OUR SOLDIER BOYS.

BY ORSON CONNELLY.

Right well, do I recall the day
Our boy to war was called away,
Left parents, brothers, sisters, all in tears
To join those noblest of all soldiers—volunteers.
'Twas a bright, a sunny, dewy, Monday morn,
We heard the piping of the warlike bugle-horn,
He bade farewell to schoolmates and to home,
'Midst the clash and roar of battle-fields to roam;
Nor blanched his cheek, nor qualed his manly eye,
When bidding us his last, his last good-bye;
His voice was firm, his step uncommon true,
I give, said he, I give my last adieu;
I go, it is my country's call, he said,
Fate tells me, I'll be numbered with the dead,
Yet, for the liberation of a race,
From traitor shot and shell I'll never turn my face;
I'll think of you, when sun our way will parch;
Remember home, when through winter storms we march;
For liberty I fight, for that the pains endure,
'Tis man's freedom—man's happiness that allure.
He went. Report and rumor came
Of victory and defeat, the same
As other things in this uncertain world
When peace from her throne by turbulence is hurled.
'Twas, I believe, on a December night,
We sat around our blazing fireside bright,
And talked of war, and talked and thought
Of liberty, the price at which 'tis bought,
When—hark! what is that sound that breaks upon the ear—
A knock; ope' the door, who is it here?
A messenger, a message for us there,
Delivered with due reverence and care.
We broke the seal, our father read it o'er:
My friends, dear friends, I'll never see you more;
I'm dying! dying 'midst the battles roar,
'Mongst striving thousands on a southern shore;
But the day is ours, I hear my comrades says
So, liberty and peace will crown our people from this day.
I die, but what is that to me,
Since my life hays bonded millions free:
And I beseech you hold it, hold it for them safe, secure;
Long have they been in thralldom, long in ignorance obscure,
A beaten, lashed, a bruised, down-trodden race;
Crushed in their budding prime—we now efface
The blasting stigma of a bonding chain,
And say, liberty for all, must hence forever reign;
While battles thunder seems to answer back to slavery's exacting word:
Avaunt! ye craving vultures, when freemen speak they must and will be heard.
And, anon, when winter wanes and spring to summer runs,
Remember then these noble—there heroic, soldier sons.
And every spring we gather richest flowers—Nature's donors,
And heap upon their graves a nation's honors.

TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

THIEVES ROB A THIEF.

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 23.—A dispatch received here this morning states that Walton, who stole $35,000 from the Pacific Express Company at Dallas, Tex., has been captured in St. Johns, N. B. Only $7000 was found on him. The offenses are not extraditable. Walton had, according to detective stories, been traveling some time with two gamblers, who, it is thought, relieved him of a large portion of his ill gotten wealth. One of them was arrested at Montreal a couple of days ago with $3000 in his possession. It is understood Walton was preparing to go to Europe from Halifax, and that the gamblers were preparing to rob him before he took the steamer.

BLOOD ON HIS HANDS.

McMINNVILLE, Feb. 24.—After a careful session of five days the coroner's jury in the Scott murder case this evening rendered a verdict of death by two gunshot wounds fired by William Scott, the husband of deceased. Numerous facts seem to have tended to convince the jury of the guilt of the husband. One witness saw Scott pouring something out of a vial into the fire. The vial was taken in charge by the sheriff. The husband stated that it was a patent medicine, as the label indicated, and that he had tried to induce his wife to take a dose of it but she refused.

Physicians examined the vial and pronounced the residue strychine. To satisfy the jury, a rat was caught and a particle injected under the skin and it was killed in twelve minutes. The accused, in his final testimony this afternoon, stated that he had taken a dose out of the vial and was pouring the remainder into the fire.

A small account book was found belonging to Mrs. Scott, from which some leaves had been torn out and were found back of the barn. These two leaves contained a statement supposed to have been written by the deceased, that ran about as follows: "I thought I had married a good man, but I find that he married me for a salve and for lust, and oh, God! that I was back in McMinnville to my once happy home. I pray that I may be able to do my duty while I stay here, but that my days may be short."

Scott was arrested at once and lodged in jail.

DROWNED IN GRAY'S HARBOR.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 24.—A telegram was received here to-day from Gray's harbor, informing H. Cox, of this city, of the drowning of his oldest son, Perry, yesterday, by the overturning of his boat. Deceased was a young man, well known and respected in and around Vancouver.

THE MONTANA TROUBLE.

