UNION OREGON.

### A DRESS SUIT'S TALE. Difficulties Which Attended a Young Law-

yer's Entree to Society. A case recently decided before Judge Fallon, of the Ninth District Court, developed some unusually picturesque features. Daniel Bradley, a tailor at No. 5 West Twenty-sixth street, opposite Delmonico's, was the plaintiff, and John T. O'Connor, a lawyer at 167 Broadway, was the defendant.

Philip Carpenter, of the Potter Building, brought the suit for Bradley and sunk in New York harbor. carried it (the lawsuit-not the dress

suit) to successful issue. Attorney Killsheimer, of No. 167 Broadway, represented the somewhat rocky case of Mr. O'Connor. The evi-

dence brought out these peculiar points: Lawyer O'Connor one day found himself the recipient of an invitation to a York. swell social affair uptown. This seemed to be a somewhat unusual event in his career, as it found him without a dress killed, suit. He hurried off to Mr. Bradley, the tailor, where he sought to negotiate the loan of a spike-tail coat and the other ficials. personal adornments necessary to a successful entree to the social swim.

Bradley didn't keep dress suits to hire, but having a desire to help a struggling man along in the world he introduced Lawyer O'Connor to Dennis Shea, a dealer whose specialty is dress suits to loan for a fair consideration. In this case the consideration was fixed at \$4.50 for the evening. O'Connor didn't have Jeff Davis. the "four-fifty," and Mr. Shea did a cash business, and hence the negotiations were blocked.

Bradley's kindness of heart again came to the rescue, and he consented to go O'Connor's security for the dress suit for the evening. Thus it was that society was not deprived of Mr. O'Connor's presence, as he blossomed out in much raising the Northern Pacific's new \$60,- killed by a Northern Pacific engine. occasion, at least, as Wordsworth puts t, "society became his glittering bride." Montgomery, Alabama, for the murder The dress suit seems to have been a of Lewis Pugh, white. it, "society became his glittering bride." good fit and otherwise satisfactory to Lawyer O'Connor, for he did not return it next day, according to the stipulations in the lease. Neither did he return it the next day, nor the next week, and he has not returned it yet. That is the reason the red-eyed law was invoked. Shea wanted his money, and had recourse on Bradley as surety. Mr. Brad- the advisability of investing to complete dey paid, and then began to look around for O'Connor.

Investigation showed that Mr. O'Connor had "hocked" his business suit and Jealousy was the cause. was disporting himself by night and by day in the hired suit, the rent of which was all the time piling up.

While Jay Gould might have been appalled by such a situation, Mr. O'Connor was serene.

He was treading the flowery paths of Bacchus and didn't care a rap for expenses. The matter went on until Lawyer Carpenter was forced to bring ously injuring many people. suit, which was done before Judge Fallon. When the case came to trial Mr. O'Connor was lawyer enough to know it would be a point against him if he appeared in court wearing the suit at issue, and by some heroic effort he managed to appear in a regulation suit. He and his lawyer made a hard fight, but a judgment for the value of the hired suit was recorded against him. The whole tendency of the case went to show that getting into society in a hired dress suit is attended with dangers and drawbacks.-N. Y. World.

### EMPRESS FREDERICK.

### Her Opinion of Gustav Freytag's Little

Work on Her Late Husband. The Empress Frederick has, according to othe Berlin papers, delivered ner opini n on Gustav Freytag's new little work on her late husband. Her Majesty has, in the first place, pointed out certain errors, especially in relation to herself. She said, among other things: "I was proud to be able to follow the high flight of his spirit, to understand his plans, and to share in his wishes. We were one in thinking and feeling. The words, 'He ordered every thing according to her thoughts and wishes, are decidedly incorrect. In important questions the Emperor used to ask my opinion. We exchanged views, 'Geheimrathin' (privy counciloress), who was versed in every thing, but he never was unhappy or dissatisfied because I was of another opinion than himself."

