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THE JUG-RIDGE LITERARY.

The School-Master's Assumption of Shakespeare Provokes Criticism.

The last meeting of the Jug Ridge Literary was a pleasurable event in many respects, but there was a feature or two that demand attention at our hands.

In his assumption of the soliloquy in "Richard III.," where the guilty King wonders whether it is better in the mind to suffer the slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, or to fly to others we know not of, our new schoolmaster made a ghastly spectacle of himself.

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The young gent who threw the turpin and hit the move-Be Shakespearean reader on the ear moves in the very best circles on the Ridge, and his excellent aim was a matter of congratulation all around.

The temptation to strip him of his cloak and leave him standing there before a critical audience in those tight-fitting clothes was too much for the young gent.

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THE PACIFIC COAST.

One Thousand Iron Molders on a Strike in San Francisco.

A Mother Finds Her Daughter Who Was Kidnaped Eight Years Ago in Montana.

The Milton Eagle will be moved to Baker City.

The San Francisco iron molders' strike involves 1,000 men.

The Utah Legislature has killed the Australian ballot bill.

Spokane had a damaging 250-pound giant powder explosion.

Scott, who murdered his wife, is on trial at McMinnville Or.

Postoffices have been established at Ravenna and Vega, Wash.

O. C. White has been confirmed as Public Printer of Washington.

James Haggard's saddlelery store at Walla Walla has been closed on attachments.

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The deal which was to sell San Francisco breweries to English syndicates has fallen through.

Governor Shoup thinks the only opposition to Idaho's admission will be the test-oath clause.

Orilla Thrapp has been sent to the Salem insane asylum from Washington county, Oregon.

At Dutch Flat, Cal., Charles Meltor seriously cut M. C. Gorton, telegraph operator at Gold Run.

The Skagit Chief has been fined \$160 by the Port Townsend inspectors for overloading with passengers.

The \$25,000 libel suit of the California State bank against the Sacramento Bee has been dismissed by mutual consent.

The gospel steamer Glad Tidings, previously reported wrecked and a total loss, has arrived safely at Port Simpson, B. C.

LaBlanche has soured on the California Athletic Club. He says he will fight Dempsey at the Occidental or Golden Gate.

One hundred and sixty men are at work on the Elgin branch of the Union Pacific, and 160 more are expected at La Grande.

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EASTERN ITEMS.

John L. Sullivan Tackles the Wrong Man.

The Body of a Bank Robber Proves to be That of an Ottawa, Kan., Farmer.

Ex-Governor English of Connecticut is seriously ill.

Ex-Congressman Taulbee's condition is precarious.

Great advances in the price of rubber goods are likely.

The Amateur Athletic Union met at Wilmington, Del.

T. S. Dodd shot Pat Desmond in an Ogden saloon quarrel.

Slosson defeated Shafer in the billiard tournament at New York.

The bill for an Assistant Secretary of War has passed both Houses.

The funeral of the late Minister Pendleton was held at Cincinnati.

A league has been formed in Montreal looking to the independence of Canada.

The President has approved the act providing for an Assistant Secretary of War.

The Chicago Board of Trade is making war on bucket shops. Too much competition.

The Brotherhood's baseball season will open April 24 and close October 4, with 140 games.

Pittsburg has granted a lot of street railway franchises, covering eighty miles of its streets.

William Bucknell, a Philadelphia philanthropist, died suddenly of apoplexy, aged 79 years.

The two-year-old filly Reverie, by Alcazar out of Sallie Babrow, was sold at New York for \$10,000.

State Senator Brown of Ohio has resigned. The resignation will embarrass the Democratic majority.

Rev. William A. Smith of the Perkins street Baptist church, Boston, has been expelled for drunkenness.

Ex-Governor John Palmer is the unanimous choice of the Illinois Democrats for United States Senator.

Net earnings of the Texas Pacific railroad during the past year were \$1,656,744, an increase of \$369,027.

Rear-Admiral Kimberly has been ordered to act as President of the Naval Board of Inspection and Survey.

Maggie Mitchell has purchased her second summer residence at Berkeley, Cal. Her first one is at Long Beach.

