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Novel Railroad.

The Northern Pacific railroad company, until within a few days past, have had a track laid on the ice across the Missouri river at Bismark, over which heavy trains passed. There was some risk in this sort of enterprise, as will be seen by the following from a St. Louis journal:

The trains had been running through water and floating ice two or three feet deep. The cab of the last locomotive to cross was flooded, and the engine tipped to one side, but by strange good luck the crossing was safely made. A train of twenty cars dashing through a river was an unprecedented sight. Chief Engineer Rosser, who has charge of the road, was determined to get all the iron for the first 25 miles of the extension across before the ice gave way, and he succeeded.

It is certainly remarkable that the Prime Ministers of two of the strongest Roman Catholic countries in the world are Protestants, who were once school-fellows in the Latin Quarter, Paris. Thirty years ago the principal of the Kellerman boarding-school had two scholars, one of whom attracted attention from the precocious seriousness and gravity of his manner, while the other was as conspicuous for the joyousness of his nature. Time has gone on and these two scholars have made their way in the world. They have forgotten their old relations and their brotherly emulation, but the old professor has not lost sight of them. He has followed them in their careers, and to-day he has the pleasure of saying that from his modest house have set out two Prime Ministers. The older is Richard Waddington. The younger is first minister of a province which has continued to be French—the province of Quebec.

The good professor who measures distances with his heart, and not with compasses, is as proud of the Premier of the little province as he is of the first minister of the great republic; and, in quoting these two examples to his pupils in a paternal address, he has said to them: "My children, follow in the footsteps of Richard Waddington and Henri Gustave Joly."

The assassin of the Frankfort (Ky.) judge admits the killing, but justifies it on the ground that the judge deserved death, and even has the hardihood to declare that he killed him in the fulfillment of an oath made on the grave of his sister. On his sister's grave he "swore to win the case or die with her." He seems to think that the obligation to fulfil his oath somehow excused the murder of the Judge, whose decision was against him. It is about time for Kentucky to take her assassins and apologists of assassination in hand. All accounts agree that the Judge was a man of unquestioned integrity, and the governor in a proclamation declared that he was able, incorruptible and impartial. But the assassin cannot be made to realize that he has committed a crime.

Baxter Springs was the centre of the Kansas cattle trade ten years ago, and \$250,000 was borrowed on bonds for public works. Afterwards the place lost most of its business and population, and has just bought in the bonds for \$15,000.

In a report on the penitentiary, a member of the Illinois legislature says: "We think that the desire of the people of Illinois is, if a man is guilty of murder, 'hang him'; if not, then send him to the penitentiary for a term of years—never for life."

Fools not all Dead.

A patent wind-mill man is taking the farmers of Dayton county in by making agents of them and taking notes of them in the usual swindling manner. With all the attention the newspapers give to the exposure of these sharps, and with all the warnings they give to farmers, there are a class of fools who are ready to bite at any new fraud that comes along. Such people are not entitled to the least sympathy for there is no excuse for their ignorance.

Look out for the fruit tree swindlers. They have already taken in some of the substantial farmers of the valley. These farmers now want to know if they signed a contract, or a note, or if they decided their farms. They say they do not know what they did sign. Such swindlers and scoundrels should be severely punished.

Joel Tillman, living near Chehalis, was taken in and done for not long since by a stranger who remained over night with him. The stranger was a real nice fellow, and he seemed to think a great deal of Joel on short acquaintance. Indeed, so warmly attached did the stranger become to Joel that when he was preparing to take his leave he requested Joel to give his address, at the same time handing him an innocent looking piece of paper on which to write it. Joel suspected no trick, and after giving the stranger a warm shake of the hand the two separated, feeling that it was well that they had met. The sequel to all this is, that when Joel gave the stranger his address he simply signed an order for six hundred gate rollers! The rollers have come to hand and Joel will have them to pay for. Yet, Joel Tillman is considered a smart man.

Perverved Energy.

New Northwest.

All who visit our annual fairs see on exhibition the inevitable patchwork quilt deftly wrought in saw-teeth and diamond shaped bits of calico, stitched together without regard to harmony of colors, the only effort seeming to be to get the most pieces in the least possible space, and to work as much energy, eye-sight and patience into the conglomeration as is possible. We find in an eastern exchange a counterpart of this tedious counterpane, spoken as follows:

Mrs. Sarah Wright has in her possession a bed quilt of her own contriving and hard work containing 10,550 pieces, arranged in blocks containing 100 pieces each. It is a curiosity to look at, and leads one to wonder how any woman can have patience enough to puzzle her brain and busy her fingers in stitching together so many minute squares of calico. We wonder if it ever occurred to this lady to think of the wonders she might have accomplished in the way of study and mental improvement, or in benefiting the world, in the same time she spent over this quilt, which, now it is done, is not a whit more useful than a five-cent calico one would be, and probably not any prettier; while it certainly cannot be half as handsome as a white counterpane. We appreciate industrious women, but we want to see them learn to turn their industry to good advantage. There is nothing to commend in worthless work.

