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UNION OREGON.

News from School.

The young aunt was in the country; the kid was at school in town. "Dear Helene," wrote the kid, "Carl cort six mice in one night. How is mama's arm? Tell rose that I chained set and got put up. I am righting letters all a time. No bo' ty halped me and I think it is good. And if some are rong you had some rong to, and if you don't want to believe it then as mama. Your loving boy, Walter."—San Francisco Chronicle.

The Long and the Short of It.



"Jimmy, d'yez think th'bye'll liver be as tall as yerself?" "Sure o'm thinkin' av he kapes on he'll be as short some day."—Harper's Bazar.

The Man Who Lost the Race.

I was hooding it along a highway in Arkansas, my horse having gone dead lame and left with a farmer, when a man driving a horse and buggy overtook me and invited me to ride. I was only too thankful for the offer, and when I got in beside him I liked his looks. He offered me a cigar. We exchanged names. He was informed on politics and current events. It was a spanking horse he had, and he kept a steady gait for mile after mile. The only thing about the man that puzzled me was the way he had of looking behind every few minutes, and I finally inquired:

"Are you expecting some friend to overtake you?"

"Well, no—not a friend," he replied.

"Enemies?"

"It may be that the sheriff and his posse will be fools enough to try and overtake me."

"My friend," I said, after swallowing the lump which suddenly gathered in my throat, "is there any good reason why the sheriff should want to overtake you? This is rather blunt, I'll admit, but if I hurt your feelings I am ready to beg pardon."

"Oh, no harm done," he laughed. "I borrowed this horse and rig about two hours ago without the formality of asking, and the owner may hope to recover it. Don't give yourself any uneasiness, however. I run to horses and not to high way robbery."

Three miles further on, as we rose a hill, he looked back and then pulled up and said: "We must part here. The sheriff and half a dozen others are in pursuit and every pound of weight will now tell."

"I am very much obliged for your kindness."

"Oh, not at all. Your society has been reward enough. I would suggest that you enter that thicket and lie close until the party gets by. When an Arkansas sheriff gets after a stolen horse he means to hurt somebody and his crowd isn't particular who it shoots at. And say, you needn't make any special effort to report that you have seen me. Say 'no'!"

"I won't."

"Then good-by."

He put the horse on a dead run, and was out of sight in two minutes. I secreted myself as directed, and in a few minutes the posse thundered by in a cloud of dust. I followed at a leisurely gait, and at the end of two hours came upon them, grouped around a tree. Hanging from a limb was the lifeless body of my friend of the road, and they were now waiting for the blown and exhausted horse to recuperate.—New York Sun.

Getting Acquainted.

It is a very simple process for children to become acquainted with each other if they are left to their own devices. This is the way it comes to pass:

"Why, I did not know that you and that little girl had got acquainted yet," said a Roxbury father to his 6-year-old son, who came in from a walk on the adjoining lawn with the tiny daughter of the new next door neighbor.

"Yes, Clara and I have been 'quainted lots of days," said the very small boy.

"What did you say to her first?" asked the father.

"Oh, Clara spoke to me first. She came down by the chicken house and asked me how many prayers I say nights, and I told her, and then I asked her how many prayers she says, and she told me, and then we were 'quainted.'"—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Possibly.

Friend—Are you going to take a vacation this summer, Hardware?

Merchant—Well, I may step over to Poor-man's beach for a few days, if my clerks get back from Europe in time. They are spending their vacation there.—New York Sun.

Opposed to Steps.

Agent—You'll like the organ, ma'am. Just let me put it in your parlor for a few days.

Housewife—I don't want it.

Agent—It has ten steps, and—

Housewife—I don't care if it has fifty. It can't stop here.—Detroit Free Press.

He Could Stand It.

Visitor—So your sister is off on a visit, Willie? I suppose you feel very lonesome without her?

Five-year-old Willie (dubiously)—Ye-es, I feel lonesome, but—I'm a good deal more comfortable.—Chicago Journal.

Fortified.

Bacon—Don't you feel as if it was rather risky to send Jones to college. Backlot?

Backlot—Not a mite. Jones has got too much common sense for edikation to hurt him.—Burlington Free Press.

Safe to Announce as a Prediction.

If Gen. Greely has been hesitating to make the official announcement that the b-k-k-b—a of w-nt-r is broken, he need do no longer. The people will stand by him.—Chicago Tribune.

Ex-Queen Natalie arrived at Belgrade on the 30th.

Her presence was totally ignored by the Government officials, but she was received enthusiastically by the crowds in the streets. From private houses and places of business flags were displayed in her honor.