The Alaska seal lease has been let to the North American Commercial Company, it being the highest bidder.

The American wire, rod and nail mills at Anderson, Ind., the largest in the country, were burned; loss, \$100,000.

F. W. Wheeler's ship yard and dry dock at Bay City, Mich., has been sold to an English syndicate for \$8,500,000.

The public debt statement for February has just been published, and shows a decrease in the debt of over \$6,000,000.

Lieutenant Converse, in charge of the new torpedo boat Cushing, says she is up to all requirements and a perfect success.

The House Committee will advise increasing the duty on hay, peas, barley, potatoes and other Canadian importations.

The Atlantic and Pacific's report shows a decrease in its gross earnings for last month of \$62,732, as compared with last year.

The gross earnings of the Canadian Pacific for the month show an increase of \$73,000 over the same period the preceding year.

The Atlantic Fire and Marine Insurance Company of Providence, R. I., has decided to wind up its affairs and go out of business.

The body of the robber of the Valley Falls (Kan.) bank has been identified as that of Charles Robinson, a farmer living near Ottawa.

Charles Vail, charged with the murder of his wife, whose life was heavily insured, at St. Charles, Mo., has been held for the grand jury.

Great depression prevails in the grain carpet business, and the manufacturers will probably stop 25 per cent. of the looms for nine months.

Captain Samuel B. Washburn of the famous Washburn family of Minnesota, proprietor of the Washburn mills at Minneapolis, died at Avon, N. Y.

Chauncey M. Depew denies that he contemplates resigning as President of the New York Central to become a candidate for the Presidency in 1892.

At Perry Sound, Ont., William Robinson's house burned, and his son and two daughters perished. The remainder of the family escaped by jumping.

Rev. Clement M. Butler died at Germantown, Pa., aged 80 years. During the rebellion he was employed by the Government in several important missions.

Hon. Warner Miller of New York has been elected President of the Nicaragua Canal Company. A. C. Cheney, heretofore President, has been elected Vice-President.

Intimate friends of Robert Lincoln in Chicago express the opinion that in view of the death of his son he will soon resign the post of Minister to Great Britain and return to Chicago.

A memorial has been introduced in the South Dakota Senate asking Congress to submit to a vote of the people of the United States the question of prohibition of the liquor traffic.

The alleged scheme to colonize Oklahoma and make it a negro State has aroused the settlers to a high pitch of excitement. White settlers are driving colored people out of the country.

It is reported that an English syndicate is negotiating for the purchase of four firms in the United States now controlling the manufacture of soda water and beer apparatus for between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000.

John L. Sullivan got drunk in a saloon the other night and offered to whip a young man seated at one of the tables. The latter with his right arm floored the boss slogger, and immediately ran away. Sullivan arose and wanted to clean out the saloon, but his friends prevented him.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Affairs in Hayti Reported in an Unsettled State.

Young Abe Lincoln, Son of the Minister to England, Dies in London.

General Ogazon, Mexican ex-Minister of War, is dead.

The Pope's death is now expected to occur at any time.

The Emperor and Prince Bismarck have had a serious quarrel.

The German elections have resulted in increasing Bismarck's control over the Emperor.

The Prince of Wales condoles with Minister Lincoln on the death of the latter's son.

The Portuguese government will offer Serra Pinto a diplomatic position at Washington.

Young Abe Lincoln, son of Robert T. Lincoln, United States Minister to England, is dead.

Carpenters in nine ship yards on the Thames, England, have struck for an advance of 6d per day.

Count von Szapary, at present Minister of Agriculture, will succeed Tisza as Hungarian Prime Minister.

Jerry Tighman, an American financier of London, has been sentenced to one year's imprisonment for forgery.

The Quetta sank off the coast of Australia, and 200 lives were lost. The fatal rock was not shown on the chart.

The Chinese government is massing troops on the Siberian frontier, as an early attack by Russians is feared.

The United States men-of-war Atlanta and Boston of the revolving squadron have sailed from Genoa for Naples.

The Athenian Club of London has blackballed Flanagan, author of the "Farnellism and Crane" articles.

Rev. Monroe Gibson, formerly of Chicago, will perform the funeral services at the grave of young Abe Lincoln.