The Empress also objected with some indignation to the passage which says that "She had come to her husband from greater circumstances, richly gifted, and that he had inspired his pure and simple soul with the feeling that what had taken visual shape within him was her work." Her Majesty said: "It was he whose high-soaring mind warmed me for all the ideals that filled his heart. It was he who worked, practically sowing in my heart those seeds which had already grown in his to the most glorious development. All that has grown out of the harmless child that he then took into his palace is his work." On Freytag's certainly rather curious remark that such domination threatened to bring difficulties and conflict to the husband, the future ruler of Prussia, Her Majesty sank into deep reflection, and exclaimed: "Such domination! I brought him difficulties and conflicts? When and where? Did I ever try to subordinate his will to mine? The Emperor was not a man to yield to the do minion of his wife, even if -but must I read all that is written?" She pushed the book aside and, stepping into a window recess, gazed long and mournfully at Emperor Frederick's portrait hanging there, and then left the room, unable to speak further.

It is said that the Empress has prefixed the following motto from Schiller's "Maid of Orleans" to her copy of Freytag's "Reminiscences:" "The world loves to blacken what is radiant, and to drag the eminent down into the dust. I do not mourn. There are still noble hearts that glow for the man that is high and

### ITEMS. EASTERN

THE PRESIDENCY.

Kyrle Fellew a Dead Beat-W. C. T. U Seceders Organize - Around the World in 72 Days-Forepaugh Dead.

Cleveland is open for the nomination

Adam Forepaugh, of circus fame, died at Philadelphia.

Mentana's governmental muddle is growing no better.

The bark Pythomene was scuttled and

Denver's sheriff is trying to close up the city's saloons on Sunday.

Great suffering from cold and hunger is reported from South Dakota.

President Oakes, of the Northern Pacific, is still confined to his 100m in New

In a railread accident near Cincinnati several cars were burned and five persons

The president has summarily removed of snow at Portland. seventeen unsatisfactory land office of-

Four men were terribly burned by the

igr iting of a natural gas well at Dehaven, county jury room. Penn. The body of Banker Dittman of Phila- prize fight at Portland.

delphia, was found floating in the Schuylkill river. The Virginia Legislature has invited

Senator Daniel to deliver an eulogy of Six persons were killed and thirty injured by an explosion of natural gas at

Charles Francis Adams, president of the Union Pacific, is in Cuba for a three

weeks' vacation. It is said that Villard has succeeded in

Green Braxton, negro, was hung at with 2247 tons of freight for China.

Thirty-five negro strikers were ar-

rested at Appalachicola, Florida, and one shot by state troops. A call has been issued for a convention of all the reform parties to be held in St.

Louis September 3. New York capitalists are considering

the Panama canal. Nicholas Meyer, of Chicago, murdered his wife and then committed suicide.

The first torpedo boat has just been launched at Bristol, Rhode Island. It

is called the Cushing. The Massachusetts state insane asylum at Worcester, Mass., was burned. All the patients were rescued.

Natural gas exploded and wrecked a three-story building at Pittsburg, seri-

The convention of W. C. T. U. have assembled at Cleveland, O., and perfected organization.

A Portland, Maine, smelting and ship building concern has ben bought by Englishmen for \$25,000,000. Herr Most, the anarchist, is under ar-

rest at New York City, for using language tending to incite a riot.

Peter Oglesby, nephew of ex-Governor Oglesby, of Illinois, accidentally shot and killed himself near Denver.

P. B. Hutchinson, of Chicago, has been swindled out of \$100,000 by his clerks, Thomas Stoner and B. King.

James Fortner, the defaulting county treasurer of Manhattan, Kansas, starving himself to death in his cell.

Hon. John McSweeny, the most prominent criminal lawyer in Ohio, died at Wooster, of acute pneumonia. Miss Nellie Bly arrived in New York

Sarurday. She accomplished her trip around the world in seventy-two days. Thieves smashed a Montreal jeweler's window in broad daylight and successfully made away with \$15,000 in jewelry.

