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The Jovial Judge.

THE proclivity to joking in courts of law is a homage paid to a deep human instinct. People like justice best when it unbends a little, and injustice itself may be softened by ingenious judges, who conciliate the loser with an irresistible jest.

HISTORICAL SKETCHES

Of Oregon's Southern Coast.

Opening of the Rogue River War on the Coast—Murder of Ben Wright, Etc.

The winter of 1855-56 was a time to be remembered by the settlers of Southern Oregon. They had long been accustomed to the ordinary hardships of frontier life; they had learned to dispense with all the luxuries, and with some of the comforts of civilization, and to wrest from the situation such pleasures as are born of activity and hope.

Trajan's Column.

Trajan's Column was erected at Rome in the middle of the forum named after the same emperor: but the other buildings of this forum—the palace, gymnasium, library, temples, arches, porticoes, statues, etc.—have all been thrown down, leaving the column alone standing in its original position.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES.

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Daniel Boone.

It is seldom that fame, wealth, or power, comes upon a man unsought and undesired. The hermit or miser may unconsciously achieve a limited and short-lived notoriety, born only of the interest excited by the eccentricities of his subject; but that action which leaves its impress upon men and things, which stamps the name of its subject upon the face of the earth, or writes it in legible upon the page of history, is generally the result of an earnest purpose, in which all possible advantages are considered.

made prisoner by the Indians. His knowledge of Indian character enabled him, by professions of friendship, to secure their good-will; he went through the form of being adopted by the tribe, had his hair pulled out except the scalp-lock, his white blood washed out and his face painted. He learned that the Indians were about to attack Boonesborough, and knowing that all would be murdered unless they were warned of their danger, he made his escape at great peril, and made his way 160 miles to Boonesborough in time to place the fort on a basis of defense.

Christian Morals and the Public Schools.

By request we print the following extracts from a paper read by Rev. James M. King, before the Evangelical Alliance, in St. Louis, Oct. 29th 1879: "We are a Christian nation. Every government necessarily has some form of religion recognized in its State institutions, and is molded by its power. Historically we are a Christian nation. The divine authority of the Bible is certainly taken for granted in the very make-up of our Government.

Daniel Webster, in his argument against the Girard will, said: "In what age, by what sect, where, when, by whom, has religious truth been excluded from the education of youth? Nowhere, never. Everywhere, and at all times, it has been regarded as essential. It is of the essence, the vitality of useful instruction." Gov. Rice, of Massachusetts, recently said: "I lift up a warning voice, with respect to the inadequacy and perils of our modern system of one-sided education, which supposes it can develop manhood and good citizenship out of mere brain culture."