POETRY RUN MAD.

The St. Louis Times gives the following specimen,of poetry. The writer evidently "means business," and "has gone in on his nerve."

I stood upon the ocean's briny shore,
And with a fragile reed I wrote
Upon the sand—
"Anges, I love thee!"
The mad waves rolled by and blotted out
The fair impression.
Frail reed! Cruel wave! Treacherous sand!
I'll trust ye no more;
But with giant hand I'll pluck
From Norway's frozen shore,
Her tallest pine, and dip its top
Into the crater of Vesuvius,
And upon the high and burnished Heavens
I'll write—
"Anges, I love thee!"
And I would like to see any
Dog-goned wave wash that out.

CALIFORNIA LETTER.

SOLEDAD, Monterey Co.,-Cal.,
April 10th, 1874.

DEAR INDEPENDENT;—I suppose you have by this time awakened from the temporary slumber into which you had fallen about the time I left Forest Grove, and would not object to a letter from an old friend and patron, and suiting the action to the above thought I have concluded to send you a few items from this section. I have been in this County about two months, and have no hesitancy in pronouncing it the nicest portion of California that I have yet visited, and there are but few counties in theState where Ihave not been. Monterey is chiefly a stock growing county, though much of its lands are well adapted to agriculture and a considerable quantity of grain is sown each year. The most of the land is level though two ranges of mountains—"Gavilan" and Coast Range—extend the entire length of it from north to south. It was until recently a very large county, but the last Legislature passed an act dividing it and forming from the part taken off the new county of San Benito, yet with this loss of territory it remains one of the largest counties in the State. The famous "Salinas Plains" is situated in this County. It is nearly all under cultivation thi season and presents a most beautiful appearance at the present time. One continuous field of promising grain as far as the eye can reach waves in "Old Oceans" dewy breezes seeming to defy the scorching sun that is cooking the crops of San Joaquin and other valleys of the State. The farmers of this section are all in the best of spirits over their glowing prospects and have already in many instances ordered the machinery necessary for taking off their crops. There will be a much larger quantity of grain harvested in this section, than any previous year. The season was favorable for getting crops in, and the quantity sown was much in excess of former years. Salinas City is the metropolis and county seat of Monterey county. It is a lively place at present owing to the building of theSalinas City andMonterey R. R. The distance between these places is 18 miles and the proposition is to build a "Narrow Gauge"road between them in order to afford a cheap transportation for the grain and stock of this and adjoining counties. Monterey has one of the finest harbors on the Coast, and can accommodate vessels of the largest capacity. So if this R. R. is built (as it undoubtedly will be) the grain &c., of this county will be shipped direct to Liverpool and New York avoiding dependence on San Francisco, which has hitherto been their market. Soledad, the point from which I write,is about 30 miles south of Salinas City and 140 from San Francisco. It is the present terminus of the Southern Pacific R. R. It is a "mushroom" town and as yet is not much of a place. There is some talk of projecting this road San Louis Obispo this season, but nothing definite has been arrived at as yet. The Coast Line stage Co. connect with the trains on this roadto daily, carrying passengers and mail through to Los Angeles, via. San Louis Obispo,Passa Roble's Springs and Santa Barbara. The Passa Roble's springs, are situated in San Louis Obispo County Co., about 60 miles south of this place and 30miles from the City of San Louis Obispo. They are famous for their medicinal qualities and are largely patronized evry year by invalids from all parts of this Coast and the Eastern States, They are said to be a certain cure for rheumatismand various other diseases. The water of the Spring's is boiling hot. There are some springs within 6 miles of this place, 'Agua Calimenti" which in the Spanish language signifies hot water, which are also extensively patronized. The lands in this section of California are owned by a very few individuals, and they lease to the many. Some single individuals own from 20 to 100 thousand acres which they purchased from the original owners who were Mexicans, at a very low figure several years ago, and the same land is now worth millions, while those to whom it originaly belonged are poor men, to-day. But I fear I am writing a letter that will occupy more space than you can devote to it, so I will conclude. Hoping that I have succeeded in interesting your readers and that the INDEPENDENT will live and prosper.

I remain yours truly,

ROLYAN.

DALLES CORESPONDENCE.

THE DALLES, Ogn., April 15, 1874.

EDITOR INDEPENDENT.—K. W. Y.Z still lives and prospers though the readers of the INDEPENDENT may not be aware of the fact. The weather still continues fine. The hills are putting on a mantle of green, the snows are melting in the hills and per consequence the Columbia River is rising,and the boats are running on the upper river. The hotels are doing a good business, and everything in the financial as well as the vegetable world is flourishing.

