THE ENTERPRISE.

Uncle Joe. Dopple's Story.

We were a hungry jury, ke of out by an obstinate judge, who told us the case was a very plain one, at the same time taking care not to tell us on which side it was so plain.

Most of the testimony on both sides we were convinced, was false; and the problem to be solved was one not unusually presented in lawsuits. to find out the truth by striking a balance between two contradictory

Being in for a night of it, and hav-regained toward each other the good temper we had lost in qurreling over the case, the next point was how to get through the time.

"Somebody tell a story," suggested the foreman. "Mr. Dopple you're and old setler and must have met with some adventures in pioneer times that would be worth telling."

Well, Lahave seen some queer things,"said Mr. Dopple-"Uncle Joe." his neigbors called him-a hale old man of about 60, with a face full of good humor and good sense. "I have seen some queer things but I am not much at narrating them." "Never mind, Uncle Joe." we said

"you'll do it well enough." Well, boys, if you'll excuse mistskes. I'll tell you about a case that might have turned out a good deal more seriously than this one."

"Go on," was urged. Joe., clearing his vocal hatchway by rolling an immense quid into one

carry my money in. backs and bank notes were no great to the cattle trade.

shakes if they got too far away from

Tying the price in hard cash. cabin and asked for lodging.

went into the house.

"The other stranger was sitting shook. by the fire, and gave me a sharp look | as I came forward.

thing half way.

"He, too, was on the lookout to mile. one of them sort o' chaps that listen of their whips left, the commissary a good deal without saying much, opened his mouth in a wise saying: and his wife looked as if she daren't There were too many bulls for a say much if she would.'

"We paid our bills before going to Sunrise was early enough for me."

do you take?"

leaning over me with a big knife in his leading strings. one hand, a fumbling at the puckle of my belt with the other.

"Of course you grasped the arm that wielded the knife with one of are in operation, is the rest which your hands, and the villain's throat most recoperates the system, giving

"Well, no. I didn't." "You cried out, theff?"

"Not then either." man, "I'd like to see the man that "but I wasn't a bit sleepy, just then."

eritter had undone my belt and then the persons who keep late hours. · did so gently that I hardly felt it, wide awake as I was. Then he pullfinished dressing, and slipped out." wins and continues to retain the affec-

word?

his knife into me if I so much as es, but the wise and substantial are chirped, and taking his chance of cutting his way through the land- your dress. lord afterwards, if so he woke up. No, I didn't say a word, but just turned over and took another nap, free of charge, considering the beand in good time got up, mounted nevolent nature of my profession." old roan and rode off, just as if noth- said a physician to a toll-gate keeper. ing had happened. I got to my "Not so," was the reply. "you send

reminded him. "O, that was all right," said Uncle

so much in fashion that they was the first thing every robber went for, and once they got a man's belt they'd OREGON CITY, OREGOV, OCTOBER 31,1873. go off contented. So, what did THE ENTERPRISE mother and me do but fill my belt with pewter buttons, and mother she sewed the double eagles into the lining of my coonskin jacket, which the fur on the outside kept from Farmer, Business Man, & Family Circle. showing, and there I carried them safe enough.

We were still laughing at Uncle Joe's story when the bailiff tapped at the door. The Judge wanted to see us. His honor had his supper, and feeling in better humor, he discharged us from durance.

A Bul-ly Story.

AND ONE THE TRUTH OF WHICH MAY BE RELIED ON.

