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### ONE ON THE HORSE.

Civilization Downs the Lordly Cayuse on his Native Heath.



The cayuse is rapidly passing over the great divide, says an exchange, and soon the last of his race will face the inevitable and expire to satisfy the cravings of the human stomach. It is, perhaps, according to the eternal fitness of things that here in Eastern Oregon where the first horse, the co-hippus, nipped the cenozoic herbage from the hole in the ground-out of which our rolling prairies have grown, the beginning of his destruction should occur. Truly the cayuse is of royal descent, if length of pedigree can be taken as a measure of nobility, for the first horse, though no larger than a sheep with the tariff off him, was cotemporary with the earliest vertebrates, and has seen the great animal of the earth pass away. He has survived them all, because he was of all the innumerable types of animal life, the fittest. The plesiosaurus chewed grass for breakfast with him, but the plesiosaurus vanished centuries ago! The megatherium fed on the top branches of the trees, a beast so large that the horse seemed to him but a microbe! The pterodactyl became an imbecile, shed his pier and winked out! The sabre-toothed tiger with a head as large as a water bucket and a paw like a boxing glove devoured his species, but the horse survived him. Granivora, carnivora, ymnivora all vanished long ago from the earth leaving but their bones to show their types—types that printed their story on the pages of the great geological book of Nature. But the cayuse stayed, because he was always a stayer. It was a long time ago, my friend, when the little horse rehearsed for his first bucking match! It was a long time ago that his little bones were turned to stone down on the fly leaf of the geological book! It is a long way down into the eocene formation to where his petrified bones bear silent but convincing evidence of his antiquity! Down to where the clay beds that covered his bones cone ago turned to stone! Down 1800 feet below where his descendants now crop the bunch-grass from the undulating plains! Yes indeed! It was a long time ago! Year by year century by century, the dust, the sediment, the detritus from the hills accumulated over these petrified bones until they were buried nearly half a mile deep. Nor was that all; after they were buried the John Day river, year by year and with infinite slowness, cut out a channel down through the rocks until after, no one knows how many centuries of centuries the little bones are again brought to light. The cayuse grew up with the country, 1800 feet of it, and is at least that much above his ancestors. But his day is done. Nature could not down him, but civilization will. He stood the saddle and the harness, and the hippogavus anthropoid called man have measured and marked the circle of his existence. The rubber-footed bike and the electric current has destroyed his usefulness, the ruminating animal requires the grass and he must give way to the new conditions. Behold the end of him! Knocked in the head, a hawser is fastened to his hide which is stripped ruthlessly from him, the hawser being used because it requires something horser than the horse to peel him. The carcass is hung up by the heels and the inside and buck removed. But let us trace his career no further, for we are not disposed to eat him. Whence he came we know, but for the sake of our stomachs let us not inquire into the whither into which he disappears.

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### ELOPED WITH A SQUAW.

A Traveling Man Becomes Infatuated by a Dusky Maiden. The La Grande Chronicle is authority for the following: The well known story of Pocahontas is brought to mind by the escapades of Edwin Shepard, a traveling man of Portland. Not long since Shepard met a young Indian woman in Pendleton and fell violently in love with her. As he had a wife and two sons in Portland this was a bad state of affairs. However, he eloped with the dusky maiden and went to Union. There his wife found him out and he is now in sackcloth and ashes as he had been hiding his light under a bushel. Since then there has been consternation in the Shepard family and the old man don't dare show himself in Portland. He is over fifty years of age and ought to know better, but he don't. He is now in Boise and will probably stay there until the smoke clears away. The squaw has returned to her father on the Umatilla reservation and will no doubt await the final outcome of the exposure.

### O. R. & N. PROFITS.

Interesting Statements Made in the Walla Walla Interstate Commerce Case. To the Interstate Commerce Commission has been sent a brief by the counsel for Milton Evans, who represents the farmers and grain shippers of Walla Walla county, Wash., in their case against the O. R. & N. Co., to have the freight rates on grain between Walla Walla and Portland reduced from \$4.70 to \$2.45 a ton. The brief gives numerous statements as facts from which it is charged that, when the O. R. & N. Co. was under the control of the Union Pacific, the latter juggled its accounts so as to make the O. R. & N. appear unprofitable, by not giving the O. R. & N. proper credit for earnings, and by charging it with express that had not occurred. It is declared that the failure of the road to make a good showing under Union Pacific management was owing solely to this alleged remarkable juggling.

