

BANDON RECORDER.

HOW EAGLES FIGHT.

A Furious Battle Between Two of the Big Birds. A small party of gentlemen, most all of whom had tinges of sporting proclivities in their blood, were discussing the subject of chicken fighting. An old farmer from Rappahannock county, Va., broke into the conversation.

YACHT RACING.

This Expensive Sport Was Begun in England in 1662. Though vessels answering to the character of yachts were in use by royal personages from an early date—Queen Elizabeth, for instance, had one built at Cowes, Isle of Wight, in 1588—the word "yacht" was not used until the year 1660, when the Dutch presented a "yacht" named the Mary to Charles II., says the London Chronicle.

Know His Business.

One of the best known lawyers of Philadelphia had a case in court against a man who kept a cigar store opposite one of the large hotels. The man had in some way broken the law.

An Inquisitive Jury.

"Gentlemen of the Jury," said the judge as he concluded his charge, "if the evidence shows in your minds that pneumonia even indirectly was the cause of the man's death the prisoner cannot be convicted."

A Dream Indeed.

Wife—I dreamed last night that I was in a store that was full of the bestest bonnets and— Husband (hastily)—But that was only a dream, my dear.

Purely Conventional.

"Agatha," said her mother, "I don't like to hear a daughter of mine tell even a conventional lie. You know you can't bear Aunt Becky, and yet when she came the other day you said, 'Auntie, how glad I am to see you!'"

POLLY LARKIN

I was telling you about Willits last week and the inducements it holds forth for tired people to straighten out the tense nerves that have kept them on the rack in a business and social way for months, and for summer and fall visitors who have no other object in view than to kill time and take the world easy.

But, as I was about to remark in regard to Willits, I like the spirit of the people, for you never hear them speak disparagingly of the place either at home or abroad. They are enthusiastic and loyal citizens, and the town has an air of thrift that is refreshing.

Polly is indebted to Mr. Ware, manager of the big lumber yards in Willits, for much of my information. The lumber yards take up about three miles on the east side of the main track of the California Northwestern Railway and has four branches extending into the yard.

PATHS OF THE OCEAN

ORIGIN OF THE LANES TRAVERSED BY ATLANTIC LINERS. The Northern and Southern Routes to and from Europe, as indicated by Lieutenant Maury—Minimizing the Danger of Collisions.

In reports of the arrival of an ocean liner the statement sometimes appears that she came "by the southern route" to avoid ice or that she made her first trip of the season "by the northern lane." To the ordinary reader the idea of lanes or pathways on what we have been taught to think of as "the trackless sea" seems somewhat paradoxical.

It is a common sight in San Francisco to see men walking the streets and inquiring for work. They throng around the intelligence offices, and yet, if a truth were told half of them would not accept work if it was offered them. It is just a mild bluff, this hanging around the intelligence offices, that have become almost like a home to the old veterans of the no-work class.

BRIEF REVIEW.

Sentenced to Wheat Fields.

The Police Judges of the two Kansas cities and of Argentine, a railroad town just over the line in Kansas are doing what they can to relieve the shortage of harvest hands in Kansas. Judge Ilenebe of Argentine started it, and now all the Judges are sentencing the vagrants who come before them to the harvest fields instead of to the rock pile.

Life After Death.

A German biologist has been investigating the question of the activity of animal bodies after death, and has published some suggestive conclusions. It appears that death is not instantaneous throughout the physical organism, for it has been observed that many of the different tissues continue active for a considerable period after the time when the animal is assumed to be dead.

Measur Traders in the World.

There is a colony of Syrian merchants in Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, who could give cards and spades even to the bland Chinaman "for ways that are dark and tricks that are vain." They take one match out of every box they sell until they have enough to fill another box, and so make an extra cent.

The old locomotives of the elevated railroads in New York city are being sold throughout the country as fast as they are displaced by electric motor cars. They are bought as a rule by branch roads at prices ranging from \$1200 to \$2000.