The following war incident is from the Lexington, Va., Gazette: An order was sent from Gettysburg to a "post" commissary about Woodstock or Mount Jackson, in the valley, to collect rations for the 4,000 or 5,000 prisoners. A bright idea struck the "A. C. S." He had been | Half refusing to buy the bulls offered by Quarter" the farmers, though below the price of beef. He immediately sent runners to bring in the bulls-"good enough for Yankees to eat." In a few days his sergeants had bought one hundred and fifty bulls, assorted

He had never thought how such a collection of cattle could be driven to Winchester, the point of delivery. Now, one big bull with a halter on, "This is how it was," began Uncle | and a deep bass voice, walking with slow and solemn dignity in front, by the side of his keeper, never fails to bring up the drove of steers, cows and heifers in regular order; in fact, come out here and buy, mother, as I | it is a necessity to every 'cattle man' "When I'd made up my mind to call my wife, she made me a belt to in the country. But 150 bulls, and no plain stock behind them, was en-"Them was the days before green- tirely "unprofessional"-a disgrace

Now the buils had been gathered home. So land buyers carried what and penned in two and threes. They they had in specie, which they com- scalled a little during the night in monly did in belts, buckled around their "primary meeting" but got their bodies, a dodge the robbers used to each other by daylight. soon got up to, and the first thing Early in the morning they were all they did when they got hold of driven into the turnpike at once, and a chap was to look for his money an effort made to 'start' them. Instead of moving on not a bull budg-"Well, I kissed mother, and bid ed. Every one squared himself in her good-bye one morning and set | the road, with his horns lowered and out to hunt a new home for us, car-rying the price in hard cash. his hoofs busly defining his position. Each covered himself with a cloud "Nothing worth mentioning hap- of dust, and no one knew where he pened till one night I stopped at a stood until some metuber accidentally tramped on his toes, which was Office, at "You can have it,' was the an- followed by a lunge, the signal for swer, "that is providing you don't general fight. The 150 announced object to sleeping double, for an- with a loud snort they had "accepted the issue." One hundred and fifty other stranger is before you.' the issue." One hundred and fifty 'I didn't exactly like the idea; but tails flashed in the air. Three hunhouses were scarce in them parts, dred horns, long and short, met in and not caring to risk going further fierce collision. The dust rose in and faring worse, I lit, and taking vast fogs, as an army in motion with my saddlebags on my arm, led my cannon and cavalry. The mountains critter around to the stable, the pro- on either hand bellowed back the prietor showing the way, and when deep and deafening roar of the comold roan had been looked after, we bat. Fences were splintered, trees torn up, crops perioded, the earth

The sun rose as they joined in battle, and reached its zenith when the "As I sat I noticed he kept watch- light was the fiercest. Night settle ing me sharp. I didn't fancy his down upon a few battered bulls looks much; but after a spell he man- staggering along-the last of the liv aged to get quite friendly, and it was ing "rations." Hoofs, tails, hair, always my way to meet that sort of horns and hide marked the distance of that day's "drive"-just a half a

buy, and we compared notes on the | As the sun set and the "detailed subject till bed time. Our host was men," returned with only the stumps safe trip, boys.

bed. The other traveler said he was A Good Word for Human Nagoing to start before day; but as our | TURE. - It was the good, genial Diedroads lay only a little way together I | rich Knickerbocker who once said: concluded I wouldn't rise so soon for I have not so bad an opinion of manthe sake of only that much company. kind as many of my brother philosophers. I do not think poor human Our sleeping room was one end of nature so sorry a page of workmanthe cabin partitioned off by itself. ship as they wo ill make it out to be; Benton county slept together, said the stranger, fully satisfied that man, if left to Albany.

Simple would about as readily go Dalles, Wasco county, ... It's a long time since you and I and as far as I have observed, I am "So it is," said I. "Which side ally sounding in his earthat it is his "Front" said he, "if it is all the go the very reverse. The noble independence of nature revolts at this "All the same" said I, jumping in. intolerable tyrany of law, and the "The stranger followed, and I perpetual interference of officious don't know what he did. but I soon | morality, which are ever besetting | Beaver Creek. his path with finger-posts and direc-I don't know how early or late it tions, "to keep to the right as the was when I woke up, feeling chilly. law directs;" and, like a spirited ur-The moon was shining bright thro' chin, he turns directly contrary, and the window. The clothes were turn- gallops through mud and mire, over ed over from the front side of the hedges and ditches, merely to show bed, and there stood my bed fellow, that he is a lad of spirit, and out of