EASTERN ITEMS.

THE AMERICAN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

Sam Small Offends the Prohibitionist—The Atchison's Blanket Mortgage—Settled the Differences—With the Pistol.

Minister Thomas Ryan is in Washington.

Peach trees are blooming all over Pennsylvania.

An Italian at Chicago sold his wife and child for \$15.

The capital of the rubber trust is fixed at \$30,000,000.

The Vermont day at Gettysburg will occur October 9.

Edison and family have sailed from Havre for home.

Negroes in Bibb county, Ala., refuse to work for white people.

Rev. Sam Small is now stumping Ohio for the Prohibitionists.

An outbreak of small-pox is reported in Henderson county, Tenn.

The tax collector of Richmond, Va., is reported short about \$60,000.

The new dry dock at Halifax was used for the first time September 20.

A woman arrested as a vagrant in Montreal claims to be 101 years old.

Diphtheria has closed the public school at Fieldsboro, Burlington county, N. J.

The builders of the cruiser Baltimore will receive nearly \$150,000 in premiums.

Virginia and Maryland are getting into a quarrel over the Potomac oyster beds.

Kansas Railroad Commissioners order a 20 per cent reduction in rates to certain cities.

The American National Baptist Association advises colored people to leave the South.

Mrs. James Blaine, Jr., will sue for a divorce as soon as she recovers from her illness.

The new diffusion process by which sugar is made from sorghum is not yet a success.

The gunboat Petrel, though deficient in power, will be accepted by the Government.

Oklahoma authorities are contending against the illicit sale of liquor in the territory.

Ex-President Cleveland attended a mammoth clam-bake at Naysack, N. Y., last week.

Swindlers are said to be preparing to float fraudulent bonds of counties in Kansas and Texas.

The Colorado Mining Exchange proposes to contest the Act restricting the coinage of silver.

Ben Butterworth received a warm welcome on his return to Washington from his European trip.

William P. Dale, Commissioner of Indian affairs under President Lincoln, is dead, aged 76 years.

The equestrian statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee will be unveiled at Richmond, Va., on December 5.

There is a movement in Arkansas to require railroads to provide separate cars for the colored people.

The building of a new \$1,000,000 "opposition" brewery in St. Louis is now said to be an assured fact.

The delegates to the Three Americas Conference, will visit New England to inspect her manufactures.

St. Paul, Minn., through its Chamber of Commerce, has voted in favor of Chicago for the World's Fair.

Over \$3,000,000 of the \$6,000,000 guarantee fund of the World's Fair at St. Louis has been subscribed.

Charles H. Stoddard, a well-known resident of Reno, Nev., died in Washington, D. C., on the 31st, of paralysis.

The total potato crop for 1889 in the United States is estimated at 233,000,000 bushels, against 217,000,000 in 1888.

The son of ex-Governor Alonzo B. Cornell, of New York, pronounces the story that his father is insane a "silly lie."

There is every prospect of a bitter fight at the annual election of the Northern Pacific Railroad, to be held in New York on October 16.

The story comes from Yankton, D. T., that Sam Small offended the Prohibitionists there so deeply that they canceled his engagement to lecture.

The permanent Interstate Deep Harbor Committee met in Topeka on the 31st, and began mapping out the work of the coming convention.

Deputy Marshal Neagle is reported to be in Boston, his native town, visiting his uncle. He makes use of the name of "John Jones, of New York."

Ex-Controller John J. Knox, in a speech at Kansas City recently, opposed coinage legislation at the present time as detrimental to the interests of the country.

Intimations are heard in Wall street that the Cotton Oil Company is likely soon to give up altogether its existence as a trust and become an ordinary corporation.

At Waterloo, Iowa, three county jail prisoners beat the sheriff into insensibility and escaped. M. E. Billings, the Waterloo lawyer, who had just received a life sentence, gave the alarm.

James J. West and Charles E. Graham, ex-editor and secretary of the Chicago Times, charged with over-issuing the stock of the Times Company, have been held in heavy bonds to appear before the grand jury.

It looks as if a proposition for a "blanket" mortgage, bearing 4 per cent interest, to run fifty years, will be submitted to the Atchison security-holders. In all probability the limit will be made \$300,000,000.

Four men, after serving for five years in the Pennsylvania penitentiary, are found to be innocent of the crimes charged against them.

FOREIGN FLASHES.

Her Presence Ignored by the Government—Puts the Blame on the Government—Fatal Explosion.

