SHORT BITS.

Made of awl work—shoes.

Phosphorus was discovered in 1677.

A popular steak holder — gridiron

Sound investment—buying a telephone.

Gold fish were introduced into England, in 1691.

How to get a head—steal into a cabbage patch.

Truth is not drowned in water, nor burned in fire.

The man who is honest from policy needs watching.

The sea holds the oil and wick for our final conflagration.

America holds the prize for paper, at the Paris exposition.

In Noah's ark, it took two of a kind to beat a pair.

Keep clear of the man who does not value his own reputation.

Every boy has to let something off sudden near a cat, once in his life.

He who smiles at another's mistake forgets his own ignorance.

Why is an idea like a pig? Because you must catch it, before you can pen it.

It is an ill wind that blows nobody good. The yellow fever has driven the lightning rod peddlers out of Memphis.

The same headache that makes a boy howl when he's digging potatoes wreathes his face with smiles, when he slips off to a picnic.

Alexander H. Stephens was never married. He has always had all he wanted to keep from being blown away on an ordinary breeze.

It is debatable whether yellow fever was sent to scourge Bob Ingersoll or the Potter Investigation Committee. Thus far, the innocent alone have suffered.

"Each heart knows it's own sorrow best," thought a pious father, as he sat down on an egg which he had forgotten to remove from his coat pocket before going to church.

Short Bits.

Categorical statement—Speaking to the purr-puss.

Emigration has reduced the Smiths in the Boston directory to eighteen columns.

'Eight hours a night's sleep.' Lemonquitos, etc.—especially etc.—bear this in mind.

Brandy has been made from sawdust. Ice is packed in sawdust, and that is why so many water drinkers become intoxicated. It is the sawdust on the ice that makes the good man reel.

All the nice boys have their hair clipped by lawn-mowers. It scalps the flies to death and bothers the mosquitoes.

Coroners are in doubt whether to hold an inquest on a negro boy or on a water melon. One is generally the death of the other.

The boy who has turned a grindstone or a fanning-mill all day doesn't go much on the adage that "one good turn deserves another."

Square umbrellas are reported as the latest things in Paris. That's nothing. We have been useing square umbrellas a long time; at least they are never round when wanted.

A lady, joking about her nose, said: "I had nothing to do in shaping it. It was a birthday present."

A clock in the Paris exposition is ingeniously fitted up to fire a pistol every hour—to kill time, probably.

At length, a way has been discovered to kill potato bugs with lime. You catch the bug and put him in a lime-kiln. Then if he escapes put your foot on him.

Never Too Late to Learn.

Socrates, at an extreme old age, learned to play on music instruments.

Cato at eighty years of age, began to study the Greek language.

Plutarch, when between seventy and eighty, commenced the study of Latin.

Baccaccio was thirty five years of age when he commenced his studies in light literature: yet he became one of the greatest masters of the Tuscan dialect — Dante and Plutarch being the other two.

Sir Henry Spelman neglected the sciences in his youth, but commenced the study of them when he was between fifty and sixty years of age. After this time he became a most learned antiquarian and lawyer

Doctor Johnson applied himself to tht Dutch language but a few years before his death.

Lupovico Monaldesco, at the great age of 115 year, wrote the memorie of of his own times.

Ogilby, the translator of Homer and Virgil, was unacquainted with Latin and Greek till he was past fifty.

Franklin did not commence his philosophical pursuits till he had reached his fiftieth year.

Dryden, in his sixty-eighth year, commenced the translation of the Iliad, his most pleasing production.

Thousands of examples of men who commenced a new study, either for livelihood or amusement, at an advanced age could be cited. But every one familiar with the biography of distinguished men will recollect individual cases enough to convince him that none but the sick and indolent will ever say: "I am too old to learn."

The sweat of a man's brow comes easier than his daily bread.

In the case of a broken photograph, the least said is soonest mended.

"And what did you think of Switzerland?" asked a lady of a young American belle who had just made the tour "Pretty place, but it struck me there were too many lakes and too few young men."

Professor—'Can you multiply together concrete numbers?' The class are uncertain. Prof.—"What will be the product of five apples multiplied by six potatoes?' Fresh (triumphant)—"Hash."

Items From Table Rock.

It may be interesting to some of your many readers to know that away over here on Rogue river, 25 *miles* from Ashland, is a living, growing, thriving, community of people, and though we have neither railroad nor stage line and are consequently isolated from the rest of the world, still we hope the day is not for distant when the iron track shall gird our lovely valley, and the *cars* shall bear away to profitable markets, the many thousands of bushels of grain its numerous farms are capable of producing.

Harvesting is over, and though the yield is not considered to be as good as in previous years, yet it is better than was expected. Mr. Pickens' farm, said to be the largest one on this side the river, turned out 2 550 bushels of grain.

Fruit and vegetables are also raised here in abundance. Should you happen to be in our neighborhood at this time father Sutton would show you some as fine watermellons, and tomatoes as you would find anywhere.

The TIDINGS is a welcome visitor though it is almost a week old when we get it, on account of the distance to any P. O., being six miles, but principaly because it is issued one day too late for our semi-weekly mail.

There has been more sickness in the valley this summer than has been known for years. Fever and ague has prevailed along the river to an alarming extent, especially with those of us who had not before experienced the torments of that disease. Old settlers however seem to think it does not amount to much.

The weather is almost unbearable, the thermometer, even last week, going up to 97 and 98 deg., in the shade, for several days.

The Antioch, or Table Rock School is again flourishing. Though there are 35 or 40 children in this district drawing school money, we get this year, the poor little pittance of $60! The *Times* makes considerable ado about "our school superintendent visiting schools" yet he did not find his way here. Perhaps it was owing to the density of the smoke.

