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Prized from the State of Oregon, Frankton, March 2, 1908. Editor Gaudier:

The people of Frankton have a grievance; they are having troubles of their own. For the past year or two up to six weeks ago, every patron of the Pacific Telephone Co. in this neck of the woods was made tired when he went to the phone to call up central. He was in luck if he got central within half an hour. Often he was told when he did succeed in getting central "line's busy," "we can't raise them," or "phone taken out."

years later Jarnac was a captain in the defense of St. Quentin. Eventually he met his fate in a duel. But the "coup de Jarnac" is historic in the annals of sword play.—Argonaut.

Monkeys and Parrots. A lung specialist was talking about a famous scientist who had contracted consumption from a lot of consumptive monkeys that he had been experimenting upon. "This should be a lesson and a warning to us all," he said, "for nothing is more dangerous to the lungs' health than to have a monkey about the house. Practically all monkeys have consumption in this climate, and it is just as easy to take consumption from a monkey as from a man or woman. It is the same with parrots. They, too, have consumption, and they, too, are most apt to give the disease to those who pet them. As for me, rather than live in the same house with a pet monkey or a pet parrot I would take a cot in the hopeless ward of some consumptive hospital."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

AN ILL FATED SHIP.

Mystery and Tragedy That Encompassed the Great Eastern. There was a mystery about that ill fated ship. Nothing went right with her. She stuck at the launch, and it cost an extra \$350,000 over and above the sum set aside for the purpose to get her into the water. On her trial trip she bolted, killing some of the stokers. Then she ran aground and carried on so outrageously that her crew thought her surely bewitched. She had started badly. While she was building a pay clerk set by one of the contractors with \$4,500 in wages for the men disappeared. It was not unnaturally assumed that he had bolted with the money. His wife and family were left unprovided for, with the stigma of his supposed crime upon them.

Thirty years after her launch the Great Eastern went into the cemetery at Birkenhead to be broken up. While she was being taken to pieces the ship breakers discovered between her inner and outer casings of steel the skeleton of a man. Papers which had fallen from his clothes enabled his identity to be traced. It was the skeleton of the pay clerk who thirty years before had disappeared. There was no money; that was never recovered. The supposition is that the poor fellow on going on to the ship was pounced upon by workmen who knew that he had the money with him; that they stunned him and, having a small place in the side of the vessel to complete, crammed his body in and built him up in it. No reward would have induced a sailor to sail in that vessel had he known of the terrible secret sealed up in her walls.—Chicago News.

LAFCADIO HEARN.

The Way the Writer Got Even With the Heartless Editors. "Lafcadio Hearn, that wonderful writer, worked on newspapers in his youth," said a publisher, "and the ruthless way his studies were changed, cut and butchered was a great woe to his heart. "In after years Hearn took a malicious joy in collecting stories about editors—editors and their superior and omniscient way with manuscript. "One of his stories was of an editor to whom a subscriber said: "I enjoyed that poem on the three ages of man in today's paper, Mr. Sheers; I enjoyed it immensely. Do you know, though, I thought that it was originally written the seven ages of man?" "So it was, sir; so it was," said Editor Sheers pompously. "Yes, the extract was originally written the seven ages of man, but I had to cut it down for lack of space." "Another story concerned a weather report. A reporter, discussing the weather, wrote that winter still lingered in the lap of spring. "The editor as he read over the article called the reporter up to his desk and told him that he would cut out that sentence about winter lingering in spring's lap. He said the idea was good enough and original and all that sort of thing, but it would not do to publish because the high moral tone of the paper had to be maintained in a town full of school girls."

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COSTLY DRUGS.