Europe is adopting smokeless powder. Vienna is threatened with a water famine.

Ireland recently sent 10,000 tons of bacon to Paris.

The next Lord Mayor of London will be a Hebrew.

Last year 1,356 persons died of delirium tremens in England.

Emperor William is investigating executions by electricity.

The Sultan of Zanzibar has joined the warfare against slavery.

The German Emperor has given his portrait to Lord Salisbury.

A large part of Naples was recently flooded during a terrific storm.

Rev. George Porter, S. J., Catholic Archbishop of Bombay, is dead.

English noblemen are beginning to invest largely in real estate in Australia.

The Landore Steel Works at Swansea, Wales, were destroyed by fire last week.

The English postal clerks are forming a union to press their claims to better pay.

Gladstone expresses his decided opposition to Land Nationalization and Bimetallism.

Twelve hundred and eighty-five deaths from cholera have been reported in Mesopotamia.

George Eliot's grave at Highgate Cemetery is neglected and overgrown with grass and weeds.

The Coroner's jury at Quebec, puts the blame for the land-slide disaster on the Government.

Twenty thousand pounds have been raised in London for Dr. Wanzens' North Pole expedition.

A balloon trip across the Straits of Gibraltar will be attempted by a British officer this month.

Minnie Palmer is to play the title role in "Cinderella" the next pantomime at Her Majesty's Theater.

The crew of the Spanish vessel captured by the Rifians off the Morocco coast have been released.

The Irish National League held a convention at Manchester, England, last week. The membership is \$30,000.

Jay Gould is said to be planning to place \$30,000,000 of New York Elevated Railroad stock on the London market.

Joseph Chamberlain predicts the early collapse of the Gladstone party, and favors the formation of a new National party.

The captain of the Spanish crew recently captured by the Moors has died from the effects of the ill-usage to which he was subjected.

Upward of twenty-eight large bales of human hair were brought to France in a steamer that arrived the other day from the Orient.

Lady Mandeville threatens to go on the stage unless her father-in-law, the Duke of Manchester, shall pay her husband's debts.

The prohibition of the import of swine across the eastern frontiers of Germany has caused great dissatisfaction among the poorer classes.

An English plasterer has been staggered with a fortune of £1,400,000, left to him by a clergyman who emigrated and prospered in Sydney.

Buffalo Bill has become so fascinated with Paris that he is inclined to make that city his home when he abandons his calling as a showman.

The Russian Minister of War has ordered that military rates shall be indulged in from time to time as a means of improving the cavalry.

The French Government has decided that defeated candidates may contest in the second ballots without infringing the Multiple Candidature Act.

Fifty persons, mostly girls, were injured by an explosion in an ammunition factory at Spandau, Prussia, last week, from which several will die.

Typhus fever, which some months ago threatened to cause great ravages in the environs of Cairo and elsewhere, has been completely stamped out.

Advertisements in London journals indicate that the purchase of cast-off court suits, artificial teeth, etc., "for export," is quite a considerable business.

A bomb was exploded behind the Ayeta Palace at San Sebastian, Spain, last week, where Queen Christina is staying. No one was hurt and no damage was done.

General Boulanger's autograph was worth two weeks ago 98 in France. It had fallen to half-price, owing to the General writing so many letters. Now it is valueless.

Boulanger is being urged to return to Paris before the second ballots. His presence, his supporters believe, will bring a great wave of popular sentiment to his support.

Mr. Neville, the London banker, was offered and refused \$4,000,000 for his business shortly before his death. In early life he failed, and had his accounts settled by the Bankruptcy Court.

Princess Victoria of Prussia will accompany the Empress Frederick to Athens, and they will pass the winter in Italy, after which the Princess will go to England on a long visit to the Queen.

A letter from General Boulanger has been published in Boulogne, in which the General asks his supporters in that city to transfer their votes to the Conservative candidate.

THE PARIS EXPOSITION.—It has just been officially announced that the Walter A. Wood machines have received the following awards at the Paris exposition: Grand prize on general exhibit only object of art, highest award on harvester and binder, gold medal on reaper and gold medal on mower. No other American inventor or manufacturer of harvesting machines has ever received for an exhibit at any world's fair so many honors and medals as have been awarded to Walter A. Wood at the great Paris exposition.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

WASHINGTON IS REPUBLICAN BY A LARGE MAJORITY.

Fell Down an Elevator Shaft—A Gold Discovery Near Tacoma—Shot by the Authorities—Hemmed in by Immense Icebergs.

Seattle's police are uniformed.

Portland, Or., has a building boom.