The Sam's Valley Lodge of Good Templars, still has its regular meetings, notwithstanding that its members are considerably scattered this season of the year.

Mr. A. C. Stanley, our efficient physician, is having a fine new house erected on his farm near lower Table Rock. M. M.

THE FAMINE IN NORTHERN CHINA.

The horrors of the Chinese famine are impossible to describe, and happily inconceivable to American minds. At a recent meeting at Dublin, Sir Thomas Wade, British Minister to China, said that five provinces, covering an area of 295,000 square miles, with a population of over 120,000,000, (three times that of all the United States), have been so stricken with drought, that the ordinary sources of food have been almost entirely dried up, reducing to a state of starvation not less than 15,000,000 people. Not long since the *Christian Union* published a letter from China, in which it was stated, on the authority of the Governor of Shansi, that the number already starved and frozen was estimated at 6,000,000. Whole villages have been depopulated; dogs and fowls and carrion birds were dead. "The London estimate that 7,000,000 have perished, is an exaggeration, but those actually waiting for death by starvation more or less prompt, are still 10,000,000 perhaps, of whom relief will be too tardy to save perhaps 2,000,000; while, if the rains are denied in Shansi Honan, and Shensi again this Spring, nothing but foreign or Divine interposition will save 10,000,000 people from death.

Substantially the same testimony is borne by a gentleman holding an official position in Pekin, in a letter to the Boston *Journal*. The sale of children and kindred for food has been going on for some time, and cannibalism has been largely resorted to. Had the drought occurred in Southern China, there would be less difficulty in relieving the famine, owing to the abundance of water communication. In the north, however, there are no such means for meeting the emergency, there being only earth roads, and those indifferent. —*Scientific American.*

A NARROW ESCAPE.

WILDERVILLE, Sept. 5, 1878.

ED. TIDINGS:—The following rather amusing incident occurred at this place not long since. Two festive city chaps, one hailing from Jacksonville and the other from Kerbyville, while stopping at this place for a few days, concluded to have a "way up" time and gain for themselves a lasting notoriety by indulging in an old fashioned water melon steal. The night after the party at this place, these two youngsters made a midnight raid on Mr. Boroughs' melons and succeeded in getting away with them after being almost frightened out of their wits by an old horse that was running at large about the premises.

Three large gunny sacks, well filled with melons, they brought to this place and hid in the vicinity of the Junction House, to treat their friends with next day. Of course they could not well keep all their fun to themselves but made a confident of one of their friends by relating to him their adventure. Little did they think he would betray their confidence, but no sooner did he hear their story than he got to work to entrap the youngsters. A warrant for their arrest was prepared by the father of the Kerbyville chap and a former constable of the precinct was called to serve the necessary papers on them. They had prepared a water melon feast to which they had invited a number of friends, and just as they were in the midst of their enjoyment, the constable come upon the scene when the following conversation occurred:

Jacksonville chap: Good morning stranger. Have some water melon!

Kerbyville chap: Plenty here stranger!

Constable: I don't want any of your stolen melon. "I have come here to arrest you two young men for water melon stealing? (Reads the warrant.) The Jacksonville chap turns pale and becomes silent. Kerbyville gets weak in the knees and sits down. One of the crowd, feigning to have a great deal of sympathy for the accused, asked the constable if he didn't think that Mr. Boroughs would be willing to compromise the thing.

Constable: Are you willing to pay for the melons? "Yes, sir, we are!" replied the accused, "and we will do more than that! We will each of us give $20 to have this little matter hushed up—You're right, we will!" Great was their joy and astonishment when they learned that the whole affair was a hoax gotten up at their expense. They departed for their respective homes, wiser if not better boys. KATIE.

CORRESPONDENCE FROM SEATTLE.

WALLA WALLA, W. T.

My first sight of this place was by gaslight, and the remembrance of it is still vivid; the elegant fronts with gay show-windows presented an artistic exhibition. It seemed as we hurled through the streets in a 'free coach,' that every alternate house was a drug store.

This city, with its shipping, railroad coal mines and 4000 inhabitants, contrasts pleasantly with the forest-covered hill sides of 1852 when a half dozen sturdy yeomen landed here, staked out claims, built a saw mill and commenced to clear away the timber for the site of the future town. Vessels came to carry away the lumber and bring supplies, opening a trade that has assumed large proportions. Here is one of the best harbors on the Pacific coast, and is visited by vessels from every port. Here is ship coaling for Frisco; beyond, is a bark, loading lumber for Honalulu; there is a barkentine for Valparaiso; here are three steamers, one running from Tacoma to Port Townsend and way ports; another from Olympia to Victoria, and that large one, is an ocean steamer, bound for the Bay City.

Yesterday a regatta was expected, but up to this time, has been delayed for lack of a breeze.

Efforts are constantly being made to complete the railroad from this place to Walla Walla, 12 miles of which are finished, and grading commenced on an extension of five additional miles. Should this be pushed through, Seattle will be the storehouse of the Eastern counties of this Territory.

The road to the Newcastle Coal Mine, (20 miles long), transported 1530 tons for the month of August, 1878.

At the markets, are found every variety of fruits and vegetables, from a native potato to the tropical orange; and of meats, from the diminutive smelts to a large beef.

The Territorial University is located here. There are four public schools and a business college also.

It is astonishing what logs they saw at the mills on the Sound; some 7 feet in diameter and some that are about 150 feet long.

Several large fisheries are established for taking and canning salmon. Halibut, cod, bass and other kinds are taken; but salmon are more numerous.

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