HELENA, MONT., Feb. 24.—Judge McHatton to-day d[illegible] Silver Bow shrievalty co[illegible] District Sullivan, the Demo[illegible] decided the claimed the offi[illegible] latest in favor of [illegible]ulent votes [illegible] claimant, who [illegible] by virtue of the fraud-[illegible] received at the notorious pre-[illegible]. This is just what every one ex-[illegible]cted. Sheriff Lloyd will probably refuse to surrender the office to Sullivan and will appeal the case to the supreme court. Republicans all over the state are holding mass meetings and indorsing the stand taken by the Republican members of the legislature. The Democratic senators are quietly sneaking home and have but little to say.

OPIUM FIEND ARRESTED FOR ROBBERY

ALBANY, Feb. 24.—G. S. Walker was arrested at Corvallis to-day for robbing Damon Smith of $900 at Harrisburg last Wednesday. Walker is an opium fiend and gambler. He was followed to Corvallis by Z. T. Scott, who, with the help of Marshal Dunn, arrested him as he was about to board a train for Portland. He made a clean confession, implicating Ollie Biggs, of Harrisburg, and stating that $800 of the money was concealed in a woodshed at Harrisburg. He was taken to that place this evening for examination.

ROTTEN EASTERN BEEF SOLD IN SPOKANE

SPOKANE FALLS, Feb. 24.—Considerable indignation has been aroused here by the discovery that 15,000 pounds of decaying beef had been sold to butchers of this city and in turn passed around among various restaurants. The beef was shipped here in a refrigerator car, but got stuck in the blockade and was sold to A. M. Robinson by the railroad company for freight charges. Robinson has been arrested and his preliminary examination is being held to-night before Justice Curry.

OLD BUT GOOD ONES.

An old joke is as good as a new one to a person who has never heard it. Moreover, a good joke is worth repeating, even if it is old. Our readers may recognize some of the following as old favorites:

What is the difference between a frog and a fallen star? One's mist on earth and the other is missed in heaven.

Why is a man called honorable who is up stairs beating his wife? He is above doing a mean act.

What are the greatest astronomers? The stars, because they have studded the heavens for ages.

What is better than God, worse than the devil, the dead eat it, and if the living eat it, they would die? Nothing.

What is thieving in the outskirts? Picking ladies' pockets.

In what place did the cock crow when all the world heard him? In Noah's Ark.

When does the rain become too familiar to a lady? When it begins to pat her (patter) on the back.

Why may carpenters reasonably believe there is no such thing as stone? Because they never saw it.

Who are the best men sent to war? Lawyers, because their charges are so great no one can stand them.

Why is Satan always a gentleman? Because being the imp of darkness, he can never be imp olight.

If a church be on fire, why has the organ the smallest chance of escape? Because the engine cannot play on it.

Why are the makers of the Armstrong guns the greatest thieves in her Majesty's service? Because they rifle all the guns, forge the material, and steel all the gun breeches.

Why was Goliath surprised when he was struck by a stone? Because such a thing never entered his head before.

What color is a field of grass when covered with snow? Invisible green.

If you had to swallow a man what kind would you prefer? A little London porter.

Why is a solar eclipse like a mother beating her boy? Because it is a hiding of the sun.

What is the most difficult train to catch? The 12:50, because it is "ten to one" if you catch it.

"Ah" said the fly, as it crawled around the bottle, "I have passed through the hatching age, the creeping age, and now I am in the mucilage"—then it stuck.

Land Notices.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON, January 11, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on February 24, 1890, viz:

George W. Lucas,

Hd. 1750, for the e½ of the nw¼ and w½ of the ne¼ of Sec. 28, Tp. 4 S., R 12 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

P. F. Knowles, S. M. [illegible] Driver, R. B. Driver, of Arlington, and J. Watkins, of The Dalles, Or.

F. A. McDONALD, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

LAND OFFICE AT THE DALLES, OREGON, January 31, 1890.

Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the register and receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on February 24, 1890, viz:

Deborah A. Vroman.

Hd 791, for the W½ SW¼ and SE¼ SW¼, Sec 18, T 2 N R 12 E.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz:

J. H. Mosier, Jack Lamb, Robt. Densmore, John Shephard, all of Mosier, Or.

F. A. McDONALD, Register.

Legal Notices.

Petition.