The San Francisco Chronicle has a \$100,000 label suit on hand.

Carson, Nev., was recently visited by an immense warm of butterflies.

The democrats of South Dakota claim twenty members of the legislature.

The laundries of Tacoma have decided not to give credit to anyone.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars will meet at Fresno, Cal., on the 8th.

A lady shot and probably fatally killed a burglar, near Los Angeles, on the 3d.

Bee ranches have suffered severely by the brush fires in San Bernardino, Cal.

Peter Hanson was burned to death in brush fires near San Diego on the 31st.

High license at Watsonville, Cal., has caused twelve saloons to close their doors.

A carpenter named Christopher Reisman, at Napa, Cal., suicided on the 1st.

Joseph Giannelli, a Stockton groceryman, is missing, and foul play is feared.

The town of Cambria, Cal., was almost wholly destroyed by fire on the 30th inst.

Butte, Mont., has been visited by an incendiary fire to the amount of \$300,000.

The new State of Washington has gone Republican by an overwhelming majority.

It is believed that Dakota and Montana have gone Republican by large majorities.

The Portland and Willamette Valley Railroad has been sued for \$15,600 damages.

The estate of Charles Crocker has been settled up, the widow's share being \$2,856,244.

A ledge of coal seven feet wide has been found eight miles from Ellensburg, Washington.

There is not a Chinaman in the mining camp at San Pedro, N. M. None are allowed there.

A recent gold discovery on a school section, adjoining Tacoma, caused quite an excitement.

The official investigation of the Santa Monica Hone for Veterans, was commenced last week.

The salaries of the policemen at Los Angeles have been reduced to \$70 per month, a cut of \$10.

A nickel mine has been found in San Bernardino county, Cal., that assays 20 per cent pure metal.

The Tacoma Hotel at Tacoma, Wn., has been sold to a New York, St. Paul and Tacoma syndicate.

An Ellensburg firm has signed a contract to ship one carload of kaolin a day to a pottery at Tacoma.

The Salvation Army at Colusa, Cal., has been acquitted before a jury on the charge of being peace disturbers.

F. A. Carle, recently managing editor of the St. Paul Press, has taken editorial charge of the Portland Oregonian.

The Union Pacific, which is now building from Port Townsend to Portland, will cross the Northern Pacific at Eleanor.

K. J. Tallier, the leader of a gang of train robbers, was shot by the Mexican authorities, at Guaymas, Mex., last week.

George Reese stole a valise containing \$6 from a car at Chico, for which he has been sentenced to serve six years at Folsom.

It is rumored that the headquarters of the Santa Fe system, now at Los Angeles, Cal., is soon to be removed to San Diego.

Mrs. Albert Vincent hanged herself at Port Townsend, recently, because she was dissatisfied with her daughter's marriage.

Charles White, an officer in the Salvation Army, aged 22, eloped from Pasadena, Cal., recently, with Miss Horton, aged 15.

Miss Abbey, an elderly maiden lady, was found in her home, near Otay, murdered. It is believed by parties whom she detected stealing.

In the case against the parties charged with robbing the Spokane relief stores, the defence claims it was a free for all grab for everybody.

The new steamer Arctic, carrying supplies to 300 miners on Forty-mile creek, Alaska, has been wrecked, and the miners are in danger of starvation.

The burglar killed at Sacramento last week has been identified as Wm. Crandall, alias Dickenson and Henry Horton. His mother lives in Pittsburg, Pa.

Celina Long, an English woman and the wife of Pen Long, a Chinaman, has been declared a citizen of the United States by the courts of Portland, Or.

Dr. J. C. Shorb, one of the most prominent physicians in San Francisco, was found dead in a lodging house in that city last week. He was an opium fiend.

Seattle republicans will again dine at the expense of the Tacoma republicans, having won the standing bet on the majorities of King and Pierce counties.

Seven men have been arrested for violating the salmon law on the Klamath river, near the Oregon line, and the dam complained of by Governor Penneyer has been removed.

A contract has been awarded for constructing the Northern Pacific and Montana Road, which extends from Missoula, Montana to the Coeur d'Alene country.

Proceeding have begun at Portland in the important cases of the United States against four military wagon-road companies of Oregon, to forfeit their grant.

Mr. Thorn, present manager of the Grand Hotel, San Francisco, will soon take entire management of the Palace Hotel. He will also manage the Grand.

Judge Beverly of the Probate Court at Tacoma, has decided that Indian children of wives married according to Indian customs cannot inherit unless by legislative enactment.

HOME AND FARM.

