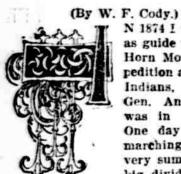
#### "CALIFORNIA JOE,"



very summit of the big divide between

the Big Horn and the Powder rivers and came to a halt to rearrange the pack-train, saddles and so forth. We were fully 400 miles from the living place of any human beings. So when all of a sudden we saw a man on the hills at a distance in the rear we watched him pretty sharply. He was on horseback, traveling quietly along in the same direction we were headed. Gen. Mills asked me if I had any of my men out. I had none, and we made up our minds that it was an Indian.

As we drew nearer, however, I saw it was a white man, and in a few minutes I recognized my old acquainting old bronco with a saddle that looked as though it might have seen ser-His dirty buckskin leggings had been the tops of his boots and nearly to his knees. His boot heels were so worn down that they were nearly obliterated and his buckskin shirt was a maze of blanket and an old blue army overcoat strapped to his saddle, while on one side of the bronco there dangled a piece of raw elk meat. His rifle was an old Hawkins muzzleloader.

"Hello, Joe," I shouted as soon as he was within hearing. "Where in the world are you going, away off

"Oh, nowheres in pertickler," he re plied; "jest out fer a mornin' ride." Gen. Mills and the officers had heard of Joe, and when I introduced him all around they greeted him very warmly. They pressed him with questions and I did the same. But it was no use. We could get nothing out of him save that he was "jest out fer a mornin' ride," as he had said when I first hail-

"Well, Joe," I said at last, 'don't you want to go along with us?" "Waal, Lo," he said slowly; "leastwise unless you've got some terbaccer. I don't travel with no Government outfit unless they've got terbaccer."

Tobacco was rather scarce in the command, but such of the officers as had | grave?" any contributed their mite, and Joe was supplied temporarily and agreed Joe, eagerly. "That's jest the pint. to go with us. His knowledge of the country made him invaluable as a nuggets? Why, we buried them with guide, although he was generally trail- him and they are right there in that ing along behind with the soldiers, there grave now, and there's \$100,000

of the occupant of the grave has now slipped my mind.

N 1874 I was acting trappin' and prospectin' ever so long ment before he replied. Then he said as guide to the Big ago at the mouth of the Columbia riv- slowly: er; doin' a little work for the Astors "N-no. I guess we can get along pedition against the trappin' and doin' a little work for without any pick." Indians, of which ourselves trappin'. But there wasn't He led the way and I followed. He no lead in sight up that way that started in the opposite direction from One day we were we'd strike back towards the Missouri the case, he gradually began to circle marching along the river, prospectin' as we went along.

was. Big and little yeller nuggets to begin the resurrection business at

scattered around in the bottom of the once. stream. No man livin' ever seen the began clawin' out them nuggets. In fore." less'n half an hour we had the bank heaped up and scattered all about with

"Then we thought about the broncos. ance, California Joe. And a curious loaded down the broncos and loaded knives rippin' up the ground around spectacle to behold he was. He was down ourselves with them gold nug- that stone heap like a pack of pawin' mounted on a tough, battered-up look- gets until we couldn't carry another buffalo bulls." ounce. We threw away everything we had and could get along without and I urged, "and get out the gold ahead vice since the days of the Forty-niners. took nuggets on in its place. Then we of them?" struck out. Our plan was to get to so shrunken by frequent wettings and the Missouri and then build a raft and temptuously. "I never set eyes on that ple believed in this proud boaster to dryings that they were drawn up above float down to St. Louis, and we did, only when we got right where we are now standing the man lyin' under them | been there half an hour shadowy forms stuns took sick all of a suddent and in began stealing in and out of the gloom. two hours he was dead. We buried They came singly, they came in pairs grease and dirt. He had a Navajo him and fixed that grave jest the way and they came in groups of three and you see it now. Nothin's ever touched four, and such a clattering of picks they knew that if that business was it. That I'd swear to."

to New York, and from there went to ed off and melted away in the dark-Paris. It was nearly two years before ness, out of which they had emerged, did not depend upon his nonesty, they the last of it was gone. Then I got leaving a sulphurous trail of lan-elected a governor whose duty it was over to England and worked my way round to the Pacific coast on a sailin' And how the old man did laugh— that he would perform that duty. He

Gen. Mills' lips were trembling with suppressed laughter as Joe wound up trolled himself and said gravely: "Joe, you said every man and every bronco was carrying all the gold pos-

"That's the fact, Colonel." "Couldn't have carried another ounce among you?" continued the officer.