General Marcus Carville will shortly take command of the Mexican troops now operating against the Yaqui Indians.

Father Kinsella and fifteen others imprisoned for actions at Clongor have been released. Kilkenny had a glorious time over it.

The Pope will recommend Cardinal Vanutelli as his successor. The Cardinal was born in 1834 and nominated in 1887. He is an Italian.

Leagues have been formed in Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Para, Santos and Pernambuco, Brazil, to boycott British in favor of American goods.

A carload of furniture, carpets, curtains, books and bric-a-brac has been sent to Clairvaux for the use of the imprisoned Duke of Orleans.

Reports from South America are to the effect that an epidemic along the Amazon has prevented rubber gathering. A great scarcity is threatened.

The French government has decided to institute proceedings against the paper L'Egalite for advising the German Socialists to shoot Emperor William.

A sailing match has been arranged between Neil Matterson and Peter Kemp for the championship of the world. The race will take place at Sydney April 25.

At a meeting of the French Colonial Congress a resolution was adopted favoring the immediate declaration of a French protectorate over the kingdom of Dahomey.

General Antonio Latano, commanding the Department of Lapaz, San Salvador, died recently at Zacatecoluca from the effects of wounds received in a personal encounter.

Many papers, including the Klein Journal, attribute the government's defeat in the recent elections for the Reichstag to popular discontent over its colonial policy, especially in regard to Samoa.

The King of Dahomey has again defeated the French, killing eight and capturing quite a number of French and other Europeans. He then attacked Kotonou, and was repulsed, leaving 400 dead on the field.

It is reported that affairs are in a very unsettled state at Port-au-Prince, Hayti, and that recently an attempt was made to burn the town. The general impression is that the Hippolyte government will be of short duration.

The discussions between Tisza, Prime Minister, and other members of the Hungarian Cabinet in regard to the naturalization of Louis Kossuth has finally resulted in the withdrawal from the Ministry of Tisza, the Emperor having accepted his resignation.

The Czar has received a threatening letter from a woman who signs herself "Tchelikovka." The writer says that unless he modifies his reactionary policy he will meet the fate of Peter III, Paul I. and Alexander. A copy of the letter was sent at the same time to each of the Ministers at the same time.

Major Weissmann attacked a fortified position held by Bwanaheri at Atlembele, and carried it after severe fighting. The German force consisted of 500 Swahili and forty officers, while Bwanaheri had 1,500 men. The battle lasted several hours, and the victory of the German commander was complete.

Mwanga, King of Uganda, who after being deposed and driven from the country returned and with the aid of his supporters conquered the rebels, has resumed authority in Uganda. He has proclaimed him-Ifa Christian and given the principal posts to Protestants and Catholics, and a dangerous rivalry has sprung up between them.

A ghastly find has come to light in Moscow. A parcel was left at the residence of Prince Dolgorokoff, which upon examination was found to contain the head of a woman. With the parcel was an anonymous note, saying: "This is our first exploit. We will soon outdo 'Jack the Ripper.'" It is believed the woman was killed for betraying the nihilists.

Baron von Berlepsch, German Minister of Commerce, has been instructed to draft bills looking to the settlement of the labor question, based on the opinion of experts given before the State Council. Pending the passage of the bills provisional measures will be introduced for the protection of workmen. Among these will be one providing for the formation of workmen's committees.

PORTLAND MARKET.

The past week shows an improvement in the distributive movement of trade, and jobbers are busy in most lines.

The weather is more pleasant, but still unsettled, and there is every belief expressed in increased trade activity as soon as conditions are more uniform. Staple groceries, dry goods and hardware have been especially brisk.

Private advices state that there is an active speculative demand for coffee in both New York and San Francisco, and that all grades are taken at full value.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Table listing agricultural implements such as Breaking Plow, Broadcast Seeders, Binding Twine, Grain Drills, etc. with prices.

BAGS.

Table listing bags for Burlaps, Gunnies, Potato bags, Wool sacks, etc. with prices.

COFFEES.

Table listing coffee grades such as Green-Guatemala, Java, Mocha, etc. with prices.

VEGETABLES (FRESH).

