

THE OREGON SCOUT.

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A TOKEN OF ESTEEM.

It Touches the Colonel's Heart-Strings, But For a Few Moments Only.

As the train stopped at a station about thirty miles west of Indianapolis we noticed an unusually large crowd on the depot platform and it was evident that speech-making had been indulged in and that somebody of note was taking his departure. We soon discovered that this person was a certain Colonel Blank, who came into the car with a package under his arm, and whose cheeks were wet with farewell tears. He called "Good-bye!" a score of times from the window, and as the train finally rolled on he blew his nose, wiped his eyes and turned to us:

"Gentlemen, it touches the heart-strings to part with old friends and neighbors."

"You are saying farewell, then?"

"Yes. I am going up to Indianapolis to reside. The field here is too limited, as I have discovered after ten years' residence."

"Well, it is certainly pleasant to part from friends the way you have."

"Indeed, it is! Over two hundred of the best people in town came down to see me off, and the president of the bank made a beautiful speech, wished me every success, and all that, and then handed me this as a token of respect and esteem."

"Ah! Made you a present, eh? Evidently something nice."

"Bound to be," replied the Colonel, as he took a package from the seat.

"Perhaps you don't want to reveal the contents here?"

"Oh, I have no objections. We'll undo it and see what they have given me."

He carefully untied the string and removed the several papers which wrapped the precious memento, and lo! there was exposed to our gaze a—sponge! Yes, sir, a great big bath sponge, which never cost less than a dollar! We pressed forward to see it, and the Colonel turned red and white by turns, bit his lips, and bobbed about on the seat, and as we held our breaths he burst out with:

"Gentlemen, heart-strings be blown! The onery, thieving, loafing, lying crowd have gone and heaped a deadly insult upon me, and the next two hundred and fifty years of my life shall be devoted to wading in human blood clear up to the top vest button!"—N. Y. Sun.

THE TOOTHACHE OYSTER.

He is One of America's Oldest Settlers and Has Always Been Appreciated.

The oyster is one of America's old settlers. His family antedates that of our most aristocratic Puritan stock. That oysters were eaten during the revolution is proved by the story that is recorded of Benjamin Franklin.

When he was traveling in cold weather and saw no vacant place at the tavern fire where he could warm himself, the genius whose statue adorns Printing House square cried out the order, "Half a peck of oysters in the shell for my horse!" Upon this all the fire-place crowd rushed out to see a horse eat oysters. Very soon the hostler returned and said:

"Why, sir, your horse won't eat the oysters."

"Won't he?" said Franklin, now comfortably seated by the fire. "Well, then, bring them in and cook them and I'll eat them myself."

The archives of the States bordering on the Atlantic on whose coasts oysters abound are full of papers and documents about legislative and even military strife in regard to oysters. "Indeed," says Mr. Parkinson, the then editor of the Caterer, "it is not going too far to say that oysters have kept the people of the several colonies and States in a perpetual stew ever since they were first settled."

The ancient Romans ate oysters raw with a seasoning of vinegar, garum, oil, wine, honey mixed with eggs, and pepper and alisander. They also minced them with mussels and sea hedgehogs, stewed them with pine almonds and various condiments and ate them scalding hot. A celebrated Roman epicure built a fish pond, where he kept oysters and fed them on a paste of cooked wine and honey.

The Greeks understood the serving of raw oysters better than modern Americans. They were opened by a slave at the very table in view of all the guests. Since the fourteenth amendment this method is not practicable here, but it served the purpose of allowing them to be eaten, as nearly as possible, alive, which—in spite of Thackeray, who in jest scared an oyster eater half to death by exclaiming, "Why, man, you've swallowed it alive!"—is a gastronomical consideration of the first importance.—N. Y. Herald.

Virtue of Red Underwear.

