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A SHARP TRICK.

Anna Mowry was left in charge of her two younger brothers one summer while her parents went to California. She was with them in a farm house on the Massachusetts coast, and frequently lectured them on questions of morals and manners.

The house, when they reached it, was a meager, forlorn little cottage. The woman was old; her lean, pale face lighted when she saw Anna. She was poorly clad. Here was a chance of earning money!

"Yes, that's a dollar a dozen." "Very neat pattern indeed." Anna turned the cheap, ugly-shaped goblet in her hand, while her keen eyes scanned the recesses of the cupboard.

CONCERNING MR. PULLMAN.

The editorial on "Pullman City" in your issue of the 12th, is admirable in spirit and happy in expression, and yet it seems to me to fall a little short of doing exact justice to the man whose experiment of establishing an ideal industrial city is just now bringing upon him such a storm of popular abuse.

The local department of the London Telegraph progressed in the translation of the signs of American enthusiasm during the days and nights of Oxford-Yale athletic sports and banquets. In its account of the games themselves, it follows a description of one of the interesting features on the grounds by this: "Nor was there less general interest manifested when the Yale men set up a most peculiar cry, which was at once recognized as their national note of defiance and triumph."

The revenues of the government for the fiscal year just closed showed a deficit of over \$70,000,000. This is the first time since 1865 that the receipts have been less than the expenditures. The "billion dollar congress," as the last republican national legislature was called by the democrats, managed to worry along on the expenditure of some \$40,000,000 less than the present democratic professors of economy who are guiding the ship of state, and they left no deficit. However, there is consolation in the fact that the democratic party has been given rope enough to hang itself politically, and has straightly "gone and done it."

OVER THE STATE.

Polk county has one occupant in jail, a man in whom no one has confidence. His bail is only \$100. One of the three jail birds who recently escaped from Clackamas county has been caught. Col. Eddy, the railroad commissioner, fell in the bay at Newport while making fun for his crowd of fishermen.

A fish ladder at Oregon City is to be blasted out of the rock so as to leave a series of pools. The expense is estimated at \$800. Of what account is the State Board of Horticulture? That authority prescribed kerosene emulsion for apple tree borers. A widow of Eugene used the prescription and killed the borers in 1200 trees, and the trees too.

Two tons of coal from the Roxy Anna mine, the recent discovery in Rogge river valley, have been taken to Medford and the coal is being retailed at 60 cents a hundred pounds. A tunnel has been run 20 feet on the vein, which is six feet thick. The coal is said to be bituminous. A party from Forest Grove camped in Wm. Hines cabin on Wilson river and leaving there last Tuesday morning was so careless as to leave a fire which reached the walls in a short time and destroyed the building. Such carelessness does not like much of crime.—Tillamook Advocate.

REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS.

Ladd & Reed Farm Co to Melissa B Powers lots 15 and 16 in Ladd & Reed's tract to Beaverton, \$ 2700. A W Powers and wife to Perry G Baker lots 15 and 16 in Ladd & Reed's tract to Beaverton, 3000. J T Cavell to C A Gavell 30 acres of sec 25 T 2 S 2 W 2, 150. E W Himes et al to Peter J and lat 3 in Bl 5 South Park add Forest Grove 1 P Ford sheriff to Jorgen Nordmark 10 acres sec 22 T 1 N 1 W 2, 600. Martin Hart Jr to Frederick Hart 40 acres sec 25 T 2 S 2 W 2, 500. Wm McQuinn to C W Blyden 33.24 acres of the Abram Sulger D L C John Carlson and wife to Level Lout-185 acres of the 4 1 8 of James Reed sec 7 T 2 S 2 W 2, 2500. Maria Graves and husband to Gottfried Bremer 17 1/2 acres sec 22 T 1 S 1 W 2, 750. U S to Geo Bangsman and wife 29.30 acres sec 25 and 26 T 1 S 2 W 2, 100. F L Geiger et al to O G Hittin 24.11 acres of Wm Geizer d 1 e 1 s 2 w 2, 1200. Ferdinand Klatt et al to Henry Edinger 30 1/2 acres sec 19 T 1 N 1 W 2, 725. N A Barrett et al to Thos D Hamphrey and W H Cornelius and J lat 1 in Bl 7 Hillsboro, 250.

Japan and Literature.

There is a progressive publishing house in Tokyo which is doing a large and valuable service in giving reading matter to the masses and encouraging the production of good literature. On an average it brings out a new book every day, besides publishing several magazines, one of which has a paid circulation of 40,000. This firm offered prizes some months ago for the best essays, not to exceed 250 ideographs in length. Ten thousand manuscripts were sent in, and the best thousand of these have just been put together and issued in book form with the title Writings of a Thousand Men. They are written in all sorts of style and are of a high order of excellence. I note this simply to remind the uninformed that there is nothing drowsy about Japan's intellectual life, and no sleepy worker can hope to hold his own here.—Rev. Petter, in Congregationalist.

Going Too Far.

Edith, Mr. Goode said to-day that he hoped we all should meet in heaven some day. Edith's Mamma, how ridiculous! Of course he hoped that we shall all get there. But why should we meet? It is not likely we shall all be in the same set.—Boston Transcript.