What he Needs—Grapevines—Feed for Young Chickens—An Orchard Ladder—Cucumber Pickles.

Sailor hats in colored straw are effectively trimmed with black lace.

French Pickle.—One peck of green tomatos sliced, two heads of cabbage cut as for slaw, twelve large onions, chopped, twelve green peppers chopped, four table-spoonfuls each of ground cloves, allspice, celery seed, and salt to taste. Cover with strong cider vinegar and boil two hours. When done and cold, seal in jars and keep in a dry place.

Mixed rations are more economical than the feeding of any particular article of food exclusively, as some foods assist in the digestion of others. There are growing rations, which are best for growing stock, and there are rations that promote fat more than others. The stockman should have an object in view, and feed in a manner to obtain it at the least cost.

There is no fixed quantity of butter or cream to expect from milk. Milk varies daily, according to the food and amount of water consumed. The quality of the food largely determines the amount of cream also. Cream itself varies, and does not give the same proportion of butter by measurement of weight. A great many conditions enter into the work before an estimate can be made.

Small Cucumber Pickles.—Wash and wipe a quantity of small cucumbers and place them in jars. Cover them with boiling brine strong enough to bear an egg; let stand twenty-four hours. Then take them out, wipe, place in clean jars and cover with hot vinegar spiced with an onion, twelve whole cloves, one ounce of mustard seed and a little mace. They will be ready for use in two weeks.

Oxen are serviceable on large farms, and also in those sections where the roads are nearly impassible in winter, as they can travel where a horse cannot venture. They can be bred for the purpose desired by judicious selection of the best breeds for producing quick-draught oxen, the Devon breed being superior to any other. A Devon ox will bear the heat well, travel at a rapid gait and endure fatigue. A cross of the Devon with large native stock also produces excellent oxen, if the male calves are retained for that purpose.

Grapevines—Apply sulphur at the first appearance of mildew, and follow it up. We are surprised to find that some well-known pomologists, if they do not advise, speak favorably of ringing the vines. This is done by removing a ring of bark a quarter of an inch wide, or by twisting a wire firmly around the shoot, just below the lower cluster. This causes early ripening and fine-looking fruit, but is destructive to flavor. Most grape-growers, with a conscience about them, look upon ringing grapes that are to be marketed in the light of fraud. Horticultural and similar societies should speak on this matter.

Feed for Young Chickens.—This should be changed as often as possible, advises a good authority. Too rapid feathering is a drain on the system. Some varieties feather up quickly, while others are almost naked. Feed ground bone (fine) every day mixed in with the feed.

"Where we raise from 6,000 to 10,000 per year we know by this time the necessity of proper feeding. Corn and oats ground together is our standard feed, to which we add ground bone, ground meat, charcoal and oyster shell. A pinch of bread soda (Bicarbonate of soda) can be used as a substitute for charcoal.

An Orchard Ladder.—It is made of one-inch spruce or good pine, sixteen feet long, and the sides are joined together at one end for a length of twenty inches, when they begin to spread apart. Three feet six inches from the end the end the sides are held together by a five by one-half inch carriage bolt, both ends of which are let into the wood so that they will not injure the bark on the limbs of the trees. The first rung, ten inches long, is placed twenty inches below the bolt, and the last rung is eighteen inches long, those between being graduated length. These ladders can be run up into a tree and under the branches anywhere without injuring the tree or shaking down the fruit. There is no patent on them, so that any one can make one for himself.

Fall Feeding of Bees.—A western apiarist well feels that the average bee-keeper does not like the work of feeding sugary-syrup to his bees in the fall to insure them against starvation, because of the attention, and usually practiced, the putting work it takes. To any such let this word of caution be dropped: now is the time to prepare against having this to do. While honey is coming in, and the surplus being stored, a few brood combs filled with honey should be removed from your best colonies and set to one side that they may be ready to give to those light in stores later on. There is probably no more satisfactory way than this method of fall feeding. It is easily and quickly done, and does not incite robbery.

Unless a lawn is seeded to grasses that can endure constant mowing, as well as a dry season, it becomes weedy instead of ornamental. When seeded down in the spring it becomes at times necessary to grow oats, wheat or some grain crop on the lawn in order to shelter the young grass from the effects of the noon-day sun in dry weather. This may be avoided if the seed is sown in the fall, at which period of the year the rains are usually plentiful, and the young grass is not so easily overrun with weeds. Should the grass not make a good "catch," the ground may again be seeded over in the spring by simply scratching the surface with a rake, but it is seldom that seed sown in September fails,