Sleep obtained two hours before midnight when the negative forces with the other?" interrupted a blus-brightness to the eye and glow to Odd Fellows' Hall, Main street. Members of the Orthe cheek. The difference in the appearance of a person who habitually retires at 10 o'clock, and that of one "Well," said the blustering juryable. The tone of the system, so evaluate the system about man, "Toblike to see the man that would rob me without a tussel for it. Suppose he, had killed you—what, after all, is death? O'lly an what, after all, is death? O'lly an in a person of health kept at the "con- are invited to attend. "That may be" said Uncle Joe; two hours before 12 o'clock and obcert pitch" by taking regular rest MULTNOMAH LODGE NO. 1, A.F. "Ha! ha!" laughed the foreman.
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"You ought to let me pass here ing had happened. I got to my journey's end that day and bought my land the next."

Not so, was the reply. You send too many dead-heads through here now." The doctor didn't stop to argue the point, but paid his toll has reopened his Oyster Saloon and Resand passed on.

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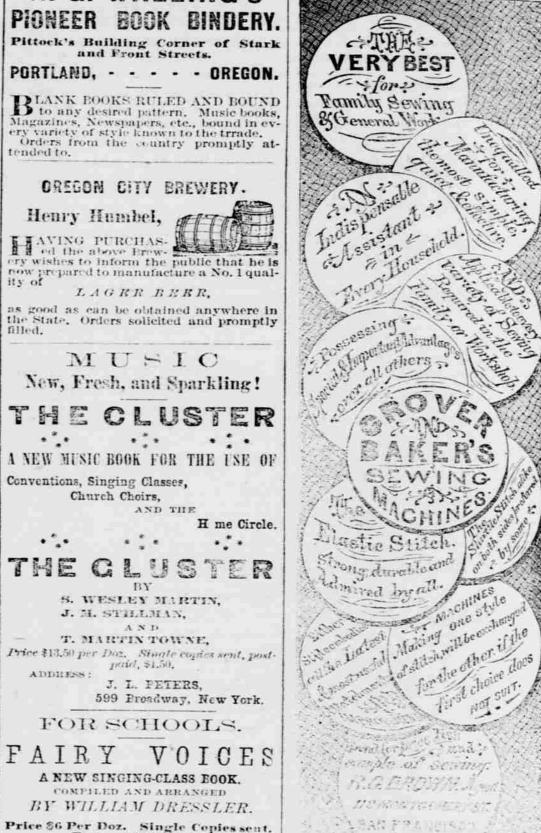
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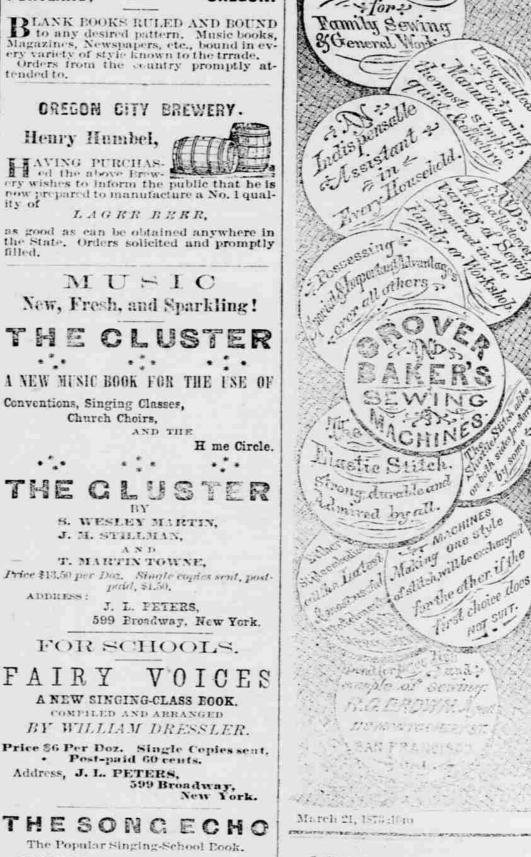
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