Henry A. Phillips, of New York, chief of the middle division of the pension oldest living Californian. bureau, has been removed for inefficiency.

Ranchmen estimate Nevada and and he was glad to call me his Idaho's losses by the winter's severity at 60 per cent. for the cattle and 40 per cent.

George Lounsbury, a cashier in the New York postoffice, suicided at Hacken-sack, New Jersey. He is short in his accounts \$20,000.

Sidney Dillon, a nephew of Hon. Sid-

near Omaha. A strike is on at the Apallachico's saw

mills. Trouble is breaking out between the negro strikers and the whites with bloody results. Kyrle Bellew, the actor, has been

dropped from the Lamb's club in New York, for not paying the steward his board bill of \$85.

J. V. Devine, a clerk in the inquiry department of the Chicago postoffice, was arrested. He had been pillering the mails for eighteen months.

News was received from Flathead lake, that thirteen Indians, tried to cross the ice on ponies and broke through, and five Indians were drowned.

Sing Lee, a Chinese laundryman, and Mamie Sweeney, a white woman, were found dead in the Chinaman's basement at Binghampton, N. Y.

Out of a band of 800 Manitoba Indians near Winnipeg, few are expected to survive a deadly plague of the influenza which has prostrated the tribe.

It is understood that the Prince and Princess Hatzfeldt will live in New York city, in the great house which Mr. C. P. Huntington is to build on Fifth avenue.

By the lease of the Wisconsin Central road to the Northern Pacific, the Wisconsin road is to receive 35 per cent. of its gross earnings, leaving the remainder to the Northern Pacific for operating his general agent, G. C. Pratt, at San mittee, which intends to erect it in some

A SERIOUS ONE.

Murderer Blanton to Hang-Disappear- Mary Anderson to Marry Mr. Navarro ance of a Portland Cashier-Seattle Lovers Elope-General Vallejo Dead.

The Tacoma police captured four bur-

The seal in Portland's city park has died.

The Ellensburg Lloyd failure foots up is dead. \$150,000.

Murderer Blanton is to hang at Colfax A brick yard has been started at Roseburg.

Portland's fat stock show will begin September 25. Albina is to have a new German re-

ligious paper. An orphans' home is to be established at Albany, Or.

Several roofs were crushed in by weight

Portland is building two new brick fire engine houses.

At Portland beds are provided in the Choynski defeated McLarney in a

John D. Boyer, a prominent Tacoma merchant, has failed and fled.

A good many Portland saloons are being closed under attachments

The Dempsey-MacCarthy fight at San Francisco, has been postponed.

The striking Seattle bricklayers have been acceeded their demands.

Portland's public school teachers receive \$8,000 monthly in salaries. O. A. Freden, a mill employe, was

The Parthia has sailed from Vancouver

A British syndicate has been unsuccessfully trying to buy Tacoma saw mills. A 200-acre tract near Pendleton is

being platted for an addition to the town. William Hottstein shot and killed James B. Oglesby, a waiter, at Colville. A daring horseman galloped across College, Londonderry, is dead. the Columbia above Vancouver on the

California office seekers must wait tination being the United States. until the Democrats have finished their terms.

Portland is to have an athletic stock and then killed himself. Jealousy. company, modeled on the San Francisco

Portland is agitated over an alleged boodle ordinance introduced in its city

Co., Portland commission merchants, is missing. The butter men's controversy at Port-

land, has got into the courts. Three days. cases are filed. J. J. Barker, a steerage waiter on the Columbia, was killed by falling on deck

in a rough sea. The Oregon Improvement Company has declared a dividend of 1 per cent. on

its common stock. John H. Shupe, of Douglas and J. W. Strange, of Union, are Oregon's new

census supervisors. In the new county jail at Portland the cells are opened and closed by means of a William's birthday. combination lock.

