

The Daily Astorian.
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Telegraphic News.

We have made arrangements for receiving commercial and news dispatches for **THE ASTORIAN** during the continuance of the freeze. The amount of dispatches received will be proportionate to the amount of patronage received.

The Cascade Canal.
 Mr. Loftus, the gentlemanly superintendent on the construction of the locks and canal at the Cascades, was a passenger on the Elder going out yesterday. He informs us that there are no chinamen employed on the locks, and that the stories concerning the same are all *boosh*. He also informs us the work is progressing rapidly, some eighty white men employed, and the blasting and excavation is found to be much easier than was expected. If Senator Mitchell's bill, appropriating five hundred thousand dollars for the work, passes congress this winter, we will be able to pass through the locks in less than two years with steamboats.

Touching and Beautiful.
Authorship of the Beautiful Snow Poem
 The poem which we reproduce on the 4th page of this paper to-day is one of the most touching and beautiful that ever found its way into print. The authorship of this beautiful poem was known to but few persons until years ago, on the 2d day of November, 1868, we published the following correspondence in the Oregon City Enterprise, over which columns we then had control:

"The Beautiful Snow."
 A LESSON FOR PARENTS.
 I sat in my airy room, the cool winds of Ontario sweeping by me, with an open scrap book in my hand. I had just been reading "The Beautiful Snow," and its sad refrain was sounding in my ears as the last dying strain of an Eolian harp, when my friend entered, and casting his eyes over the verses I had been reading, he surprised me by saying he had known the authoress of "The Beautiful Snow," when she was as "fair as the snow" of which she so feelingly wrote.

Most of your readers have, doubtless, read this beautiful and touching poem, if the latter qualification may be applied to that which seems the embodiment of the wail of a lost soul. Yet, probably but few know the name of the author, or, rather, the authoress, for only a woman's pen could have written those lines, and still a less number know the history of whose bitter experience is embodied in the poem of "The Beautiful Snow." Few poems in the English language contain more merit or display a more pathetic conception. It is the reality of life, reality stranger than fiction.

The maiden name of the authoress to which we have alluded, was Dora Shaw. She was born and grew to womanhood in Wabash, Indiana. Her parents were not wealthy, as the world goes, yet honorable, well-to-do, and happy and wealthy in the possession of their beautiful daughter. As she grew older she grew lovelier and more beautiful. Her parents loved her to idolatry, and by frugality and self-denial they were enabled to bestow upon her an education second to none that a lady may receive. Young, handsome, accomplished, she returned to them from school little less in their eyes, and the eyes of the admiring villagers, than an angel, whom they might worship, but were not worthy to keep themselves. But Dora was mortal in her own estimation, if ethereal in the eyes of her parents, and her heart, as that of any other maiden, was not proof against the allurements of Cupid's art, and whom should she love and esteem as her beau ideal of all that was noble and good but a young lawyer of her own village. Undoubtedly he was poor, and Dora's parents indulged the fatal delusion that their daughter's hand could not be given where wealth and rank were wanting. They determined, as so many parents have done, are doing, and always will do, to sacrifice their daughter's will, unmindful of her happiness, upon the altar of mammon. Perhaps they thought that where wealth and luxury would lead, love and happiness would follow. How seldom is this the case. What a lesson for parents the sequel shows!

About this time, F. S. LeBaum, a gentleman of culture and of immense fortune in St. Louis, visited the region where Miss Shaw lived. He saw and loved and wooed this young, beautiful, and accomplished flower of the Hoosier state. In vain did she tell him that she could never love him; that her love was another's; that she could never give her hand to one who was not the possessor of her heart. He still pressed his suit with importunity, and all the influence his wealth and her parents could exert were brought to induce her to wed him. Although he never gained her consent, her parents compelled her to wed him, and the marriage that followed was hallowed by no love on her side, though doubtless her husband loved her devotedly, and did not doubt his ability to teach her to

love him, as the years passed by. He took his young and beautiful bride to St. Louis, to his splendid residence, and all that wealth and devoted love could bestow was hers. Still she was not happy. The beautiful bird fluttered and worried in her gilded cage, and only longed to be free. She was introduced to, and became the admiration of, the first circles of society in the city. To the outward world she now seemed the happiest of mortals, illustrating the old adage, that the gayest heart makes sometimes the saddest mourning. It was about this time that the famous theatrical manager, Bon. DeBar, was in the zenith of his fame in St. Louis. He had the finest company in the west. His leading star was Miss Annette Ince, no less renowned for her acting mimic life than her beauty and her many womanly virtues. To this theatre Mr. and Mrs. LeBaum went one night, and witnessed a play. Dora had never been inside a theatre before, and before the curtain fell upon the second act, she had taken a resolution which would change the whole course of her life, she had determined to be an actress like Miss Ince.

An interview with the manager was easily obtained, who saw in the aspiration of the lady a chance to make a splendid hit, and put gold in his purse. He gave her encouragement, dismissed the idea of her first assuming a second part, but assured her that she should make her debut in the leading character of the play she had witnessed: Julia in the "Hunchback." More than encouraged, indeed, completely resolved, Dora at once commenced the study of the play, and possessing a quick intelligence, was at least master of the language in a few days. Private rehearsals appeared to give perfect satisfaction to the manager as well as to the company, trained for that particular purpose and for that occasion. All this was kept from her husband.

One morning the city was thrown into a fever by the announcement in all the journals, that "Miss Dora Shaw would appear that night as Julia, in Sheridan Knowles' great play, entitled the Hunchback." LeBaum and his friends were struck as if by a thunderbolt from heaven. He first entreated, appealed and threatened his wife, and next the manager, and finally declared his intention to murder her upon the stage the moment she made her appearance. All to no purpose. The manager duly had all this passed into the streets, which, of course, increased the sensation and strengthened the desire to attend. Every ticket was sold at nine o'clock, and it is needless to say that when night came the place of amusement occupied the thoughts of the city.

The curtain rose, Dora appeared, walked, stammered, blushed and repeated her part mechanically, like any school girl reading her composition at an examination. Still the audience was pleased, not by acting, but by the novelty of the occasion. The next, the third, the fourth, and the fifth nights were like the first. The morbid appetite of the public, satiated with novelty, demanded good acting. This, Dora could not supply. The audience fell off, the manager became restless, dissatisfied, and refused to offer a re-engagement, but intimated that she had best go to another city. In the meantime, LeBaum sued for a divorce, which was readily granted by the court. The next appearance of Dora was in New Orleans, where her former social position was unknown, and where she was wholly thrown upon her merits as an actress for success. It were needless to say that she failed to elicit one single plaudit.

The rest of the story is soon told. Charity would wish the curtain had fallen sooner. Abandoned by home, friends, husband; penniless, broken-hearted, in her despair she fell: "Fell, like the snow-flakes, from heaven to hell; Fell, to be trampled like filth in the street; Fell, to be scoffed, and spit on, and beat; Pleading, Cursing, Dreading to die, Selling her soul to whoever would buy, Dealing in shame for a morsel of bread, Hating the living, and fearing the dead."

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