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THE STORY OF A STEAMER.

"Speaking about fast running steamboats," said Thomas Hartshorn, recently, rolling his quid into his larboard jaw, and giving his buckpaw trousers a hitch (Mr. H. served on the ram Queen of the West). "I suppose you never heard of the old Elephant that used to run between Cincinnati and New Orleans. She was a beauty. I suppose that when she was tied to the bank with a stern line and bow line she was one of the fastest boats on the river. She made one celebrated trip from New Orleans, I think in '49. Her time was made a matter of record. It was seven days, six hours and three weeks. Coming up from New Orleans once the Captain was sitting at a table, and he noticed several big hulks of fellows serving as cabin boys. He called the steward to him, and says he: 'Don't you think it would look better to have boys waiting on the table? I don't like to see men filling the place of cabin boys. Let 'em go and get some young chaps.' 'Why, blast it, Captain,' said the steward, 'them fellows were boys when we left New Orleans.'"

"The Elephant," continued Mr. Hartshorn, clinging to his nautical reminiscences, was pulling out from Memphis one day, on a down trip, and somehow she got mixed up with a raft of sawlogs. She broke one of the logs loose and it floated out into the stream. The Elephant headed down the river and finally got alongside the log. Then commenced one of the nicest races you ever saw. There was a good stage of water, and the log boomed along quite lively. For about a week they held together pretty well, but the Elephant had to land at the mouth of the White River, and the log boat her into New Orleans about twenty minutes. There was something wrong about the Elephant's boilers, and she couldn't make steam properly. That's what the Captain said. She was a nice boat to ship green fruit on.—*Memphis Avalanche.*

Mistaken Economy.

Captain Tucker, of Dungeness, came up this week. The Captain has resigned his position as head keeper of Dungeness light house, to take effect January 1st. He has held the position for ten years past, during which time he has discharged his duties in a most faithful and creditable manner. He will hereafter devote his attention to the steamboat business, finding that he can make more and not drudge either. It is shameful that the Government should treat its light-house keepers so niggardly as to force the best of them to seek other employment.—*Argus.*

We are told, says the *Post-Intelligencer*, that other keepers will resign their charges ere long. Under the niggardly policy of the Lighthouse Board one man is allotted to each station. During the short nights and clear weather of the summer one man is enough; but during the long nights and fogs of the fall and winter two men are absolutely necessary. The lights and bells, whistles or horns are supposed to be kept going day and night, twenty-four, thirty-six and forty-eight hours at a time, and no one man with the accompanying mental strain, is capable of long standing up under such a load. Some of these days, unless a change is made, a ship will go ashore, and all hands on board will be, perhaps, lost, in consequence of some worn-out light keeper being asleep at his post. The idea of practising economy at the risk and expense of human life.

How to Store Potatoes.

To store potatoes properly we have to guard against heating, for although the potato will not absolutely ferment by heat, as so much vegetable matter will, a heap becomes warm enough to excite any germ-fungus there may be in the tuber, and this exhalation may be sufficient to cause decay, which can be communicated to roots in which no symptom of rot exists. Moisture is favorable to heating,

and hence it is best to have the potato thoroughly dry before storing, if any considerable quantity is to be put away in bulk. Thus, if they are spread on a barn floor or other cool place out of the sun before putting into a root-cellar, they will be safe against rotting, when potatoes are perfectly healthy there is not much necessity for this care in drying. Hundreds of bushels are often taken at once from the field to the cellar without any damage whatever resulting; and it is only in view of the possibility of rot that we think it advisable to take the extra precaution of drying. It is well to note that a cool shed is best to dry them in, as the tubers will otherwise absorb more heat than when they come out of the ground, and this is what we try to avoid.—*Willamette Farmer.*

A Gross Error.

One of the eastern papers says of Senator Dolph: "Joseph N. Dolph, Oregon's new senator, will not rank among the millionaires of the senate, but he has an income of \$30,000 per annum, and is apparently on the high road to fortune. His family consists of his wife and three children who will accompany him to Washington. Mrs. Dolph is a squaw." The above, says the *Standard*, is receiving circulation among some of our eastern exchanges, and does great injustice to the accomplished and handsome wife of the senator. Whatever started this falsehood, we are unable to conjecture. Mrs. Dolph is the daughter of the late John Mulkey, formerly of Corvallis, and her family has long since been among the leading citizens of the state, several of whom are now holding leading positions and all are highly respected. Mrs. Dolph is by no means what this paper states, but one of the most handsome women of our state, and we remember very well the time she was considered the belle of Benton county. This is a reckless slander on one of Oregon's fairest daughters.

The new order of the postmaster-general, permitting the withdrawal of letters from the mail after they have left the mailing office, will be a sweet boon to the public. It very often happens that merchants and others send checks and drafts by mail, which they subsequently wish to recall before they reach the person addressed. This can now be done on a telegraphic order from the postmaster, at the mailing office. There is another class which will profit by the order quite as much as the merchants—the youths of every age, who are constantly being brought before the courts in actions for breach of promise. There is scarcely one of them, probably, who has not repented sending the fatal letter while there was yet time to recall, but for the relentless grasp of the postoffice department on everything committed to its charge. Now that a way has been provided for the relinquishment of that grasp, the telegraph will have a lively time in recalling the letters of too ardent swains whose second thoughts are more prudent than those they have put on paper.—*Free Press.*

There are four different patents out on ways to preserve eggs, but none of them beat the old-fashioned way of putting 'em in raisin cake, and placing the cake down cellar.

The popular game in Indiana this fall is betting on the weight of a stranger. The said stranger has a lead jacket under his coat, and his pal rakes in a pile of half-dollars.

"They said I had the inflammatory rheumatism, observed Mr. Michael Redding, 326 S. Fifth street, Philadelphia, Pa., and I thought so myself, from the way my foot began to swell and pain me. The suffering was terrible. Finally, after vainly using many so-called specifics, I applied St. Jacobs Oil, and a cure was made wonderfully soon.

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The Indian Summer.

If there is a time when the American of to-day recalls the red-skinned men who preceded him in this land he now calls his own, it is during those few days of stillness and beauty which bear the name of the vanished race. Work is over in the fields. They are ready for their winter rest. The leaves are gone. The trees are ready, too. The last red apple is gathered. Men and the squirrels together have gleaned the last nut. There is nothing more to be done; and he, who with a delicate imagination walks abroad, or drives slowly along country roads, finds himself thinking in the stillness of those who roved over the same ground not many years ago, and tardily gathered in at this season their small crops of corn beside the rivers, gave to the beautiful golden-purple-hued days the name they bear. Through the naked woods he sees them stealing, bow in hand. On the stream he sees their birch-bark canoes. The smoke in the atmosphere must surely rise from the hidden campfires. They have come back to their old haunts from the happy hunting grounds for those few golden days. Is it not the Indian summer?—*Eastern paper.*

The Canada Pacific Railway received in aid of its enterprise of extending a steel track from the Atlantic to the Pacific a land grant from the dominion government of 25,000 acres. Of this, between 2,000,000 and 3,000,000 acres have been sold. The remainder is for sale, and a company has been formed for the purchase of from 11,000,000 to 12,000,000 acres of it, paying in bonds of the Canadian Pacific Railway, for which the land company agrees to pay ten per cent. above par.

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