Charles Kernehan is supposed to have perished in the snow between Succotash valley and Tacoma.

William Randle, the defaulting foreman of Handsaker & Clark, Tacoma, has made retribution.

Mrs. Jarvis Emigh, of Bickleton, Wash., made an unsuccessful attempt at suicide by chloroform.

Kate Tewksbury, daughter of Rev. George A. Tewksbury, eloped with Wm. E. Stevenson, at Seattle. The noted general W. G. Vallejo,

died at Sonoma He was said to be the Vice-President Fred Crocker, of the Southern Pacific, was recently snowed in

on his road for eight days. Alonzo L. Barry, a Umatilla rancher, was shot and killed in an affray with his

neighbor, John Donaldson. Several heavy robberies have been made lately in Portland by women of ill fame from drunken followers.

A large amount of opium was imported ney Dillon, of New York, accidentally at San Francisco last week. The duty shot and killed himself while out hunting alone was not short of \$60,000.

The new Northern Pacific branch will parallel the Seattle, Lake Shore & Eastern to the Canadian boundary. The rivers of Northern California are

rising rapidly, owing to melting snow, and grave apprehension is felt. I The Central Pacific blockade between

Reno and Sandy Run is far from being raised. Snow is again falling.! Sheriff Smith and his deputies ar-

rested seventeen Chinamen at Astoria, while they were smoking opium. The snow interferes a good deal with Portland's electric street cars, preventing

contact of the wheel with the rails. Rev. Foster, a faith curist of Walla Walla, who refused his wife medicine. has been examined and declared sane.

Carlton C Crane, the agent of the Vanderbilt lines in Portland, has been promoted to the Pacific coast manage-During the Southern Facific blockade the San Francisco steamers were so crowded that cots were put upon the

decks. A railroad from Seattle across Salmon Bay and thence to some point near the head of Lake Washington, is to be con-

## THE PACIFIC COAST. IN FOREIGN LANDS. PORTLAND MARKET.

CLEVELAND AGAIN ASPIRING FOR THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC BLOCKADE A TERRIFIC GALE VISITS THE IRISH COAST.

> Prince William Dead-Dr. Peters. the Explorer, Believed to be Dead-Other News.

Stanley is still at Cairo.

Cardinal Jacobini is dying with pneu-

Prince William, of Hesse-Darmstadt,

Leutner, the prima soprano, is dead, at Weisbaden.

Atlantic vessels report the fiercest storms for years. Sophia, Crown Princess of Greece, is

being lionized as an artist. M. Mariani, French embassador to Italy, is dead of pneumonia.

The English channel bridge project is being energetically pushed forward. The Socialist bill has been rejected by the German reichstag by a large vote. Walking plows.

The Erin, out from New York December 28, fer London, has been given up for Gounod is composing a mass for the

dedication of the new Cathedral at Rome.

which will be sung by 4,000. Natham Alder, chief rabbi of the United Hebrew congregation of the British Em-

pire, is dead. At a recent auction sale of old wines at Edinburg, \$30, \$35, and \$40 were paid

Mr. Navarro has cabled his congratulations to his son upon his engagement to Mary Anderson.

Anna Teresa Berger, the leading woman cornetist of the world, is now

performing in London. Nearly a million pounds of sugar cane on a Cuban estate near Cierfuegos, have been destroyed by fire.

John Gorley and his three children were burned to death at St. Johns, N. F. He was rescuing others.

George Albert, prince of Schwarzbourg-Rudolstadt, is dead. He was a Russian cavalry officer, aged 52

Bev. T. Witherow, professor of church history and pastoral theology in Magee A number of Chinese have reached

A Vienna journalist named Palkowitz, shot a popular actress named Stericher

Lisbon's streets are filled with thousands, crying "War with England." Business with Great Britain is suspended.