Some Rare and Peculiar Substances Used in Medicine. A writer in Wiscon four Alle throws some interesting light on rare and peculiar drugs. Saffron, he points out, would strike an ordinary observer as decidedly expensive at \$13 a pound (to change marks into our coinage) until told that it is composed of the central small portions only of the flowers of the crocus, 70,000 of which it takes to make a pound. Attar of roses sells at \$112 odd per pound, and it takes 10,000 pounds, or nearly five tons of roses, to obtain one pound of the oil. Aconitine, extracted from the root of monkshood, is said to be the very strongest poison extant, the dose being one six-hundredth of a grain. It is sold at the rate of \$108 per ounce. Turning from the vegetable to the animal world in search of rare drugs, the writer refers to the musk of the Asiatic deer, which at \$24 to \$30 an ounce must be a prize to the wily hunter. In some of the tropical seas a floating, sweet smelling mass of ambergris is met with worth at present \$30 per ounce, or \$480 per pound in the market. The ambergris is said to be the diseased biliary product of the whale. Another peculiar product in use as a drug is a solution of the pure venom of the rattlesnake, given occasionally in malignant scarlet fever.

THE "COUP DE JARNAC."

A French Adage and the Incident Upon Which It Rests. The "coup de Jarnac" has become a French proverb, and it serves to distinguish a stroke as decisive as unforeseen which intervenes for the settlement of any affair. The adage rests upon an incident in the life of Gai Chabot, Seigneur de Jarnac, a noble of the court of Francis I. The lie passed the daughter's favorite. King Francis, however, forbade the duel. At the succession of Henry II, the old quarrel was revived, and the overdue duel was fought on the plain of St. Germain with all the formality of the ancient judicial combats and in the presence of the whole court. Jarnac was weaker and less agile than his adversary, who was one of the noted swordsmen of the time, but he had taken lessons from an Italian bravo. In the duel Jarnac waited for an opening and then dealt La Chateignerale a heavy and unexpected stroke which hamstringed him. This was in 1447. Ten

THE HORSE WON.

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The first locomotive on the Baltimore and Ohio had sails attached. So did the cars. Those sails were hoisted when the wind was in the right direction so as to help the locomotive.

The rivalry between the railroads using locomotives and those using horses was very bitter. In August, 1830, an actual trial of speed was held between a horse and one of the pioneer locomotives, which did not result in favor of the locomotive. The race was on the Baltimore and Ohio, the locomotive being one built by Peter Cooper, who also acted as engineer.

The horse, a gallant gray, was in the habit of pulling a car on a track parallel to that used by the locomotive. At first the gray had the better of the race, but when he was a quarter of a mile ahead Mr. Cooper succeeded in getting up enough steam to pass the horse amid terrific applause.

At that moment a band slipped from a pulley, and, though Mr. Cooper lacerated his hands trying to replace it, the engine stopped and the horse passed it and came in the winner.—Van Norden Magazine.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, February 25, 1908. Notice is hereby given that ALICE M. MACY of Wasco, County of Wasco, State of Oregon, has applied to purchase, under act of Congress of June 3, 1878, as amended by act of August 4, 1892, 10-352, 353, Section 27, T. 2 N., R. 11 E., W. 34, and will offer a proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish her claim to said land before the Register and Receiver, The Dalles, Oregon, on the 29th day of April, 1908. She names as witnesses: Carl J. Fredrickson, George W. West, John Evans, George Fredrickson, and M. J. O'Connell. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29th day of April, 1908. C. W. MOORE, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, January 31st, 1908. Notice is hereby given that JAMES S. SIMONSON of Hood River, County of Wasco, State of Oregon, has applied to purchase, under the act of Congress of June 3, 1878, as amended by act of August 4, 1892, N. 34 W. 34, Section 20 and N. 34 W. 34, Section 20, Township 1 N., Range 11 E., W. 34, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver, The Dalles, Oregon, on the 29th day of April, 1908. He names as witnesses: William H. Davis, S. S. Thompson, Emil West, Albert Norden, all of Hood River, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 29th day of April, 1908. C. W. MOORE, Register.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, February 5, 1908. Notice is hereby given that JOHN WEST of Hood River, Oregon, has filed notice of his intention to make final five year proof in support of his claim, viz: Homestead entry No. 1253, made Aug. 10, 1882, for the S. 34 W. 34, R. 11 E., of Section 20, and S. 34 W. 34, R. 11 E., of Section 20, Township 1 North, Range 11 E., W. 34, and that said proof will be made before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on March 10th, 1908. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of the land, viz: William H. Davis, Geo. D. Culbertson, Robert H. Kemp, Henry L. Howe, all of Hood River, Oregon. C. W. MOORE, Register.



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