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And vanquishes his sins, Who struggles on through weary years, Against himself, and wins,

He is a hero staunch and brave, Who fights an unseen foo, And puts at list beneath his feet, His passions base and low, And stands erect in manhood's might, Und mated, undismayed-The bravest man that drew a sword

In foray or in raid. It call for something more than brawn Or non-cle to o'ercome An enemy who marcheth not

With bonner, plume and drum-A fee forever lurking nigh, With stient, steatby tread, Forever near your board by day,

At night beside your bed. Al honor then to that brave heart,

Who conquers, and is free. He may not wear a nero's cown, Or fill a hero's grave; But truth will place his name among The bravest of the brave.

CONTRACTOR OF STREET SCRAPS OF OREGON HISTORY.

Mr. J. Henry Brown: DEAR STR -In answer to your wish for my recollections of the escort of the messenger at tempted to be sent to California by Governor Abernetov during the C yase war of 1847-8. I have to say at the outset, I can only give my recollections. These, however, notwithstanding the lapse of nearly thirty years, are yet vi vidly in my remembrance as amongst the roughest experiences of a frontier life. The duty to be performed was to bear a message from the Governor of the Provisional Government of Ocefor Jacks mythe, Rick Point and Rose | gon to the commander of the United States troops, then operating in California, informing him of the ontbreak of the Indians and the murder of Dr Whitman and others, and setting forth the poverty of the American settlers in every Tassday, Thursday and Saturday, Oregon with reference to arms, ammunition and other means of war, in the hope that such commander would find at Linkville Thursdays, carrying mail and himself armed with sufficient discretionary power and means as would assist them to conquer a peace and punish the murderers. The party consisted of sixteen men, including the bearer of the dispatches, the Hon. Jesse Applegate. Cut Levi Scott commanded the company. Two of his sons, John and William Scott, Walter and Thomas Monteith, A. E. Robinson, William Gilliam, Joseph Waldo, James Campbell, James Fields, James Lemon John Dise, Solomon Tethero, George Hibbler and myself made up the party. The plan was to pass to California via Kismath Lake and Pate River country, passing the Sierra Nevada range by the valley of the latter or some other confluent of the Sacramente. Little was then known of the country we intended Hold their regular meeting every Saturday even- to traverse, but it was believed that if we found the country as bare of snow as the mildness of the season in the Willamette Valley gave reason to ex-Rebekah meetings on Tuesday evening, nearest pect, we could make the trip either by the way indicated or by striking and following the route pursued by Col

> Fremont a few years previous. The party rendezvoused on the south | presented itself to the party was whethbank of the La Creole, about opposite er we should leave him behind us the the present town of Dixie, in Polk next morning and push on, or (taking county, and thence started about the the unexpected depth of the snow 28th of January, 1848. Each man fur- where we were as good evidence that nished his own saddle and pack horse, the Klamath Lake basin was also under gun and blankets. Ammunition, flour snow, which being the case would renand bacon was furnished by the set- der the accomplishment of our tlers, under some arrangement that I journey, with our then means, never fully understood, only that the atterly impossible,) turn back and Sorth or cost of these latter articles make for the Williamette again. After should ultimately be paid by the Gov extracting all the information we could ernment. The party were without from Mr. Applegate as to the lay of the tents or shelter of any kind, and the country between us and Klamata Lake, bedding of each individual had to be we concluded that in all probability used under a doubling up process in the country around it was under at order to secure comfort. From the least two feet of show. A vote was time of departure the party had plenty taken on the proposition to leave Mr. of wet to encounter, both overhead and Fields and go forward or all stick tounder foot, bridges and ferries being gether and go back, and it was carried little known then in the country they in favor of return 7 to 1. This contraversed. From the South Umpqua cluded on, the determination was taken southward, they had nothing but hos to overtake our comrades if we could. tility to expect from the Indians, as up The next morning we started with that to that time a weak party was almost object in view, and in four days' and sure to be attacked in passing through | nights' forced marching we came up the Rogne River Valley. They made with them and our horses near the fair progress until reaching a point in present site of Canyonville, on the that valley above the place where the South Umpqua. These four days were old California trail came into it; thence the roughest in all my experience of bearing eastward rather than south frontier life, and the whole trip was a of wheat from seven to nine feet in