We have often expressed our opinion on this subject in language similar to the above, and every year confirms us more fully in the belief of its correctness. In the first place, useless work in a world where there is so much need of useful employment is selfish, and to that extent, wicked. Nine times out of ten a starved mentality accompanies this interminable stitching; physical disorders which it is not only the interest of every individual mother, but to the interest of posterity to prevent, result from the cramped position of the worker, who, defrauded of God's blessed sunshine, sits for weary days and weeks and months, cutting, and fitting and sewing together these inharmonious and useless bits. Yet other days are spent—days of discomfort and general disorder in the family—in which, the patching completed, the dizzying maze is stretched in frames, suspended from the ceiling or supported by chairs, and the needle, propelled by a fretful energy, glides in and out, lacerating thumb and finger as it goes, tiring back and side and arms as the position of the body is further contorted to make a good "reach," and after all, a quilt that has neither warmth nor beauty to recommend it is taken from the frames, folded and placed upon the shelf to be displayed on special occasions as a marvel of industry. What need to multiply words when the common sense of every one says the boast is out of all proportion to its great cost.

Mr. Finney, a London dentist, claims to have found a filled tooth, in the jaw of an Egyptian mummy. Dentistry was farther advanced 4,000 years ago in Egypt than is supposed.

A Green Hand.

Danbury News.

One of the plumbing establishments of Danbury took in a new jour the other day. He was from a hamlet over in New York state—a little hamlet where he had worked with his father. The day after his arrival there was a burst in the water pipe of a house on Pine street. He was told to go over there and attend to it.

Seeing the owner of the house in the shop, he went up to him and got the particulars of the break, and then he made ready his tools and started.

Just as he was passing out of the door the proprietor saw him.

"Where are you going?" he almost screamed.

The new man told him.

"Do you mean to tell me that you are going up there to fix that pipe without examining it?" he gasped.

"Why I am going to look at it when I get there," said the new man.

"Merciful heaven!" ejaculated his employer, catching hold of the desk to support himself. "Can it be possible that you would do a job at one visit? Don't you know your trade any better than that? Have you no pride in your business? Why, you'd ruin the entire community in less than a year." And the speaker burst into tears.

As soon as he grew calmer he explained to the new man that he should first visit the house, make a thorough examination of the building, get the lay of the streets, find the location of the nearest hydrant, go up on the roof of the house, and then return thoughtfully to the shop for his tools, keeping an accurate record of his time.

When Pius IX. was Pope, Fanny Elssler visited Rome, danced and set the public crazy. In forty-eight hours the gilded youth, her admirers, had subscribed 12,000 francs and bought a splendid crown to be presented to her as a testimonial. When the time came for presenting the danseuse with it, one of the subscribers, an excellent young noble, obtained an audience of the Pope, and asked if there would be any harm in the presentation—if the Pope had any objections. "I have neither objection to make nor advice to offer," said His Holiness, "but it does seem to me that you might have pitched upon a more appropriate gift. In my simplicity as a priest, I have always thought the crowns were made for heads and not for legs." The crown was duly given to the danseuse, who meanwhile had heard of the Pope's saying, and promptly sent the value of the gift in money to the parish priests for the poor. Pius IX. heard of this in his turn, and when next he met one of the subscribers to the testimonial, said to him: "You were quite right in giving that woman that crown—she has just proved that there is more sense in her legs than you had in your heads."

Boat sponges, wholesale and retail at Dements drug store, Astoria. Five thousand just received.

Wall-receivers, brackets, and a splendid lot of picture-frames, at Adler's, almost at your own price.

DIED.

In Schleswig, Germany on the 15th of February, 1879, Maria D., mother of Capt. P. E. Ferchen, and Mrs. P. Sevens of this city.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

FOR SALE.

MRS. STEERS HAS LOANED the Chapel of the Holy Innocents an organ (during the repairs of its own), which she offers for sale at quite a low figure. The instrument is Really a Good One. Fine toned and in excellent order. It may be seen at the Chapel of the Holy Innocents, Upper Astoria.