### Mary Anderson's Autobiography.

Mrs. de Navarro (Mary Anderson) has now completed the autobiography of her stage career, and a series of the most interesting chapters from the manuscript will be printed in The Ladies Home Journal. In these articles Mrs. de Navarro will tell of her first appearance on the stage, the experience of her theatrical life, and the famous people in America and England whose acquaintance she made. The Journal will begin the autobiography in an early issue.

### Another Timber Case.

John Stoddel, a German, had a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Bean, in Pendleton, Friday, on the charge of stealing timber from government land. He claimed he had procured it from Fisher's place on a debt owed him. I. N. Wilkerham and W. C. Miller were witnesses against him. He was held to the grand jury at Portland.

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### TWO LOST LETTERS.

How Postal Officials at Times Are Compelled to Use Their Wits.

An English merchant was advised by his agent that a check of six hundred pounds sterling would be sent to him by the next mail, says Mr. Baines in his "Forty Years at the Post Office." It did not come and the merchant at once made complaint at the post office. The postman on that route was called in by the postmaster, and, in answer to questions, said that the missing packet was duly received and delivered. He remembered it distinctly—its shape, color and postmark. As his habit was he had poked it under the house door, with two other letters and a newspaper. The merchant's wife had picked up three packets and was positive there had not been a fourth. The postmaster went to the house and examined it carefully. Then he looked into the back garden. His eye lighted on a litter of puppies. A thought struck him. "Have the dog kennel cleared out, please." "Nonsense! Why?" "Kindly have it cleared." "Well, if it must be. Thomas, take out the straw." On the floor of the kennel, torn into a hundred bits, lay the missing letter and check. A current of air along the passage had blown the letter about. The puppies, naturally enough, had pounced upon it as a plaything and had had a good time. A merchant complained of the loss of a letter mailed from his office containing some hundreds of pounds in Bank of England notes. Finally an expert from the post office department called upon him. "Believe me, sir," the expert said, "it was several hours before I will kindly sit at your desk and recall each operation connected with the missing letter?" "With pleasure. I sit here, I take a sheet of this note paper and one of those covers. Then I write my letter and fold it up. Next I go to my safe and take out the notes, enter their numbers, fold them, put them in the letter and the letter in the cover. Then I seal them all up as you see me do." "Just so, and what next?" "Why, my clerk comes in and clears off my desk for the post." "But you wrote this one at noon, and the post does not go out before night." "Oh, yes, of course! I quite forgot to say that a money-letter, for greater security, I put in a left-hand drawer." "Which one?" "Which? Why, this one. I open it so and I—bless my soul! Goodness me! I am very, very sorry for all the trouble I've given. Here is the letter!"

### A SUBSTITUTE FOR WOOD.

Planks Made of Cork Will Be Used in New Ships. Several months ago the navy department was directed to make an investigation with a view of obtaining some practicable substitute for wood in fitting naval vessels. The desire for a substitute was the fact that a lighter material was wanted if possible, one that would not take so much space in the vessel, and more than anything else a material that would not splinter. It was also desirable to have a non-combustible substance. The board, says the Washington Post, has made a report to the secretary of the navy and some of its recommendations have been adopted by him, and it is probable that some of the new ships will be fitted with the new material as a substitute for wood. One of the best materials which has been found by the board is a wood substitute composed of waste cork, or any cork. This is subjected to four hundred degrees of heat, and it is then pressed into blocks of any required size. It can be sawed into thin strips or handled very much as wood is handled. Cork has a gum that great heat melts and gives its particles together in a compact mass. After being pressed it sticks together as tightly as if it had grown that way. The cork boards may be made heavy or light, as wanted. Some of the lighter kinds are used in the walls of refrigerators. It is a non-conductor, and can scarcely be made to burn. This material is used in the place of wood in German vessels. Commander Bradford, who made the search and examination of this particular substitute, found that the Germans were using it under a patent taken out by John Smith, of New York, and that companies in the United States had obtained rights for its manufacture here.

### Rattler and Wild Cat.

Herman Brawser, of Fort Jarvis, N. Y., while going to work witnessed a terrific battle between a full-grown wild cat and a big rattlesnake in a narrow cleft of rocks. The rattler won, the cat dying from numerous bites. Brawser killed the snake. It supported fourteen rattles and measured three feet six inches.