

Washington and his men were worrying their way across the frozen Delaware. "One of the boatmen gave a startled cry. "We are lost," he exclaimed. "My oar is gone!"

"What does it matter about that oar?" replied the Father of His Country, without a tremor in his voice, "that cuts no ice."

Frenzied by the cool remark, the men redoubled their efforts to reach the shore.

Napoleon Bonaparte had secured his divorce and a friend of Josephine was trying to console her.

"The awful part of it is," sobbed Josie, "I can't get my picture in the papers as the 'Beautiful Divorced Empress.'"

Realizing there was no hope for her, the two ladies wept together.

"Ha! me friend, the spider, to whom I owe all my greatness!" exclaimed Robert Bruce, looking down Commercial street.

"Thou art getting old, friend Bruce," remarked a cigar dealer, "and thine eyes are growing dim. That is that jolly, tall printer who manipulates the type at The Astorian and Daily News."

"Poor Christopher Columbus. They say he's crazy. See, there he goes with an express wagon full of lead pencils. Suppose he's going to figure out the best route to the new world he talks about," said the mayor of Upper town.

"O no," said Judson, "he's tryin' to figure out the best location for th' new city hall."

The train is out; the round skirt in the kind just long enough to forbid walking without holding it up all around.

A society lady in New York gave a "monkey tea." A trained monkey met

the guests at the door and ate at the table. Well well.

A fortune awaits the man Who will invent this wonder: A sofa built on such a plan A small boy can't get under.

To prevent shoe laces from coming untied, wax them before putting them into the shoes; the slight trouble is well worth while.

The new woman's news paper—that is, the woman's new news paper—in London is referring to its contemporaries as "The Daily Female."

Women are apt to use their individual taste about fullness about the hips, but every skirt must flare at the bottom to be strictly up to date.

Don't be glum if you wish to be young. Sing and keep your heart young and thus defy Father Time.

"Tis the lightning's red glare painting Hell on the sky!" exclaimed the Sailor Boy poet.

"No 'tain't," said Judson, "its only Swoosy Swipesy doin' a sign on a saloon winder."

HELP WANTED

Madame!—The new magazine for "women who think" which has been adopted as the official organ of the National Council of Women of the United States (numbering three million women) desires educated and refined persons everywhere to interview the heads of the literary and artistic clubs in every city. We furnish the names and addresses and send full particulars if you enclose a two-cent stamp when you write. A handsome income can be earned by any earnest worker. Address, Agents' Department, Madame, Springfield, Ohio.

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FINE GAME TOMORROW

Multnomah and Astoria Commercial to Try Conclusions at A. F. C. Park.

FOR STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

Visitors Will Outweigh Locals, but Latter Depend on Team Work to Secure Victory.

The football team is fast rounding in to form for the hard game with Multnomah tomorrow afternoon at A. F. C. park. The men are thoroughly well of their bruises received in the Vancouver game, and will be in the pink of condition tomorrow. The practice this week has been fast and hard, the men lining up practically the same as when they played Vancouver. They are quickly learning the new plays and are working with energy and enthusiasm. They realize that tomorrow's game means much to them, it being the first time they have played a team with such a reputation, and they have resolved that, if Multnomah wins, it will be after the hardest game they can play.

If the weather is favorable a large crowd of supporters will attend, for never before has a game created so much interest in this city. Football is on every person's lips, and those who never attended a game will go for no other reason than to see the much heralded Multnomah team and its star players. Multnomah has a reputation, holding the championship of the northwest, and having been beaten on the coast only by the Stanford team by a close score; and, while the Astoria team will not be as heavy, still the men are all athletes and their team work has won every game thus far this season. Team work wins more games than individual playing, and while no one man can be picked as better than another, their work as a team has been very satisfactory to the coach.

Another noticeable feature of their play is the cleanness and lack of wrangling. Clean football has been their aim, and foul and unfair tactics have been entirely eliminated. They are using a style of play known as the Princeton style, which has never been seen on the coast, the Yale style being used almost exclusively. They use the defense, and their offense is more of an open style than is the Yale defense, which is composed mostly of mass plays. Astoria will use line bucks, but not the mass formations, and will resort mostly to plays over tackle. Astoria uses every man to carry the ball, guards, tackles and ends, as well as the backs, and all are good ground gainers.

Multnomah will have the advantage in weight. Astoria's average weight is 166, divided among the players as follows: Bay, 175; Gammal, 205; Goddard, 170; Sutton, 171; Painter, 163; Trullinger, 161; Stockton, 142; Barker, 165; Graham, 135; Abercrombie, 178.