On the first Monday of this month the school meeting of the Dalles District was held. It was but poorly attended. A small tax was voted to pay off the indebtedness of the school, but none to sustain a public school next year,so there will be but four months of public school here next winter. In this action I think the people have made a mistake.

PROF. E. P. CONNOR

The celebrated writing teacher completed a term of instruction here last week. He is one of the most successful teachers in the State, and the progress made by the pupils under his charge was really wonderful.

POLITICS

Are begining to take a share of the public attention. The Democrats and Independenrs have tickets in the field. The *Mountaineer*, the official paper of the County, champions the cause of the Independents in a way that bids fair to give some one else besides the Ring that has hitherto had control of affairs here a chance at the offices.

LEVI LELAND

State Lecturer of the I. O. G. T. came up and instructed and entertained the people of the Dalles last week. He lectured two evenings and at both, the house (the M. E. church) was crowed. At the close of the last lecture ten persons were initiated into tne Order. There is considerable need of a temperance revival here.Over twenty thousand dollars are annually sent out of the Dalles for the importation of liquor.

THE MASQERADE BALL

On the evening of the 6th of April was considered by the participants quite a success, and even K. W. Y. Z. who gazed at it a short time thouht it quite a novel though not as interesting or instructive as the performances to-night of

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Which was voted by all a success. We predict to the McKay's abundant success in their novel entertainment, for it is a thing that is bound to take.

There is one nuisance here at the Dalles, that not many towns are troubled with and that is polecats. They are very plentiful here, in fact plenteous. My attention is called to this fact nearly every day. They are everywhere. Riches and wealth are no secusity against them; I was fairly reminded of this the other day, as I was passing the residence of one of the richest men in this city, and was nearly knocked down by the odor from his front yard. "Ah!", mused I, Polecats like death come to the palace of the king as well as the hovel of the beggar.

K. W. Y. Z.

Two little girls,cousins, not a hundred miles from Providence, went to bed the other night in high glee over some secert. After they were asleep, the mother of the younger, going into their room, had her attention drawn to two little slips of paper, pined to the wall, one over each little head. They proved to be rude attempts at illumination in colored crayons, and ran thus:

"O dear Jesus Christ,send mamma a baby; may it not be twins. Amen."

A gentleman was walking down Congress Street behind two English swells,when he overheard the following conversation:

"Any,my boy,"said one, "What's o'clock?"

The other felt for his watch and exclaimed, "By Jove, h' I've left h'it h'at 'ome." Then turning to a bootblack standing by, he said, "my lad, what's o'clock?"

"What's o'clock?" says the lad; "why, you darn fool, it's a thing as big as your head, with hands on it.

Englishmen passed on.—*Portland Advertiser*.

Rector's daughter (to Sunday schollar)—"Oh you have an elder brother; well how old is he?" Schoolboy—"Dunno, miss, but he's just started o'swearing."

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Twas even'ng in May; and the soft zephyr sighed
Through branches low bending above
My Mary and I, as we wandered along,
And whispered of beauty and love,
"We'll make us a nest like the birdlings," I said,
"And never shall part any more."
"Oh, yes," she replied, "and can furnish it nice
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."
"Fair creature,there's many a wealthier man
Would gladly have you for a bride;
But no one can love you more fondly than I
—My Treasure, my beauty, my pride!
Oh, had I a mansion, with carpets of gold
And silver, I'd cover the floor!"
But, smiling, she said, "You can purchase the best
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."
"I'll spread you a couch upon which to recline
When evening shall call us to rest,
Of the fleeciest down." "But," she said with a sigh,
"I like [illegible] mattress the best."
"Then so it shall be, love; the tables inlaid,
And seats from some far distant shore."
"Oh, no," she exclaimed. "They have elegant s[illegible]
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."
"But, Mary, alas! I must sadly confess
My means are but slender as yet;
To furnish a house in the style you demand
Would hopelessly plunge me in debt—
To ask you to share my poor lodgings and board
Is something that I should deplore."
She said, with a smile, "You can buy very cheap
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."
"To-morrow, then, love, let us journey along
To the corner of Alder and Front street—
'Tis numbers 98 and 100 (river side,)
Where lovers so happily meet;
How many fond souls might be severed for years
From those they so fondly adore,
Were it not for the beautiful furniture they have
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To purchase every style of furniture lower,
Are able to supply all the public demand
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE.
We went, Mary and I; and can I ever forget
The pleasure that beamed in her face,
As she gazed at the marvels of beauty displayed
In HURGREN & SHINDLERS place!
We furnished our home in an elegant style,
Have been married a twelve-month or more
And Mary is singing this song to her babe,
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