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STARTING A PAPER.

A STORY WITHOUT A MORAL.

It was nearly twenty years ago when Dan De Quille and Mark Twain attempted to start a paper in El Dorado Co., Cal. They took the type and material of their recently defunct newspaper establishment in San Francisco, and, loading the stuff on a big wagon, struck out into the country to retrieve their fortune. They packed their type just as it stood in the forms, tied up the articles with stout cord by a process well known to printers, and, packing them closely in boxes, vowed to establish a newspaper somewhere which would be the leading exponent of politics and history of the Pacific coast. Had not an unfortunate circumstance taken place it is evident that the newspaper which they contemplated founding would have been alive to-day. Their journey over the mountains was utterly uneventful until they reached Simpson's Station, a spot well-known to old travelers on that route. Here they met a party of emigrants making for Lower California, and the latter had with them a small mountain howitzer which they had brought with them across the plains.

Twain took a great fancy to this gun, and offered fifty dollars for it, with two kegs of powder. The emigrants were glad enough to part with it, as they concluded the time for its use had passed. Dan thought the purchase of the artillery and military supplies was a reckless piece of extravagance, and said as much, but Mark replied:

"When we start our paper we must fire a salute. A newspaper office with artillery has a big bulge on the business. No well-regulated office in California should be without a howitzer. If a man comes in for a retraction we can blow him into the next county. The howitzer goes."

This silenced argument, and the next day the two journalists took the road with their printing outfit and artillery.

The next night they camped in a mountain ravine, fifteen miles from Simpson's, and after building the usual camp fire, fell asleep. About eleven o'clock the horses awakened them by prancing about, and the journalists were led to the conclusion that a party of Indians were making arrangements for a night attack. In the clear moonlight human forms could be distinguished about half a mile away at the foot of the ravine. The idea of encountering Indians had never entered the heads of the two fortune-seekers, and they had no arms. Suddenly Twain brightened up, remarking:

"The howitzer!"

"We've got nothing but powder," said Dan.

"Well, powder'll scare 'em, and we'll load her up."

The piece was immediately loaded with a good big charge, and the two men felt quite certain that the Indians, hearing the roar of the gun, would beat an unconditional retreat. The piece was hardly loaded and placed in position, when about forty of the redskins came walking up the ravine.

Twain seized a brand from the camp-fire and was about to lay it on the touch-hole, when Dan yelled: "Hold on!" as he rammed something into the mouth of the piece and remarked:

"Turn'er loose."

The roar of the howitzer echoed through the lonely forest, and the savages, with frantic cries of pain, reeled down the ravine in wild confusion.

"What in h—l did you put in?" asked Mark.

"A column of solid nonpareil and a couple of sticks of your Spring poetry."

"The poetry did the business, Dan. Get one of your geological articles ready for the next charge, and I guess it'll let the red devils out for the present campaign."

The savages again advanced. Mark attended to the powder, and Dan asserted the shot, so to speak.

"Jeems Pipe's song, 'My Mountain Home.'"

"Good for three Indians—sock'er in."

"An acrostic by John R. Ridge, in long primer."

"It'll paralyze 'em."

"Frank Pixley on the Constitution—half a column of leaded brevier."

"If it hits 'em, the day is won."

"Your leader on 'Law and Order.'"

"Save it as a last resort."

Dan pulled the type out of the boxes, and stuffed column after column in the howitzer's mouth as the savages came charging on. Another round from the gun, and the redskins rolled over each other, like boulders swept away by a mountain cloud-burst. Mark, in an ecstasy of delight, pulled an American flag out of his effects, nailed it to the tail-board of the wagon, and was about to make a speech, when the dusky figures of the foes were once more seen moving to the attack.

The piece was again loaded, and this time with a double charge, Mark's leader on "Law and Order," the puff of an auction house, by Fred McCrellish, "as a sickener," Dan said; Frank Gross' verses on "The Rebel Yell;" an agricultural article by Sam Seabaugh, showing the chemical properties of corn juice as an educational lever; a maiden poetical effort by Olive Harper, and some verses by Col. Cremony and Frank Soule completed the load.

"That poetry reaching 'em first will throw 'em into confusion, and my editorial coming on the heels of the rest will result in a lasting demoralization. It will be like the last cavalry charge of the French troopers at the battle of Austerlitz."

For the third and last time the faithful howitzer belched its typographical compliments to the advancing foe. The havoc was terrible. There was a wild yell from a score of savage throats, and then the low groans of the dying floated up the ravine on the gentle wind. The two men walked over the field of slaughter and counted fifty-six aboriginals lying in heaps. The bodies were horribly mutilated with nonpareil, bourgeois, "caps," misery dashes, and unassorted pi. "My leader cooked that man's goose," said Mark, pointing to a savage hanging over the limb of a cedar.

