am ings of the society, and shall hold their absent minded. If allowed to go, I respective offices for the term of one send the man a check for five hundred year and until their saccessors are doilars, give him a diamond pin on elected.

ART. 5.

thirty per cent. profit on all bills. I'll The President shall preside at all go out, wait till I see three or four fel- the meetings of the society, preserve lows in here, and then 111 come in order and perform such other duties after my usual style. You must pre- as usually pertain to that office. In, tend astonishment, and it will be as the absence of the President at any meeting, one of the Vice Presidents, if The bar-tender's lower jaw had been present, shall preside, but if neither steadily falling all the while, and when the President or one of the Vice Presithe stranger ceased speaking a dark dents be present the members present shadow stole along the counter, made shall choose a President pro tem. a rush for Mr. Deerfield, and reached

ART 6. the outside door only a foot behind The Secretary shall keep a record of him. Mr. Deerfield didn't return to all the proceedings of the society, give notice of all meetings to be held, receive all moneys for fees or assessments and.

As agent for the sale of some house- pay the same to the Treasurer. He hold article attempted to mount the shall draw warrants on the Treasury steps of a house recently, but a dog for all disbursements, which warrants. came around the corner and took half shall be signed by the President and a yard of cloth from the back of his countersigned by the Secretary. coat. The man was sliding out when ART. 7.

the owner of the house came and asked: It shall be the duty of the Treasurer "Did doze dog bide you?" "He didn't to receive and account for all moneys. bite me, but he rained my coat," was coming into his hands for the use of the reply. "My goot friend, excuse the society, and pay all warrants drawn doze dog if he didn't bide you. He ish on him as defined in Art. 6, out of any a young dog now, but by und by he money in the Treasury not otherwise shall take bolt of some agents und eat appropriated. He shall also report at der pones ride oud of them. He bides | each annual meeting, a detailed statea coat now, but he shall soon do ment of the receipts and disbursements. of the funds of the society.

ART. S.

The first annual meeting shall be An inebriate, some little time back, got into a car and became very trouble- held in Jacksonville on the first Thurssome and annoying to the other pas- day in June, 1877, and the second ansengers, so much so that it was proposed | nual meeting shall be held in Ashland. to eject him; but a kind-hearted rever- and thereafter the annual meetings end doctor, who was also a passenger, shall be held alternately, in Jackson-

This Constitution shall not be altered ever, he scowled upon the occupants or amended except by a vote of twoof the car, and muttered some words | thirds of the members present: Proof contempt; but he shook hands vided, That twenty members are present warmly with the doctor, and said, at the time; and Provided further, That; "Good day, my friend, I see you know any proposed alteration or amendment shall be presented and read at one meeting and lie over until the next A HUSBAND, having arrayed himself regular meeting before being voted on.

By-Laws.

ARTICLE 1.

Any person who arrived in Oregor, at any time prior to the end of the year 1855, and who shall sign the Constitution of this society, shall become a member thereof, by the payment of the initiation fee of one dollar. The wifeand children of members of this society, except male children over twentyone years of age, shall be exempt from the payment of the initation fee; male. children over twenty-one years of age shall pay the regular initiation fee; and

ART. 2. The society shall have power to make assessments upon the members thereof. from time to time, for the purpose of carrying out the objects of the society :: or the society may levy an annual sum. A CLERGYMAN, who had just made to be paid by the voting members of the change from Unitarianism to the the society or those entitled to vote. Episcopalians, wrote a note to Free- and any member who shall neglect to man Clarke, headed "St. Stephen's pay such assessments or such annual Day," and Clarke answered it with a payment or levy, for the term of six letter headed "Washing Day." Days months after the same shall have been assessed or levied, shall be stricken are nothing; heart is everything. from the roll of membership; but, if Every day is a saint's work, to you if you are doing a saint's work, and sing- payment thereof be made within sixty days after the said six months, such Two neighbors had a long and en re-enrolled; Provided, That the assessvenomed litigation about a small ments per member for current exspring, which they both claimed. The penses, shall not exceed one dollar in judge, wearied out with the case, at the aggregate, per annum, except in last said: "What is the use of making case of extreme necessity, a greater so much fuss about a little water?" sum may be assessed by a two-thirds-"Your Honor will see the use of it," vote, as provided for the amendment of replied one of the lawyers, "when I the Constitution.

interposed for him, and soothed him ville and Ashland. inte good behavior for the remainder ART. 9. of the journey. Before leaving, how-

the House. There were numerous in her career which happened some aspirants for that responsible and fifteen years ago.

difficult position, chief among whom daughter, and took her seat in the cars woman sho'd seen run over, and you were Sam J. Randall, Sam Sunset for the first and only time in her life. Cox, Milton Sayler, J. S. Blackburn, During the ride an accident occurred time and found it down, and he had etc., etc. The battle was sharp, short whereby the car in which she was two minutes and a half left; and a man and decisive. When the caucus met, seated was thrown down an embank- that misses his duty on a railroad pays last night, all but the two first named ment and demolished. Crawling out for it, I tell you; and it wasn't temper, kind in you; I always knew you liked candidates withdrew, and left it a clear, from beneath the debris she spied a mark that; it wasn't because he felt fair race between the two Sams. The man who was held down in a sitting like smashing my window, because I victorious eagle perched upon the posture by his legs being fastened. banner of the Pennsylvania Sam, while "Is this Stamford?" she anxiously come what might of it; and it was to play something brilliant and dashthe sun set upon the fortunes of the enquired.

in the pit."