mountains. From the point where the life in camp and on duty with those fair-as indeed is all the grain proparty first struck the snow they pene- who were in the Cayuse country, ac- duced in the Webfoot State. There trated into the mountains (on the cording to the experience of Thomas are also some very fine specimens of line blazed by Messrs. Applegate and Monteith and James Lemon, who went mineral productions of Oregon-excel-Scott the previous year for the first up there after the return of our party, lent coal from Coos Bay and the inteparty of immigrants by the southern about the 21 or 3d of March. route), a supposed distance of twenty- | We had proof within a few hours quality taken from the Prosser mine

five miles toward Klamath Lake. At after we commenced our return that if in Clackamas county, besides a speci this point, the snow being about four we had left Mr. Fields or any other men of mica shell with garnets. The feet deep and still higher ground to pass | member of our party, it would have gold and silver mines of Oregon yield in order to get to Klamath Lake basin, been to almost certain death by the In- an annual revenue of \$2,000,000, but the Captain concluded he would have dians, for we met them tracking us on there are no specimens of the precious to abandon the attempt to proceed, as the snow, and their precipitate retreat metal on exhibition. even if the horses could have traveled when they discovered us ready for Oregon is a well wooded country and in such a snow, there was no green | them, betrayed their design. Nor is it | the exhibit of polished woods-suitathing for them to eat but the poison at all probable that any of us would ble for ornamental work and wrought laurel. Mr. Applegate, feeling keenly have succeeded in getting through to into beautiful colors and figures, is the responsibility of the success or fail- California by the route we contemplad particularly fine. The samples are ure of the enterprise, said he felt im- | ted, at that season of the year, at least, | principally of Maple, Ash, Myrtle and | pelled to try to go forward, and would that was the opinion of Mr. Walter Cedar. Ship knees of immense size, do so if any one of the party would go | Monteith, who, with his brother, pass | constructed from Oregon pine and with him. His call for volunteers re- ed that way to the gold mines the suc- strongly resembling huge boots, are sulted in an even division of the party. | ceeding Autumn.

Eight, consisting of Mr. Applegate, I see by the report of Adjutant A E. at the Mechanics' Institute Fair, in the Solomon Tethero, James Fields, James | Wilson, the names of the company, ex- | Oregon exhibit, a young gentleman Lemon; A. E. Robinson, Walter Mon- cept those of Messrs. Lemon and from the 'land of steady habits' pompteith, Thomas Monteith and the writer, Thomas Monteith, are not on the list ously inquired what they were. He volunteering to go. The plan to go reported to Commanding General Lot was courteously informed by some Boforward if possible being for these. Whitcom, as published in last week's hemian that they were "lasts upon eight to make snow shoes, take eight | Mercury. I presume the reason is, that | which boots were made for the webfeet days' provisions to each man and try to most of the company, like myself, of a State up the coast." push their way through, Captain Scott | thought the smallness of the account and the seven men with him returning was not worth attending to; some of twine is worthy of mention. In regard to the Willamette Valley with all the them, however, got paid, I believe.

horses. The next day after this was | There were no lives lost either of or tennial Commissioner says: "Very fine ity has subscribed \$30,000. concluded on, the Captain and party by the party. They did not fire upon quality, extraordinary length, good in spent the day to preparing snow shoes | times they were as near doing so as | and silky softness;" and for the oil June. None of the party knew how to well could be, not to do so. Incidents manufactured at Salem, Oregon, from make snow shoes, and we had not the of our return trip will doubtless fur- flax seed, pronounced "of superior the boss" surveyer, has gone to Stayproper material. The best we could nish a good theme for fireside chat, quality, fine color, being clear, fine ton to survey and lay out a town site. do was to bend rods of willow into near- now, by members of the party to the and free from sediment, of excellent ly an eval shape about twenty inches rising generation, but would perhaps body and high merit." the longest way, and into the hoop so be out of place here. -John Minto, in The samples of Oregon wool are of formed weave a network of buck-kin the Moreury.

thongs. By taking our gun covers and

such other piece of this material or

raw-hide as we had amongst us, we

made such a set of things, whether

snow shoes or not, as would keep each

Next day we made tral of traveling

thongs of his snow shoes and getting

them turned edgewise, so that he would

feet deep, was not the occasion of much

extra fatigue, only it delayed the whole

party by stopping until he could refix

them. But as we advanced the snow

despened and the labor became exces-

sive, and before night the party were

passing over snow about six feet deep,

on the level, and in places where drifts

lodged, much deeper. When Mr.