The popular belief in the sanitary efficacy of red underwear is a clinging superstition, nothing more. Red was in ancient times considered a potent charm against the evil eye. At one time in the sixteenth century, when the evil eye was esteemed to be especially triumphant in England, there was a boom in red tape which it has never since experienced. Many people to this day believe that a red string worn about the neck is a sure preventive of asthma, measles and mumps. The relics of this old faith are to-day best preserved in the great confidence which obtains in the medical virtues of red flannel, and a not so widespread belief that the milk of a red cow is better than that of any other cow. As to red flannel it has the single merit over other colors, that the dyeing material used destroys all vestige of animal life in the wool, and that red flannel will not shrink as white flannel does.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

—While passing a farm in Virginia the figure of an elderly man whose attire was noticeable for the utter absence of any decorative efforts, was to be seen leaning against the fence. "How are you getting along down here?" "Jes' gettin' long; no mo'." "Good farm?" "Fa'h." "Can you raise any thing on it?" "Consid'ble. I jes' raised seventy-five dollars on it foth mortgage, too."—Washington Post.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Indian Medicine Woman Dragged to Death.

E. J. Baldwin Loses Some Valuable Brood Mares on His Santa Anita Ranch.

Thorwald Juisett's child was drowned in a well at Tacoma.

A high-license association has been formed in San Francisco.

Colorado capitalists are investing heavily in Salt Lake property.

The State of California was libeled at San Francisco for towage service.

Miss Jennie Clymer was struck and killed by a train in Oakland, Cal.

The Challenge was a total loss on Guemes island. No lives were lost.

Nine corps of Union Pacific surveyors are working in Southwestern Nevada.

Lewis Conway, a Spokane convict, escaped from the Walla Walla penitentiary.

New York people have purchased a site for a sugar refinery at Vancouver, B. C.

John Meyers of Berkeley, Cal., was drowned in the Mokelumne river near Hope.

A Rock Creek Indian medicine woman was dragged to death by braves of her tribe.

W. A. Burleigh has been appointed postmaster at Birdview, Skagit county, Wash.

Mail service has been established twice a week between Long Creek and Susanville, Or.

General Ticket Agent T. H. Goodman of the Southern Pacific is ill in San Francisco.

John T. Glover, a San Francisco letter carrier, has been arrested for embezzling \$3.50 from a letter.

Louis Kaskell, a San Francisco hat merchant, dropped dead from the street from sudden hemorrhage.

The injunction suit at Seattle against the Seattle, Lake Shore and Eastern has been thrown out of the court.

Considerable whisky is being taken from San Francisco to Honolulu and thence by whalers smuggled into Alaska.

Joe Duffy has been arrested, charged with last fall's Forest Hill stage robbery. He denies that he had anything to do with it.

Los Angeles electors have decided by a two-thirds vote to issue bonds for \$374,000 for the construction of an interior system of sewers.

The libel suit of W. A. Ray, recently a banker at Pasadena, against the Los Angeles Times was decided in favor of the Times.

The United States steamship Monongahela, under sailing orders for New York, still lies in San Francisco harbor on account of stormy weather.

There is every belief that the lobsters planted in Puget sound about fourteen months ago are doing well. Many have been seen on their feeding grounds.

The steamer Belgic, which reached San Francisco from China last week, brought 410 cases of prepared opium, on which the consignees paid duty of \$5,100.

O. C. White of Olympia, the last Secretary of Washington Territory, has been appointed to the office of Printer for the State of Washington for the term ending July, 1893.

From 1,000 to 1,500 coast seamen, with torchlights, music and transparencies, paraded the streets of San Francisco in commemoration of the fifth anniversary of the Coast Seamen's Union.

The people living along the line of the road between Seattle and Tacoma complain that the coal rates are too high, and that they should be reduced both in justice and in response to good business policy.

One hundred and three horses, valued at \$200,000, were shipped from Senator Stanford's stables at Palo Alto, Cal., by special train to New York. Thirty-two are colts from the famous stallion Electioneer.

The towns on Bellingham bay are prospecting the advisability of uniting under one charter. The hitch will be over the name. Each town wants its name used, and the older town wants the others to join under its charter.

In Walla Walla county so far no injury has been done to grain, though considerable injury has been inflicted on the fruit and very great injury on range cattle and horses. There has also been more than the average loss of sheep.

Representatives of Fresno, Visalia, Bakersfield and Merced have formed the California Baseball League. Mr. Biedgett, a prominent banker at Bakersfield, is President of the league. The Fresno club will be organized immediately and grounds secured.