"My geological article did the business for him," rejoined Dan, nodding carelessly at an Indian, whose head was lying twenty yards away.

"The pen is mightier than the sword."

"You bet. Hurrah for Faust and Gutenberg!"

"Is there any type left?"

"Not a pound."

Ten days later the two journalistic tramps reached Virginia city, weary, discouraged, and foot-sore, and secured places on the Enterprise.

A few days ago Dan received the following from his former partner:

HARTFORD, CONN., Sept. 5, 1881.
"DEAR DAN:—I send you the congratulations of the New Year. Do you recollect the time we exter-

minated the tribe of unlettered (?) savages in El Dorado county? If you can spare the time, I wish you would make a pilgrimage to that historical spot, gather the ghostly relics together, and plant a tablet (not too expensive and at your own expense) to the memory of the departed. Have a shooting-stick across a long bow, with our monogram and coat-of-arms entwined, and some appropriate epigraph carved on the stone; an extract of Carl Schurz's views of the 'Peace Policy' might do. Enclosed is a dollar and a half for your incidental expenses; you can deadhead traveling expenses."

Yours,
MARK TWAIN.
"P. S.—Send me a thigh-bone of the fallen chief by next express."
M. T.

Dan will attend to the matter in the spring. The old howitzer used on the occasion is still in his possession.

He Was An American.

In a foreign settlement east of the Cape of Good Hope there lived, not many years ago, a person whom the rude public called a "self-made man." They always insisted that he put himself together in the morning—inserted his glass eye and his false teeth (some said added an artificial nose), adjusted his wig, strapped on his wooden leg—and sallied forth. It happened that trouble broke out between the country to which he belonged and the one in which he was living; and it was then and there reported that he had gone to the United States Consul and claimed protection. On being asked on what he founded his claim, he is said to have promptly replied that his leg was made of Oregon pine, and an American dentist made his teeth.

Does it Pay to be honest?

"Does it, after all, pay to be honest?" a disappointed young man writes. No, my son, not if you're honest for pay, it doesn't. Not if you are honest merely because you think it will pay; not if you are honest only because you are afraid to be a rogue; indeed, my dear boy, it does not pay to be honest that way. If you can't be honest because you hate a lie and scorn a mean action, if you can't be honest from principle, be a rascal; that's what you are intended for, and you'll probably succeed at it. But you cannot make anybody believe in honesty that is bought and sold like merchandise. —*Burlington Hawkeye.*

The Chinese question is being fought over in far-away Australia with all the vim and energy that characterized its discussion on the Pacific slope. The Australian colonists have, however, made a more successful fight than the anti-Chinese government in the Pacific states, as they have succeeded in obtaining a pledge from the colonial government to introduce measures for checking obnoxious immigration altogether.

The following is thought to be a pretty accurate estimate of the population of the larger towns of Washington Territory: Seattle, 4,200; Wall Walla, 4,300; Vancouver, 1,800; Dayton, 1,500; New Tacoma, 1,300; Port Townsend, 800; Goldendale, 800; Spokane, 700; Colfax, 600, and Wauitsburg, 500.

The grain crop of the Coquille country will be much larger this season than ever before. The area of cultivated land in that section of the country is increasing yearly. The farmers who are now selling receive only fifty cents per bushel for their wheat, delivered at the head of navigation on the Coquille river.

It is noted as a curious fact that no President of the United States,

from Washington to Garfield, was born in a city, and that only the second Adams was even nominally a resident of a city when elected.

Why We Commence Dinner with Soup.

The rationale of the initial soup has often been discussed; some regard it as calculated to diminish digestive power, on the theory that so much fluid taken at first dilutes the gastric juices. But there appears to be no foundation for this belief. A clear soup disappears almost immediately after entering the stomach, and in no way interferes with the gastric juice, which is stored in its appropriate cells, ready for action. The habit of commencing dinner with soup has, without doubt, its origin in the fact that aliment in this fluid form—in fact ready digested—soon enters the blood and rapidly refreshes the hungry man, who, after a considerable fast and much activity, sits down with a sense of exhaustion to commence his principal meal. In two or three minutes after he has taken a plate of good warm soup, the feeling of exhaustion disappears, and irritability gives way to the gradual rising sense of good fellowship with the circle. Some persons have the custom of allaying exhaustion with a glass of sherry before food—a gastronomic no less than a physiological blunder, injuring the stomach and depraving the palate. The soup introduces at once into the system a small installment of ready digested food, and saves the short period of time which must be spent by the stomach in deriving some nutriment from solid aliment, as well as indirectly strengthening the organ of digestion itself for its forthcoming duties.

