EKLE JOHAN'S FORTUNE.

Mr. Kate pinions has just received a communication from his wife, who is in Oregon. All the persons secreted in the story are in reality, as is our custom, fictitious.

"Nearly twelve weeks ago," says Kate, "I received a letter from Mr. John's brother, Mr. Jacob, announcing that he had been appointed postmaster at the town of St. Helens, in Columbia County, Oregon. The appointment was a surprise to everyone, and especially to John, who was not aware of the fact that he had ever been considered for the position. But, as it happened, the position was vacant, and Mr. Jacob was chosen as its successor. The news was received with much joy and excitement, and all the family are now planning to move to Oregon in the near future."

The story continues with details of the family's plans and preparations for the move. It is a typical example of the kind of material that was published in newspapers of the time, reflecting the interests and concerns of the people of St. Helens and the world outside.