The Douglas County Board of Trade has taken in hand the matter of securing seed grain to replace that which has necessarily been fed out in consequence of the unusually hard winter. Arrangements have been made whereby \$2,500 worth of seed grain will be delivered in Waterville in time for spring seeding, and farmers will be enabled to get seed at reasonable prices on secured notes payable after harvest.

A petition is being circulated asking the Postoffice Department to establish a mail route from Yaquina City to Alsea Bay and to establish a postoffice at Beaver Creek. The route runs four or five miles east of the present route from Newport to Alsea. To have it established would be a great convenience to Yaquina City and the people on Upper Beaver creek. The Board of Trade has endorsed it by a memorial.

During the recent cold rains a lot of valuable brood mares belonging to E. J. Baldwin, which had been turned to pasture on his Santa Anita (Cal.) ranch, took cold, and eight of them have been prostrated with congestion of the lungs. Two racers, Fallen Leaf and another costly mare, died. Maggie Emerson, the dam of Mollie McCarthy, will probably not survive. She is valued far in the thousands. The other mares are improving. The loss to Baldwin through this mishap will reach, it is said, \$150,000.

EASTERN ITEMS.

The State Treasurer of Missouri a Defaulter.

Miscellaneous News From All Parts of the East Condensed Into Paragraphs

Omaha linemen have set back.

The Grant Monument Association now has \$141,593.60.

Kansas farmers are petitioning for a reduction in corn rates.

The public debt reduction for February was \$6,159,486.66.

A cable-car laborer at Denver had his leg ground off by the cable.

The railway earnings for January show a gross increase of \$4,000,000.

The Kingston (Ont.) City Council has voted to tax all church property.

David Dudley Field has made a speech declaring for compulsory voting.

In Brunswick, Ga., the law confines the sale of liquor to three streets.

A new town called Stanley will be founded on the Sioux reservation.

An Illinois farmers' union has declared that lump-jaw cattle are good to eat.

The Cherokee strip is being invaded by hundreds of Oklahoma boomers.

Virginia tax assessments in the future are to show the race of the taxpayer.

A mysterious and fatal cattle disease has broken out in Wayne county, Ind.

The brewery owners of New Orleans talk of consolidating all the companies.

The defalcations of the State Treasurer of Missouri are now figured at \$20,000.

A number of Sparks' rulings adverse to settlers have recently been reversed.

Chicago's street railway stock is booming since the vote on the World's Fair.

The land on which the Auditorium at Chicago stands has been sold for \$470,000.

George H. Pendleton's funeral at Cincinnati was attended by many distinguished men.

German colonists arriving in Nuevo Leon, Mexico, to work in the cotton fields.

The Canadian Pacific is encountering heavy snowdrifts in Maine, which delay travel.

The Knights of Labor of New York want the legal rate of interest fixed at 5 per cent.

It is estimated that 110,000,000 European eggs were eaten in the United States last year.

Photograph closets are very common now in the offices of the New York business men.

Howell Osborn is said to have squandered \$20,000 a year on Fay Templeton, the actress.

Judge Tuthill of Chicago has decided that it is not libelous to call a person an Anarchist.

Jay Gould is reported to have acquired nearly all the coal fields in the Southwest.

It is proposed to have daily mail and passenger steamers between New York and Liverpool.

Considerable excitement prevails at Tiffin, O., by an abandoned well beginning to flow oil.

In 1888 Illinois farmers made \$10,000,000 on their corn crops; last year they lost that amount.

The Atchison railroad gross earnings approximated for February show an increase of \$425,000.

The Legislature of Mississippi has changed the name of Bolivar county to Jeff Davis county.

A bill has been introduced in Congress for the establishment of a life-saving station at Hueneque, Cal.

The Women's Suffrage Convention has chosen North Dakota as the immediate battle ground for the cause.

There is a rumor that the Chicago yards are about to be sold to an English syndicate for \$30,000,000.

The law prohibiting the use of stoves or furnaces in passenger cars goes into effect May 1 in Maryland.

The Kansas State Board of Agriculture reports that the population of that State has declined 16,638 the past year.

Minister Robert Lincoln authorizes a denial of the report that he intends to resign in consequence of the death of his son.

The Chester (Pa.) School Board has adopted and will soon introduce the school savings bank system into the public schools.