Take Notice.

On after this date an additional cent per cord will be charged on all orders for sawed wood not accompanied by the cash, at Grays wood yard. July 1st, 1881.

Choice Valley Fruit.

Capt. J. H. D. Gray has just received a choice lot of pears and apples, fresh from the orchards of Polk and Marion counties, which will be sold in lots to suit purchasers.

Sherman Bros. Express.

Will receive orders at the store of I. W. Case for upper Astoria or any other part of the city. Leave your orders on the spot, and they will be promptly attended to.

To Pleasure Seekers.

Any persons wishing to enjoy a pleasant moonlight drive can do so by leaving orders at the Occident, for Butler has always on hand busses, buggies and saddle horses at reasonable rates.

What is all This About?

It is all nothing. Facts prove that I keep the best beer in Astoria, the genuine Albany Bottled Beer kept always on hand. CHAS. GEATKY.

Roseco's New Place.

Roseco, the popular caterer, invites all his old patrons, and as many new ones as may be pleased to make him a visit, to call at his new Ice Cream Saloon, on Chenamus street, Occident hotel block, which he has just fitted up in first class style.

Notice to the Public.

After this date there will be no more sour San Francisco beer sold at the Mint Saloon. Nothing but Mike Myers' celebrated Astoria Brewery Beer will be kept. Opposite the Oregon Railway and Navigation company's dock.

Notice to Beer Drinkers.

I notice that the National Brewery Beer and the Chicago Brewery Beer, and all the San Francisco beer, is getting sour in Astoria. Now the only beer that does not get sour is Mike Myers' Astoria Brewery Beer. You will find it sweet at the Chicago house, fresh on draught every day. SQUILLANCE.

Adjust. Liquidate. Receipt.

D. C. Ireland, late editor of THE ASTORIAN, may be found at the Mayor's office, in the City Hall, Astoria, prepared to adjust all accounts of THE ASTORIAN up to the end of September, 1881; liquidate all claims and demands, and receipt for all balances due Sept. 24th, 1881, for subscriptions, advertising, job printing, etc. All accounts must be settled by the first day of November, 1881. Bills for interior subscriptions, etc., will be forwarded to all immediately. Subscribers who have paid in advance will be furnished with the paper by my successors, until the expiration of the time paid for.

Advertising contracts paid in advance will also be completed by Messrs. Haloran & Co.

D. C. IRELAND.

Williamsport Property.

Great bargains are now offered in the city of Williamsport for any persons wishing to locate on one lot to five acres. It is well adapted for gardens, dairy ranches or pleasant homes; well elevated, situated one mile south of Astoria on Youngs bay, with a good graded road to the place. For further information call at my residence near the cemetery. JOHN WILLIAMS.

New Millinery Establishment.

Mrs. E. N. WARD opens to-day a new and complete stock of millinery at her establishment, corner Cass and Jefferson streets. Her stock comprises all that is new in the matter of hats, bonnets, dress trimmings, veils, zephyrs, ribbons, and all millinery, usually found in a first-class millinery and fancy goods store.

To Live Men.

THE ASTORIAN has now reached a circulation which places it at the head of the list of Oregon dailies, and insures to its readers the most complete and valuable information for the amount paid than may be secured elsewhere. To those who wish to reach the largest number of readers at the smallest expense, we offer the columns of an attractive daily, the success of which from the very start, has been far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine.

Peruviana Bitters.

Cinchona Bitters.

The Count Cinchona was the Spanish Viceroy in Peru in 1635. The Countess, his wife, was prostrated by an intermittent fever, from which she was freed by the use of the Peruvian Bitters. The Peruvian bark, or, as it was called in the language of the country, "Quinaquina." Grateful for her recovery, on her return to Europe in 1632, she introduced the remedy in Spain, where it was known under various names, until Linnaeus called it Cinchona, in honor of the lady who had brought them that which was more precious than the gold of the Indies. To this day, after a lapse of two hundred and fifty years, science has given us nothing to take its place. It effectually cures a morbid appetite for stimulants, by restoring the natural tone of the stomach. It attacks excessive love of liquor as it does a fever, and destroys both alike. The powerful tonic virtue of the Cinchona is preserved in the Peruviana Bitters, which are an effective agent against malarial fever to-day as they were in the days of the old Spanish Viceroys. We guarantee the ingredients of these Bitters to be absolutely pure, and of the best known quality. A trial will satisfy you that this is the best bitter in the world. "The proof of the pudding is in the eating, and we willingly abide this test. For sale by all druggists, grocers and liquor dealers. Order it."

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