HALL OF BEAVER LODGE No. 25, I. O. O. F., ASTORIA, Oregon, April 10, 1879. To the Officers and Members of Beaver Lodge No. 25, I. O. O. F.:

YOU ARE REQUESTED TO BE PRESENT at the regular meeting on the 24th inst., for the purpose of deciding upon a parade on the 28th day of April, the sixtieth anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America. JAS. W. WELCH, N. G. L. S. Ed. D. CURTIS, R. S.

EXTRA QUALITY OATS AND POTATOES FOR SEED! At J. H. D. GRAY'S, Astoria, Oregon.

NOTICE.

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL MEETING of the Board of Delegates, A. F. D., on TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 1879, At 7:30 P. M.

For reading minutes, and taking into consideration resignations, credentials, and any other business that may lawfully come before the board. By order of the President. JAS. W. WELCH, E. D. CURTIS, Secretary.

Ladies Attention! 1874. SPRING SEASON! 1879. HAS OPENED AT HAMBURGER'S

The best selected stock ever before carried in this city. DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS, CAPS. CROCKERY, GLASS WARE, CARPETS, MATTINGS, A FULL LINE IN EACH DEPARTMENT. We call especial attention to our extra large invoice of EMBROIDERIES, PRICES WAY DOWN. WE SELL ONLY FOR CASH, NO CREDIT. NO HOUSE SHALL UNDERSSELL ME. B. HAMBURGER, MAIN STREET, ASTORIA, OREGON. Sole Agent for the New American Sewing Machine.

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Grand Opening for 1879. AT THE Old Stand, Near the Walla Walla Restaurant. San Francisco Store IS NOW OPEN AND READY TO SUPPLY FISHERMEN, AND MECHANICS GENERALLY WITH THE BEST QUALITY OF CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Etc. This is the only place in the city of Astoria where you can buy the Genuine Carters Cape Ann Oil Skins, and all Kinds of Rubber Boots. Goods will be sold at the very lowest market rates, but for CASH ONLY. S. DANZIGER, Proprietor.

BUSINESS CARDS. R. F. DENNISON, F. J. TAYLOR DENNISON & TAYLOR, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. ASTORIA, OREGON. OFFICE—Up stairs in Parker's building, corner Chenamus and Benton streets.

C. W. FULTON, ATTORNEY AT LAW. OFFICE—Pages new building, Squemoque street, Astoria, Oregon.

DR. J. W. OLIVER, HOMEOPATHIST. OFFICE—In Shuster's Daguerren building. Entrance—Second door above that of the DAILY ASTORIAN, Cass street. Residence on Jefferson street, corner of Main.

DOCTOR HATCH, SUCCESSFULLY treats all Chronic Diseases, AND DISEASES OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN. Cancer cured by a new and painless method. Office—Chenamus street, corner of Main street, Astoria.

DR. J. O'BRIEN, CURES BILLIOUS AND INTERMITTENT FEVERS. With from one to three doses of his harmless medicine. Also, Private diseases successfully treated. OFFICE—O'Brien's hotel, Astoria, Oregon.

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PFUNDER, PORTLAND, Cannery Thermometers. Ever imported to this State. Send in your orders early. Address: WM. PFUNDER & CO., Lock box 218, Portland, Oregon.

DOX ROSS, HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER. Shop on Cass street, Astoria, Oregon. Paper hanging and Kalsomining a specialty. All work guaranteed to give satisfaction.

TO LEASE, TEN ACRES OF LAND. On Youngs Bay, cleared, will be suitable for dairy, or a chicken ranch, or for gardening purposes. Within one mile of the Astoria Post-office by land. ALSO: FIVE ACRES. Covered with Hemlock timber, suitable for tannery purposes. Leases will be made for a term of years as may be arranged. Apply to J. H. D. GRAY, Astoria, Oregon.

AUCTION SALES. E. C. HOLDEN, Notary Public for the State of Oregon. Real Estate Agent and Conveyancer. Agent for the FIREMEN'S FUND INSURANCE COMPANY of San Francisco. COMMISSION AGENT and AUCTIONEER. Rents and Accounts Collected, and returns promptly made. Regular sales day. SATURDAYS at 2 P. M. N. B. Parties having real estate, furniture or any other goods to dispose of either at auction or private sale should notify me as soon as convenient before the day of sale. No storage charged on goods sold at Auction. E. C. HOLDEN, Auctioneer.

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LOST! ONE GOLD CHIFF PIN, Amethyst setting. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving the same at THIS OFFICE.