The white marked tussock moth is a native of North America. It ranges the territory east of the Rocky Mountains and attacks most every variety of shade, fruit and ornamental trees, with the exception of the conifers.

A soldier named Meyerhofer has been sentenced at Zurich by the Swiss military authorities to three months at hard labor for refusing to obey orders. The soldier refused to serve on a Sabbath as it was the Jewish Sabbath.

The number of visitors to Niagara Falls averages 750,000 a year. In the year of the Buffalo Exposition there were 3,000,000.

If you are enjoying life's sunshine don't spoil it by crying for the moon.

TWO STOCK EXCHANGES.

Differences Between the New York and Berlin Institutions. If any member of the New York Stock Exchange who is entirely unacquainted with German speculation should visit the Berlin bourse, he would find at every point the most striking divergences from his home experience.

That shaded court is suggestive of deeper differences between the New York Stock Exchange and the Berlin institution. In New York the number of members is fixed and is small in proportion to the immense volume of business done. In Berlin there is a great horde of small dealers, and the amount of trading is much less than in New York.

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FRUITS AND FLOWERS.

Rolling ground is the best for an orchard. Blighted leaves and branches on fruit trees should be cut off and burned. That a tree does not bear well every year is not an indication of disease.

Dead branches are often the means of conveying decay to an otherwise healthy trunk. In pruning roses cutting back closely produces, as a rule, fewer blossoms, but of a finer quality.

A moderately heavy soil that has been undrained and subsoiled and then carefully worked is capable of producing the heaviest crops of fruit.

Deceptions of Wild Birds. Falcons, hawks—the largest species—can compress their feathers and look very slim if they think it necessary to do so. As to the owls, they can hump up into any position they think most suitable.

"Until I met you, Mattilda," he murmured in a voice husky with emotion, "I believed that all women were deceitful, but when I look into your clear, beautiful eyes I behold there the very soul of candor and loyalty."

"George," she exclaimed with enthusiasm, "this is the happiest moment I have known since papa took me to the London oculist!"

"Yes, dear; you never would have known that my left eye was a glass one. Then the moon went under a cloud, and George sat down and bled his face in the sofa cushion.—London Answers.

A Canny Scot. A canny Scot lived in a small settlement some miles from the neighboring town. The distance, however, could be considerably lessened by cutting through a large estate. This practice was accordingly so much resorted to that the owner gave pre-emptory orders for all trespassers to be turned around and sent back the way they came.

"I should think you would be ambitious for political distinction." "No," answered Mr. Cumrox, "I don't care for it. My daughter has studied painting and her pictures of me are funny enough without calling in the aid of any professional cartoonist!"—Washington Star.

The Single Misfortune. "Misfortunes never come singly, you know, Miss Priscilla." "Alas," said the poor maiden, shaking her head, "the single misfortune is the worst of all!"—New Yorker.

THE UPPER MISSISSIPPI.

Trips That Compare Favorably With the Big Rivers of Earth. He who has made a voyage from St. Paul to St. Louis by boat in the springtime or the autumn has seen the finest river scenery that may be observed from the deck of a steamer excepting that of the Hudson and the Rhine.

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CHOICE MISCELLANY

A New Building Material. A new building material which promises much for the future is called urallite. It is the invention of a Russian artillery officer and chemist named Imshentzky. Urallite is composed of asbestos fiber, with a proper proportion of silicate, bicarbonate of soda and chalk, and is absolutely fireproof.

Post Office Humors. A member of the London post office department tells of an undelivered letter which when opened was found to contain a long list of red trombones. But the writer struck one note of gladness at the end of the epistle in the sentence, "Thank God, the pig had ten young ones."

Statestman and Painter. A distinguished statesman from a South African colony was once asked by a friend to give sittings to a London painter. He said he would give only three sittings. He was late at the first, later at the second and latest at the third.

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