Dr. Regan will referee for Astoria, and Dr. Tom Ross will umpire, he having refused to play against Astoria, his home city. S. P. Wilson will be head linesman and timekeeper. The field will be properly patrolled and none will be allowed within the sidelines, so everybody will have a chance to see the game. At 2:30 sharp the game will commence. The best wishes of local lovers of the sport are with the home team, which has worked faithfully to make a good showing for its town.

A Frightened Horse.

Running like mad down the street, dumping the occupants, or a hundred other accidents, are every day occurrences. It behoves everybody to have a reliable salve handy and there's none as good as Bucklin's Arnica Salve. Burns, cuts, sores, eczema, and piles, disappear quickly under its soothing effect. See, at Chas. Rogers drug store.

SALESMEN WANTED

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On Thursday last Mrs. R. E. Caruthers entertained the members of the Thursday Club with a card party, the game being "500."

A telegram from Mrs. C. R. Thompson received in the city today announces that her husband is a little better and slowly improving. No operation has been performed.

Mr. W. E. Tallant of this city and Miss Starbuck of New York were mar-

ried in New York today at noon. The bride is known to many Astorians, having been a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Tallant some years ago. Miss Starbuck is a daughter of the millionaire shipowner.

BLIZZARD IN THE EAST

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 12.—(Special)—The first genuine blizzard of the winter is prevailing here.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(Special)—Transportation facilities both on railroads and surface lines are impeded by snow.

SPENCER BESTS GATZERT.

Upper River Steamboat Race Was a Close One.

The Dalles, Dec. 12.—The steamer Spencer arrived here today at 2:45, 20 minutes ahead of the steamre Bailey Gatzert, of the White Collar line. The steamers had raced from Portland and the victor for the Spencer was a notable one. The Spencer stopped three times between Portland and The Dalles and the Gatzert stopped once.

The Spencer reached Cascade locks a short distance ahead of the Gatzert, but both boats went through the locks together. At Stevenson the Spencer stopped for wood and the Gatzert then passed her. The Spencer made up her loss and at Hood River was 20 minutes in the lead, remaining so until The Dalles was reached.

PRESIDENT WILL NOT INTERFERE

Washington, Dec. 12.—The president stated today to a party of Illinois politicians that he can take no part, directly or indirectly, in the factional fight being waged in Illinois over the governorship.

RUSSIAN REPLY TO JAPAN

Tokio, Dec. 12.—Russia's reply to Japan's note has been received. Russia entertains Japan's proposals, but with modifications.

EMPEROR SEEMS IMPROVED

Berlin, Dec. 12.—Emperor William arrived today from Potsdam with the empress. He seemed much improved in health.

Babies in India.

Babies cry very little in India—they obey spiritual law as a flower. The lotus bud, lying on a stone bench in a dirty room, sucks its toe and seems dreaming of the pranks of baby Krishna and solving problems of the universe. As it grows older it is very timid and shy in the presence of its elders. It feels the religious awe around it and does not break out into boisterous sport when all seem at prayer.

But there is much love in India and these humble households seem very happy. They are all in all to each other and seek holding outside either in society or amusement. Beautiful character comes from obedience to law and not from lawlessness. In India children are the crowning gift of life. It is a horror to be childless.—Everybody's Magazine.

The Stone Brick.

One day a mother found her four-year-old Alice playing with a brick in the parlor.

She threw it out of doors and, turning to the child, said, "If you bring another brick into the parlor mother will whip you."

Shortly afterward she again found the child playing with a brick and, looking at her reprovingly, asked, "What did mother tell you about that brick, Alice?"

"Well, this isn't another brick," said the child, "this is the one I had before."

Love and the Doctor.

It would be well if in negotiations with a view to matrimony the doctor were to be called in as an accessory to the god of Love, who is proverbially blind and therefore regardless of consequences. The family doctor can do much to prevent unwholesome marriages, and we look with much greater confidence to the fruits of his teaching and persuasion than to legislative enactments.—British Medical Journal.

Don't Play Hymns at Sea.

Any woman who takes a sea voyage should be careful not to play or sing hymns aboard ship except at the regular Sunday morning service. Sailors think singing hymns at any other time is bound to bring bad luck. It is as bad, they say, as having a parson aboard, which is reckoned a sure sign that the ship will go to "Davy Jones' locker."

One Cause For Satisfaction.

"Well," said the detective, "there is one thing upon which we may congratulate ourselves in this case."

"Why, you haven't even found an important clue."

"That's just it. We can rest assured that no innocent person is going to suffer."—Washington Star.

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