An attempt to increase the capital of the Portuguese Mozampique Company W. C. Roberts, cashier for Dunbar & from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 has failed. Fastnet lighthouse, off Queenstown, is displaying flags of distress, but no vessel has been able to approach it for several

> Queen Victoria has made a baronet of Sir Albert Sasson, who recently entertained the shah of Persia magnificently

Lieutenant Rust, who was a member of Peters' expedition, has arrived at Berlin. He appears convinced that Dr. Peters is dead

to Berlin, accompanied by Prince George for the fete in celebration of Emperor Preliminary surveys of the Guadalajara

The Prince of Wales will probably go

& Chamela Railroad in Mexico have begun. The road will pass through very rich mining regions Southwestern France has been visited and devastated by a fearful hurricane.

Telegraphic communication in that direction is interrupted. Prince Henry of Battenberg will re-turn to London next month. It is said

that the queen couldn't resist the pleading of Princess Beatrice. H. C. Sappings Wright, the special artist of the London Illustrated News, has come to this country to make a

feature of the portrayal of American life. There is no improvement in the condition of Emin Pasha, who recently suffered a relapse, after his partial recovery from the effects of a fall from a

balcony at Bagomoyo. The Duchess d'Uzes is training an original Christy minstrel corps of her own for public appearance in Paris. The duchess is a patron of horse races and other outdoor sports.

Commendatore Baldachini, a prominent lawyer of Rome, who for twenty years has been secretary of a charitable organization, has absconded. His defalcations amount to \$25,000.

It is announced that the congratulatory letters and telegrams that have reached Hawarden since Saturday last, when Mr. Gladstone attained his 80th birthday, aggregate over 3000.

The whaling bark of J. A. Howland went ashore at Johnson's island, 700 miles southwest of Honolulu. The crew reached land safely except one man, George McDonald, who was drowned.

An American lady, said to be a daugh-

ter of Mr. Edison, was, while on a journey from Vienna to Berlin, taken id at Dresden. It was found she had smallpox and she was sent to a hospital. The Paris Figaro says that Portugal has complained to Prince Bismarck that

Great Britain has violated the Berlin

treaty.

Bohemia.

She therefore asks that a con-

ference be convoked to discuss African The results of the German-Czech conference held in Vienna have exceeded all expectations. The conference has succeeded in reconciling all differences between the Czechs and Germans in

A monument to Victor Noir, the young man who was killed in 1870 by part of Paris.

Evidences are not wanting of a quickening of trade in several important branches as soon as the transportation routes are open and to be depended on. Indeed, that is all that seems to arrest the early resumption of general business activity. But while overland freight can neither be received nor shipped, and the mails and passengers are many days late, a blue

## feeling prevails.

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ties of January exceed those of

## DOUBTED THEIR FAITH.

What Tickled an Old Hoosier Who Had Both Eyes Wide Open.

One day I was riding along a highway in Indiana when I came upon a pile of bedding and articles of crockery and hardware in front of a farm house, and seated on the horse block was a corpulent old man with a very red face. Naturally enough I asked him what had happened, and he went off into laughter which lasted a full minute before he

"Them duds belong to Ben and

Mary. "But who are Ben and Mary?" "Ben's my-my-ha! ha! ha! I've laffed till I'm almost dead. Ben's my son, and Mary is his-ha! ha! ha!-

wife. "But who tumbled those things out

there?

"I did."

"And where are Ben and Mary?" "She's gone home and he's broke for the woods. Stranger, excuse me, but I'd have to laff if there was a corpse in the house. It's too durned funny for any

thing-ha! ha! ha!" And he yelled and whooped until he could have been heard half a mile.

When he sobered up a little I asked: "Is there a joke in this somewhere?" "Is there? Whoop! I should say there was! Go into the house and you'll find the old woman nigh dead with laff-

ing. "Well, what is it?"