Fields went down in such places there

was no other way but for some of the

rest to take his gun and pack, and gen-

erally two others would throw him on

his beam end, as sailors would say, and

him up and refix his snow shoes. This

Fields sick before night, and after

striking camp, the first question that

No other is so contemptible as the man who goes to bed every night full of stimulating drinks, indulges in haof us upon the surface of the snow. tred of himself every morning until he makes unto himself a promise to 'quit.' with them. It soon became manifest and then goes out and allows himself that the lightest men would get along to be persuaded, either by the cravings best, and it was proven, on the first of his own appetite or the invitations day, that the heaviest (Mr. Fields) of boon companions, to be filled up would be utterly unable to proceed. again. But even he is ready with his Early on the first day, Mr. Fields be- excuse to his conscience. He met an gan to to break or stretch the old friend, who told him he must taper, and sociability also required it, or the colic struck him, or perhaps it was a sink down in the soft snow. This, wet day and he feared a chill, or a very while the snow was not more than four | hot day and he was in danger of a sun stroke. These are the excuses he makes to his wife and family as well as to his conscience. He does not plead appetite, for he will not concede that he is quite apparent that the quartz mines under such slavery. But his family, of Oregon will be brought to the front, even while accepting these frivolous and that the gold and silver products excuses from their loved one, insist will create a reputation for the State that he can only be reformed by pro- as the wheat, wool and salmon products hibiting the manufacture and sale of have already done. Many of our leadspirits. What! and let the poor man ing citizens are now interesting themdie of colic, or sunstroke, or the chills, selves in the development of mines. or prove discourteous or impolite to The capitol and labor expended the old friends? The very remedy insisted last year on the silver mines of Grant upon shows that they have no faith in county have established their richness fetching him out of his hole sidewise, set his truthfulness; that they see his hy. and extent beyond a question of doubt pocrisy, and that they know that he and stimulated public attention to that has sunk his manhood in his passion extent that before another year a busy for drink. The only practical remedy mining camp, with mills, machinery for this state of affairs seems to be in and the appliances for the reduction of the impressing upon the mind of a ores, will be at work, and the gold and man a deep sense of his indivdual re- silver bars will be regularly received sponsibility to his family, society and at Portland. Much has been said and his Maker for his acts. This is pre- written in regard to the evils of stock emineutly the work of a woman. Upon speculations, and, doubtless, with her as teacher of the first scholastic good reason; yet there is a wide dislessons devolves the responsibilto of cimination between the investment of the boy's conduct toward his fellows. money in developing the wealth of a and the color of his first impressions in regard to his individual responsibility for his own ac.s. - Telegram.

OREGON PRODUCTS.

Persons visiting our city who desire to see one of the magnificent exhibits of the products of that wonderful State Oregon, which might appropriately be named the Garden of the Pacific Slope, should visit the office of the State Board of Immigration located upon Battery street, opposite the Post office. We ourselves were quite astonished at the display made there, and as the articles are tastily arranged and carefully labled it is certainly one of the most interesting and instructive sights which it has been our fortune to behold during the last twelve months. We noticed a number of large sheaves they soon struck the snow line of the hard one, compared with the ordinary height, the berries being plump and in them .- Telegram.

terior counties and iron of very good

also on exhibition. When these were

The display of Oregon flax and to this product the report of the Cen-

fine fibre and good staple and were awarded medals and diplomas at the Centennial Exhibition. Oregon is one of the finest countries in the world for sheep. There are many other exceedingly interesting articles on exhibition at the room of the State Board of Immigration. The stranger is always courteously treated by the commissioners, Mesers. Tappan and Shepherd. Both of these gentlemen are laboring assiduously for the good of Oregon and deserve the gratitude of the citizens of the favored State. We wish that California had a few energetic men with the ability of these gentlemen to direct our immigrants to the broad and unoccupied lands of our own fair State. - Hall's Land Journal.