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the day that a new national Democratic | Boston; so he said: organ, to be called the Constitutional Union, is to be launched here upon the rough and uncertain sea of journalism, this week. The quid nuncs do not quite agree as to who is to be the editor-in- ply unnecessary .- Danbury News. chief, some saying that Montgomery Blair and others that Manton Marble, late of the N. Y. World, is the coming mother-in-law is very sick, and X. con- my Tom standing on the platform of man. Neither can make it live two sults a friend as to what doctor he the last baggage-car, with his keys and years without the patronage of the should call in. administration, and either of them can, with it. So the perpetuity of the Con- | path ?" stitutional Union depends upon the Returning Board of Louisiana. I half a dozen of the other. The allopath that great window, angry as he should Key. A. G. Truesdale, and when placed might say that everybody is hanging kills his patients, the homeopath lets have been at me-for I was the cause in file were a fine looking row. Handon to that Board, just now-a single his die." board, between us and the awful depths of the great sea of politics. We shall poor woman will suffer less." and who sinks. Meantime, even a straw would be a good thing to catch Frenchman, "is like a pin: his head me until I saw him again, and I would looked in and along the line to find at and hang on to.

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C. P. CRANDALL.

GOT OFF AT THE WRONG STATION .-

"No, this is a catastrophe."

----"A PRUDENT man," says a withy "But, oh ! it wasn't all right with were to be adopted. So a detective

prevents him from going too far.'

see 1om had tried the window by this kept him waiting; it was to do his duty, grand of him, I say. The next second

other twin and he is now a "dead cox The man was from Boston. He was Tom was through that plate glass-winin considerable pain, but he did not dow with a crash, and the bits lay scat-It is stated in the current news of lose sight of the fact that he was from | tered on the floor and on the ground, and some were in his flesh, but he had "How would 'Beethoven's Symphony' his checks and his keys, and was off in E minor, arranged as a fantastic in "Oh!" ejaculated the old lady, flying. There never was a man that "then I hadn't oughter got off here!" ran a race that ran so before: and a suit you?" inquired the musician. This was so evident as to make a re- minute after, when I, without my bon- "Well said the bridegroom, evidently net, and not caring a bit what any one puzzled, " If it's got the ring and go thought of me, stood staring down the ALLOPATHY AND HOMAPATHY .- X.'s road, I saw the up-train rush by, and

checks in a belt about his waist, tying Two hundred young men were col-

"Shall I try a homeopath or allo- up his bleeding hand in his pocket lected for training as ushers at the handkerchief; and, in the midst of it, coming Moody revivals in Chicago. " My dear fellow, it is six of one and hurt as he was, much as he had lost in They were selected for this duty by

of it all-my Tom nods his head at me some, fully up in the golden-stair bus-"Then I will call in an allopath-the and shouts at the top of his voice, so iness, religiously plump and contralto that I heard him above all the sounds in voice. The same regulations that of the train: 'All right, Lessie !'

the opening of Congress a year ago, until he has failed at everything else. he wouldn't let me, but took me in out and the others drilled.

as he shook the door-and there were an earnestness worthy of a dry goods served that you cross yourself; you do my ears filled with the story my neigh- clerk, and it was with an extra delight well." "Oh, yes, it is always well good paying though very thankless and She was going to Stamford to visit a bor was telling me about the tipsy he saw her pass his store that evening where there are so many trees, but once we get into the streets I don't with the boquet of flowers in hand. "Am so pleased to see you with care a curse."- Paris Figuro. ***

them," said he, and a thousand little cupids dimpled in his smile. "Yes," she replied, "it was very

him; I am taking them to his grave." 4.4

WHAT HE WANTED. -" I want you ing," said young Mr. Romeo to the organist, arranging for the music at his ing on your way to glory. wedding, " none of those old, die-away, worn-out things usually played." four flats and one stop to the high C, of the 'Skidmore Gaards' or 'Tommy make Room for Your Aunty' in it, I inform you that both the parties are think it will do."-Philadelphia Bulletin. ----

governed the squad in Philadelphia

and a second terminate and the second of the

---have gone down on my knees to him to nine professional pickpockets and a conviction forced upon him that either holes," rejoined the old boy, "and The city does not seem so full as at until he has failed at everything else. he wouldn't let me, but took me in out and the others drilled. Have gone down on any interview of the American women are all too short, retail them to farmers for gate-posts."

ART. 3.

Meetings of the society may be heldat any time by a vote of the society; or-Ar the restaurant: Guest, who misses by the call of the President, when the his usual waiter-" What has become exigencies of the case may seem to re-

> "I SAY, old boy," cried Paul Pry to the old boy replied. Paul was not to. be put off in this fashion. "What are

One can scarcely walk down the you going to do with the hole?" he streets these days without having the asked. "Going to cut it up into small

milkmen. of Auguste?" Proprietor-" Do not quire. mention the name of the wretch, my dear sir; he used to polish the plates

DURING a thunder-storm a gentle-

with his handkerchief. There is an- an excavator, whom he espied at the other like him. I know-I've been on bottom of a yawning gulf. "what are his trail for a month-just let me catch you digging there?" "A big hole." him at it, that's all."