"You see, Ben got married about three months ago. Purty good boy, but inclined to be tricky. He married a purty fair gal, but she's dreffully ambitious. They cum home to live, and about a month ago wanted me 'n the old woman to deed over the farm to them and be taken keer of the rest of our lives. We didn't like the idea, but they hung to it, and so last week 1 made out a deed and handed it over. It wasn't a deed describin' this farm, but some other farm, though it all

looked reg'lar nuff." "You doubted their faith, ch?" "I kinder did, and so-ha! ha! ha! Say, stranger, don't think hard of me, but I've got to laff or bust. Just tickles me way back to my shoulder blades!"

He went off into another fit, and when he got his breath again he continued: "This morning was the sixth day since they got the deed. As soon as breakfast was over Ben said they'd concluded to git along without our valued company, and suggested that as it was nine miles to the poorhouse we make an early start. He intended to turn us smack out doors without a dollar, but he got left. I told him he better look into the deed a bit, and he went to town and diskivered the trick I had played. You

orter seen them two when they come back! Why, why-And he laughed again until I had to pat him on the back to prevent a catas-

trophe. "They were the humblest, down-troddenest, used-upest, gone to-pieces pair you ever sot eyes on. Ben got a plug of terbacker and a hoss pistil and left fur the woods, and Mary tied a wet towel around her head and hoofed it fur her father's house. I've brought out their duds and niled 'em un here and if they don't send fur 'em before noon they kin

go to the dogs.' "Well, they deserve it." "Yes, they do, but it was a narrer escape fur me. If that deed had bin all right me'n the old woman would be paupers to-day. But it wasn't all right,

And I had driven at least half a mile before I lost the sounds of his laughter. -N. Y. Sun.

# AS HIS FATHER DID.

and-and-

Mr. Bixby is Attacked by a Very Mysterious Fit of Stomach-Ache. "Elijah, If I were you I wouldn't eat mince pie and cheese and doughnuts at this time of night," said Mrs. Bixby to her lord and master, the other night, when they came home from the theater

and Bixby had gone straight to the "Fiddlesticks!" was his contemptuous reply. Don't try to come any of the coddling business over me. 'Mandy, I guess I know what I'm about. It's all nonsense about its being unhealthy to eat before you go to bed. My father made a regular practice of eating pie and pickles and cheese and any thing he wanted at midnight, and he lived to

be eighty.' "I know, Elijah, but your father was a farmer and lived out of doors most of the time, and worked hard at manual labor, so that he could easily digest-

"That had nothing to do with it," interrupted Mr. Bixby, as he helped himself to another quarter of pie. "Eat when you're hungry, I say, and I'm hungry enough to-night to eat an ox. Where are those cold pig's feet? I'm going to top off with them and you'll see that I'll be asleep in ten minutes afterward and sleep like a baby all night, in spite of these new-fangled

ideas about diet!" Mrs. Bixby saw. She both saw and heard Bixby three hours later. She could have heard him howl and groan had she been a quarter of a mile away. "Oh, 'Mandy!" he wailed, "get up for

heaven's sake! I'm going to die! Get me a dose of pain-killer or something to stop this fearful pain in my stomach, or I'll be a dead man in ten minutes! Wring out some flannel cloths in hot water! Are there any porous plasters in the house? Oh, o-o-o-h! Jee-rusalem! Who-o-o-o-ee! Yah-a-h! Get me a Seidlitz powder! Get some of the neighbors to go for a doctor! O, 'Mandy, 'Mandy! Lawyer Sharpe has my will, 'Mandy! I-I-o-o-o-h! I can't stand this much longer! I-I-Yah! Can't you do any thing, 'Mandy?" And when she had raced across the street with a blanket around her and routed out a neighbor to go for the doctor, and when the doctor had come and relieved Bixby of his misery, he lay back on his pillow and mid: "I can's imagine what could have given me such a turn, can you, 'Mandy?"

And when she said she could and did imagine the origin of it all, he again said: "Fiddlesticks!"-Time.

-A "sacred concert" given in a Colopoor house at Portland now. The cherirado town on a recent Sunday evening four was advertised as "A Grand Sacred Dog