In many parts of Maine lumbermen have had an exceptionally good winter, with just snow enough for sledding and no big drifts.

A New York court has enjoined the production by Mark Twain of the play "Prince and Pauper" on petition of Edward H. House.

F. W. Smith, the defaulting Land-office Receiver at Tucson, A. T., has skipped, leaving his bondsmen in the lurch. Four indictments are awaiting him.

Cavalry overtook five renegade Apache murderers thirty miles north of Globe, A. T., after a 300-mile chase. Three were taken alive and two killed in the capture.

C. V. Hunkel, cashier and bookkeeper of the Globe Light Company of Chicago, has disappeared with between 2,000 and \$3,000 of the company's funds. He left his young wife and two children in destitute circumstances.

Billy Myer, the famous light-weight pugilist, has signed articles of agreement for a fight to a finish with Andy Bowser May 7, before the Athletic Club of New Orleans, for a purse of \$3,000 with four ounces gloves, Queensbury rules. He has arranged to fight with Jack Hopper of New York at Fort Worth, Tex., May 1 to a finish, two-ounce gloves, for a purse of \$1,000; so he will have two fights in one week.

FOREIGN NEWS.

Silver Ore Discovered at Nigoll, Russia.

An Electric Plant Found in India—German Cavalry to be Armed With Lances.

Students are rioting in Prague.

Ex-Sultan Murad V. of Turkey is dead.

Bismarck is preparing an anti-strike bill.

France will put a duty on corn and flour.

The American squadron of evolution is at Naples.

A free port is to be established near Copenhagen.

The French Exhibition is to be opened in London May 3.

An ophthalmic epidemic is reported from Pressburg, Austria.

Out of 366 suicides in Vienna in 1889 ninety-two were women.

The French propose to deal rigorously with the King of Dahomey.

The French language is to be used at the Berlin labor conference.

Two thousand Liverpool grain porters have struck for higher wages.

A ukase has been issued increasing the war footing of the Kouban Cossacks.

Von Moltke was thrown from a carriage in Berlin and badly shaken up.

The Bank of England has reduced the rate of discount from 4½ to 4 per cent.

Russia is trying to effect an alliance between Servia, Montenegro and Greece.

Influenza is raging with great violence throughout the State of Hidalgo, Mexico.

Silver ore in quantities has been discovered at Nagoll, near Ekaterinoslay, Russia.

Emperor Francis Joseph has offered Don Pedro Hagendorf castle as a summer residence.

The five elevators of the Eiffel tower made a profit of \$1,200,000 during the Paris Exposition.

The infant victims of the Warsaw (Warsaw) baby-farming horror are now numbered by the hundreds.

The pope will appoint a Metropolitan of Tokio and four Suffragan Bishops, the Japanese government consenting.

French detectives are scouring Mexico for Eyraud, who with Gabrielle Bonaparte assassinated Gouffe a Parisian bailiff.

The police rulers of London forbid an officer to arrest a drunken person unless the latter is trying to do some one an injury.

An English railway company has set apart a special fund from which to reward acts of bravery on the part of its employees.

Phelps, American Minister at Berlin, gave a dinner one day last week to Endecker, formerly German Minister at Washington.

In an encounter in Elasona between Turks and a band of brigands over twenty of the former were killed and six of the latter.

Heavy rains have prevailed in the province of Murcia, Spain. The rivers have overflowed their banks and done much damage.

The colliery owners of Great Britain have determined to form a federation to protect their interests against combination of miners.

Influenza is raging in Teheran, Persia, causing seventy deaths daily. Several members of the Shah's household are among the sufferers.

It has been decided by the prosecutors that in the coming trial of Moussa Bey he will not be proceeded against on the charge of rape and pillage.

The House of Commons has authorized the expenditure of \$20,000,000 in improving and extending the military barracks throughout the country.

London city scavengers removed during the year from the city streets 26,900 vanloads of slops and sweepings and 38,387 vanloads of dust and trade refuse.

An electric plant (vegetable plant) is said to have been discovered in India, which has the power to affect the magnetic needle at a distance of twenty feet.

At the Kempton Park (England) March meeting the champion hurdle handicap, two miles over eight hurdles, was won by Theodolite, Papyrus second, Castile in third.