MINING INDUSTRY. From the signs of the times it is mine or simply speculating upon the manipulation of mining stocks. The investment of means for the opening of a mine which prospects well is more of the character of investing in real estate in a growing city.

The exent of mining enterprises, as prosecuted in Nevada, can be judged from the following results, as furnished by the Statistician for November: Total assessments and expenses of quartz mines since the commencement of silver mining, \$60,753,603; total dividends from expenditures, S111 239. 190; showing that the mines have produced nearly two dollars for every one that has been expended. These figures entirely refute the proposition that quartz mining is a failure, or that the does not deter people from engaging common red dirt of that section. Next.

STATE NEWS.

[Condensed from State Exchanges] The Gazette says that while the population of Union Co., does not exceed 6,000, the agricultural resources of the county are sufficient to support 250,000

Jesse Imbler one of the commissioners of Union Co., threshed this year 47,400 bushels of grain with a Pist Ma-

chine in 421 days. The Plaindealer says that Drain is becoming one of the most thriving lit-

tle towns in the Umpqua. Stiles and Highy accused of, perjury in the Grover investigation, are under-

going trial at Portland. At Independence recently the Willamette raised four feet in six hours.

The Jacksonville Times says the family of J. M. Cook of Rock Point, numbers 65 and comprises children, grandchildren, and great grand-children, Of these with the exception of two or three all now residing in Jackson Co.

The Register advocates the erection of a woolen mill at Albany. There are 1 085 Indians on the Siletz Reservation. Many improvements are

being made. The Yambillers are getting excited over the prospects of a railroad. Am-

In Grant Co. the hills are green and started back, and Applegate and party any of the Indians they saw, but some- strength, good color, superior gloss the grazing nearly as good as in

The Record says Seth R. Hammer, An Amity bachelor had been married

out. He was an \$80,000 bird. Old Capital Lodge No 11 I. O. O. F. in Salem has swarmed. The new lodge is called Dashaway.

six months before his friends found it

Gen. M. V. Brown of the Albany Democrat is again very ill.

It is well known that for several

HOW TO GET TWO ROADS.

years the Central Pacific railroad company has been holding out indirect offers of a railroad for Oregon. There have been no definite proposals, and the talk has been of an equivocal and evasive sort; nevertheless it is obvious that this company is looking toward Oregon with a view to bringing our state nitimately within a scheme that embraces the entire railway system of the Pacific coast. That so great a company should aim at a system so vast and comprehensive is quite natural. Its prodigious and rapidiy accumulating resources render this aim a rational one. The plan is vast, but is within the compass of achievement. At present the energies of the companies are directed toward the south, in order to head off a rival enterprise that is pushing in that quarter. That it may be sure of affecting this it is urging the construction of the Southern Pacific with all possible rapidity. For the present its intentions in regard to Oregon may be suspended; for if it can hold back every other road from the Northwest, it can come here in its own good time and occupy the field. Hence whatever influence the Central Pacific may be able to command in or out of Congress will be directed against the Northern Pacific, or any other project whatever to secure for the Northwest an independent road. But if the appropriation for the Northern Pacific were renewed on such terms as would affor ! assurance of completion of this road. then the Central Pacific would speedily begin to look in earnest toward Oregon as a field for actual operations. It could no longer afford delay. In order to obtain the hold it desires for the future it would feel obliged to push a road into Oregon at the erliest time possible. Some are talking about two roads into Ocegon. Here is the way to make a certainty of getting them. Pash the Northern Pacific, and this will bring the Central Pacific into our State .- Oregonian.

BIG POTATODS -Mc. Gubert with Messrs. Breyman Bros., exhibited in our office yesterday a potato of the peerless variety that weighed seven pounds and seven ounces. It had a business is any more precarious than mate in the hill with it that weighed any other. While it is a fact that not five and a half pounds. These prubras five per cent. of all who engage in were raised on the farm of Mr. Blooks mercantile pursuits are successful, it in the Waldo Hills. The soil is the