Table listing fresh vegetables like Cabbage, Carrots, Celery, Onions, etc. with prices.

POULTRY.

Table listing poultry items like Chickens, Ducks, Geese, Turkeys, etc. with prices.

FRESH FRUITS.

Table listing fresh fruits like Apples, Bananas, Lemons, etc. with prices.

GRAIN.

Table listing grain items like Barley, Corn, Oats, Rye, Wheat, etc. with prices.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Table listing dairy products like Butter, Oregon fancy creamery, Common, etc. with prices.

FLOUR.

Table listing flour items like Portland patent roller, Dayton patent roller, etc. with prices.

SEEDS.

Table listing seeds like Timothy, Orchard Grass, Blue Grass, etc. with prices.

FEED.

Table listing feed items like Bran, Hay, Ground Barley, etc. with prices.

LUMBER—ROUGH AND DRESSED.

Table listing lumber items like Rough, Edged, T. & G. sheathing, etc. with prices.

SALT.

Table listing salt items like Coarse Fine, 200-lb bags, etc. with prices.

WOOL.

Table listing wool items like Eastern Oregon, According to shrinkage, etc. with prices.

WATER MONOPOLIES.

Great Companies Organized to Control the Irrigation of Arid Lands.

The laws of the Western States and Territories everywhere recognize and protect the right of the first or "prior appropriator" of water.

If the first settler on the banks of a stream draws off in his ditch, one-half or the whole of the customary flow to irrigate his farm, he has the right to take this one-half or the whole flow forever, to the entire exclusion of any subsequent settler.

But the same rule applies to rivers of large size. As the quick-witted Westerner stands by the side of one of the great rivers and looks over thousands of acres of desert land along its banks he sees a fortune in the situation.

Only get capital enough together, organize a great company, dig an immense canal which will "appropriate" all the water in the river, and you command the whole valley.

It is the position of the Western railroads repeated. Instead of waiting for settlers to come and dig little ditches as they need them, an immense capital digs one huge canal watering thousands of farms, and then draws settlers by advertisement and boom.

So all over the West, throughout Colorado, in Central and Southern California, in Montana and Idaho, on the Salt and Gila rivers, in Southern Arizona, there are great companies, with capitals running into the millions, putting this idea into effect.

The canals they dig are twenty, thirty or even fifty miles long. The largest are a hundred feet wide and ten feet deep, very rivers in themselves. They follow the contour of the country, running back further and further from the river as the latter falls away.

The main canals give off lateral branches at frequent intervals, and by an ingenious system of gates, crossings and ditches sends water to every foot of arable ground between it and the river. The land belongs to the Government, and is taken up by individual settlers at merely nominal prices under the "Desert Land act."

But the water belongs to the Canal Company, and it is this water that the settler really pays for.—Walter Gillette Bates, in Scribner.

RETREAT FOR DOGS.

A Queer English Institution Patronized by Queen Victoria.

Some twenty-seven years ago such a home was made at Battersea, a part of London, by a benevolent lady. Since her death it has been carried on by an association composed of many of the nobility.

During the last year 12,881 dogs have been admitted to the home, most of them being brought in by the police. Over 1,500 were restored to their owners, and an equal number found new homes.

Most of the animals are gathered from the streets, where they are found wandering, and if sick or injured are painlessly destroyed. The dogs to be killed are placed in an air-tight apartment large enough to admit 100 at a time, for sometimes a large number must be disposed of at once, and by means of apparatus chloroform is introduced, and the poor creatures quietly go to sleep never to waken.

A crematorium has been erected in connection with the home, which is the common grave of the dogs destroyed, and the bones are afterward sold, the proceeds being used toward the expenses of the institution. One of the wails, a noble great Newfoundland, now owned by a lady who is interested in the home, begs upon the wharves, and the last year collected in a box suspended from his neck about twenty-five dollars, which, no doubt, from a grateful heart, he was most happy to present to the home.

Connected with the dogs' home is a cats' house, where stray Tommies are cared for and pet Tabbies are boarded to accommodate their indulgent owners; and as more than \$160 dollars was last year received for board, it is quite evident that this institution is appreciated.

The Queen and the Prince of Wales are the