The following resolution passed the Common Council of Dalles City, Dec. 31, 1889:

Resolved, That the auditor and clerk give notice of intention of the council to vacate the following parts of Main street, Madison street and Monroe street, in said city, the better to improve the same, to-wit:

All of that part of Main street between Jefferson and Monroe streets, including the intersections thereof with Madison and Monroe streets, which lie south of the north line of the right of way conveyed by the Oregon Steam Navigation Company by a deed from the Laughlin heirs, of record in book "O" of deeds of Wasco county, Oregon, pages 745, 746 and 747, being that part of said Main street south of said right of way which abuts upon and is contiguous to blocks fifteen (15) and eighteen (18), Laughlin's addition to Dalles City, including the intersections thereof with said Madison and Monroe streets.

Also all of Monroe street which abuts upon and lies between lots six (6) and seven (7) of block eighteen (18), and lots one (1) and twelve (12) of block twenty-two (22), Laughlin's addition to said Dalles City.

Also all that part of Madison street which abuts upon and lies between the north fifty (50) feet of lots six (6), block fifteen (15), and the north fifty (50) feet of lot one (1), block eighteen (18), Laughlin's addition to Dalles City.

Dalles City Water Bonds.

Sealed proposals will be received until 2 p. m. Saturday, March 1, 1890, by the Board of Water Commissioners of Dalles City, for the purchase of 200 bonds of $500 each, $100,000 in the aggregate.

$35,000 payable in five years.
$25,000 payable in ten years.
$35,000 payable in fifteen years.
$25,000 payable in twenty years.

Each bidder must state the lowest rate of interest at which the bonds will be taken, at not less than their face value, and for cash in hand; interest payable annually. Bids should be addressed to the Secretary Board of Water Commissioners, The Dalles, Oregon, and envelopes endorsed Proposal for Water Bonds.

The commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

M. T. NOLAN,
Secretary of Board of Water Commissioners, The Dalles, Oregon. Jan29

Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Wasco County.

In the matter of the estate of Henry Whittaker, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the executrix of said estate has this day filed her final account as such executrix, and that by an order duly made and entered in the above court and matter, said final account will come on for hearing at 2 o'clock p. m. on Tuesday, March 4, 1890, at the courtroom of the above entitled court. All persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear at said time and place and make objections, if any there be, to the approval of said final account, the final settlement of said estate and the discharge of the executrix.

Dated Dalles City, Or., Jan. 21, 1890.

MARIA WHITTAKER,
Executrix of the last will and testament of Henry Whittaker, deceased.

Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned is the duly appointed and qualified administrator of the estate of Phebe M. Dunham, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present them, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, at his office, in Dalles City, Oregon within six months from this date.

A. R. THOMPSON,
Administrator of the Estate of Phebe M. Dunham, deceased.
THE DALLES, OREGON, Dec. 15th, 1889.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, executrix of the estate of James Elsbury, deceased, has duly filed in this court her final account in said estate, the hearing of which has been fixed by said court for Monday, the 3d day of March, 1890, at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the county courtroom in the county courthouse in Dalles City, Oregon. All persons interested in said estate are notified to then and there appear and show cause, if any there be, why said account should not in all things be confirmed and allowed.

Dated Jan. 29, 1890.

MARY ANN ELSBURY, Executrix.
Dufur & Watkins, attorneys for estate. febl-3t

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given [illegible] been, by the County [illegible] that the undersigned has been, duly appointed [illegible] Court of Wasco county, Oregon, administrator of the estate of Martha Ost[illegible] deceased. Therefore, all persons holding [illegible] claims against said estate are hereby notified and requested to present the same, together with the proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned at the law office of Story & Bradshaw at Dalles city, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Dalles city, Oregon, Dec. 19, 1889.

L. P. OSTLAND,
Administrator of said estate.
Story & Bradshaw, attorneys for said estate.

Administrator's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of George T. Brickell, deceased, by the honorable, the County Court of Wasco county, Oregon. Therefore, all persons having claims against said deceased or his estate are hereby notified and required to present the same to me with the proper vouchers at my residence in Dalles city, Wasco county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated Dec. 16, 1889.

J. C. BRICKELL,
Administrator of the estate of George T. Brickell, deceased.
Dufur & Watkins, for the administrator. d21-5t

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed executor of the last will and testament of Anna P. Murdy, deceased, by the honorable, the County Court of Wasco county, Oregon, in matters of probate. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same with the proper vouchers, time at the office of my attorneys, Dufur & Watkins, in The Dalles, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

Dated at Dalles City, Oregon, Dec. 31, 1889.

LEON W. CURTISS,
Executor of the last will and testament of Ann P. Murdy, deceased.
Dufur & Watkins attorneys for executor. ja4-5