At Prague, Bohemia, a demonstration of students was made at the grave of a Young Czech. The students were dispersed by the police and a number arrested.

The lances with which the German cavalry are to be armed are to have shafts of hollow steel and to carry small flags in the Prussian colors nailed near the head.

Twelve thousand men and ninety-six "steam navies," which are supposed to do the work of several thousand workmen, are now employed on the Manchester ship canal.

Labouchere in the House of Commons said he would not believe the statements of either Salisbury or Attorney-General Webster, and the House suspended him by a vote of 177 to 96.

Detective Moser, who was employed by the London Times to procure evidence against the Parnellites, denies the statement made by Harrington as to Moser's operations in America.

In Vienna the incandescent lamp has been much used in medical experiments on horses for diseases of the nostril. There is an excellent cooling arrangement which allows cold water to circulate around the lamp.

Bocaviva, Brazilian Minister of Foreign Affairs, has returned from his mission to Montevideo and Buenos Ayres. An official decree has been issued establishing three banks in the northern provinces of Brazil.

PORTLAND MARKET.

A continuance of wintry weather, until three days ago, has had a quieting influence upon the distributive movement of trade in this city and vicinity, but reports from interior cities indicate a moderate improvement in the demand for staple merchandise, and while trade is not active for the season, it is of sufficient volume to afford encouragement that further improvement may be expected.

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.

Breaking Plow	\$30@35
Broadcast Seeders	0 140
Binding Twine	10 per ct dis
Binding Wire	12c
Grain Drills	110@160
Gang Plow	100@115
Osborne's Mowers	20 per ct dis
" Reapers	120
" Combined Mowers and Reapers	20 per ct dis
" Droppers	130
" Steel-frame self-binding Harvesters	20 per ct dis
Railroad Barrows, iron wheels, 1/2 dozen	48@55
Railroad Barrows, wood wheels, 1/2 dozen	30
Road Plow	30@36
Solid Steel Scrapers	12@14
Steel Disk Harrows	10@10 1/2
Spring Wagons	125@170
Sulky Plows	7 1/2@95
Walking Plows	9@25
Wagons, all makes	110@160

BAGS.

Burlaps, 40 in.	7
Burlaps, 45 in.	7 1/2
Burlaps, 60 in.	11 1/2
Gunnies, 25x40	5 1/2@6
Potato Bags, net cash	5@6 1/2
Wool, 4 lb.	38
Wheat Sacks, spot, net cash	74
Wheat Sacks, extra, second-hand	64

COFFEES.

Green—	22 @ 23 1/2
Guatemala, 1/2 lb.	23 @ 24 1/2
Java, 1/2 lb.	23 @ 24 1/2
Mocha, 1/2 lb.	23 @ 24 1/2
No. 1 Costa Rica, 1/2 lb.	22 @ 23 1/2
Rio, 1/2 lb.	22 @ 23 1/2
Salvador, 1/2 lb.	21 @ 22 1/2
Roasted, in bags—	
Arbuckle's Ariosa, 1/2 lb.	24 @ 25 1/2
Closet & D's Columbia 1/2 lb.	23 @ 24 1/2
Costa Rica, 1/2 lb.	23 @ 24 1/2
Guatemala, 1/2 lb.	23 @ 24 1/2
Roasted Java, 1/2 lb.	30 @ 32
Roasted Mocha, 1/2 lb.	35 @ 37

VEGETABLES (FRESH).

Cabbage, 1/2 lb.	2
Carrots, 1/2 lb.	1 1/2
Carrots, young, 1/2 doz.	15
Celery, 1/2 doz.	80 @ 110
Lettuce, 1/2 doz.	12 1/2
Onions, 1/2 doz.	3 00 @ 3 25
Potatoes, 1/2 doz.	1 75 @ 1 90
Potatoes, sweets, 1/2 lb.	24
Radishes, 1/2 doz.	12 1/2
Spinach	1 1/2
Turnips, per sk.	1 1/2

POULTRY.

Chickens, large young, 1/2 doz.	5 00 @ 5 50
Chickens, broilers	5 00 @ 5 50
Chickens, old	5 00 @ 5 50
Ducks, 1/2 doz.	7