"Not an ounce," said Joe. "Well, now, if that's the case, Joe what did you do with all the nuggets that belonged to this man here in the

"That's jest the pint, Colonel," said What did we do with all that man's



HOW THE OLD MAN DID LAUGH

swapping his lies for tobacco-for Joe | worth of them if there's a cent. Tha's was a notorious expert at drawing the wy I'v been lookin' fer that grave for

for several days, until rather late one out fer a mornin' ride when you all afternoon, when we were nearing wanted to know where I was goin': Cloud Peak, in the Big Horn Mount- that's why it all bust out of me in a ains. I had dropped back to ask Gen. heap when I seen the grave and I Mills about how many miles further slammed my coyote-skin down on the on we would go before camping, and ground and said I'd got there at last." found Joe, as usual, retailing a yarn | Fully a hundred soldiers had caught for a chew of tobacco. While talking enough of Joe's yarn to be pretty well with Gen. Mills we noticed that the stirred up by it, and notwithstanding were examining something on the liar, the circumstances of his triumground with every appearance of great | phant expression when he first caught interest. It was an unusual thing for sight of the grave as well as his earnthe advance guard to stop for anything. so that our curiosity was greatly tial detail of his story-all this had aroused to know what it was which they were looking at. It proved to be sers than they cared to admit, and only a grave, but a grave made with such care, so beautifully and heavily covered with stones to keep out the prowling wolves, that it told a very touching little story of its own of de-

As we stood grouped about it Joe came up. He looked at the grave for a moment, and then suddenly dashed I kept a sharp eye on Joe's movements. his greasy covote-skin can on the ground, and in a voice that thrilled curiously in contrast with his usual listless drawl, he cried out:

"At last!" enswer any of the questions that were and in a few minutes we were out of fired at him, but finally, in response to sight, talking together. an inquiry by Gen. Mills, he said: "Do I know anything about that

grave? Waal, I reckon I do, bein' as I helped make it mysell." A d then he told his story, slowly

the last twenty years; that's why I He kept along with us without event | wouldn't tell you only that I was jest

estness of manner and the circumstanmore effect even on some of the offimore than one wistful eye went sneaking back to the lonely grave when the order was given and the command resumed its march.

I won't deny that I was a good deal interested myself, and when we camp- Union office in Brantford, Conn., is 87 ed that night, a few miles further on, I fully believed he would take the first chance to sneak off to that grave. I didn't know whether he had noticed my watching him and had given up trying to slip away from me or not, It was some time before he would but pretty soon he gave me a wink

> "Look here, Bill," he said as soon as we were alone, "do you want to see some fun?"

"Well, then, you come along with and with a good deal of dramatic pow- me; we can make a sneak right now." The name he gave as being that said Joe.

thing? Don't we need a pick or"-"The man in this grave," he said, Joe looked at me with a grave, al-"was one of a party of us that was most melancholly expression for a mo-

promised to pan out, so we all allowed the grave, but, as I thought would be around, until finally we were among "We went through Idaho and Mon- some boulders overlooking the spot tana and worked along in western where the dust of the dead man was Wyoming. One day while we was mouldering away among his buried goin' slowly along down a tributary of treasure. It was a starlight night and the Shoshone river, all of a sudden we we could see the gleam of the gray Meserve's Record in Red Willow County. see suthin glittering in the bed of the stones on the grave quite clearly. I stream. Nuggets! That's what they was beginning to get quite in a fever was the one particular thing most

like of !t. We never stopped to bother yourself behind that there boulder fer about our broncos. We jest splashed awhile and you'll see more durn fun would. He canvassed the state and at into that stream hands and feet and than you ever seen in your life be- the farmer picnics he was a bold re-

"But," I said, "what"-"What?" broke in Joe. "What? Why, in less than an hour you'll see half that camp come prowlin' around

and all I need to tell you is that we here with picks and shovels and jack-"Yes, but why don't we cut in now."

"Gold be durned," said Joe, con-

cussed grave afore this mornin'." Well, Joe was right. Before we had and tossing of dirt as they made! properly attended to there could be no "Well," asked one of the officers, They dug up about half an acre of loss to the tax-payers whether the "what did you do with your nuggets?" earth before one after another, wheez- state treasurer was honest or not. The "Oh, I cashed mine in St. Louis, went ing and blowing with the work, knock-

into the ground to stifle the noise. his yarn, for he knew the old man's such fun as it was for Joe. I couldn't reputation as a liar. At last he con- help thinking as I watched the lunatic's antics that it was only an accident that I was not a conspicuous star Yet I would have had good company.

Joe died with his boots on. Somebody shot and killed him at the Red

Cloud agency in 1874.

There Are Others. Sprockett-Aladdin's lamp wasn't so

wonderful after all. Baring-Why do the discovery by counting the money, you think so. Sprockett-Why, any as the law directs, and if the treasury night I can make a policeman appear had not been properly secured in the by simply blowing out my lamp.

## PERSONAL.

Verdi has handed over to his friend Bolto a box containing the complete score of an opera, which is not to be opened till the great composer is dead. President Kruger has presented a spurious bond, from which not a dollar rare specimen of native gold to the Royal Geological Museum at Berlin. defaulting treasurer to continue in The gift is said to be worth about

It is stated that Mr. Cecil Rhodes will soon return to London, his presence being necessary in connection with the settlement of certain difficulties arising out of the titles to land in

The king of Siam is in England, and there is a discussion over his name. It is commonly supposed to be Chulalongkorn, but a member of the Athenaeum writes to the London Times to protest that this is a "mistransliteration." The real name, he says, is Kulalankaram.

Thomas Jefferson Sappington, who died a few days ago near St. Louis. boasted he once saved General Grant from capture by the confederates. Some men were lying in ambush for the general, but Sappington learned of their plans and warned Grant in time. Sergeant Egen of the Boston police force has been admitted to the bar. He entered the Boston university law school in 1894, and was graduated cum laude last year. A few weeks later he passed the examination for the Suffolk county bar with honor. He has been on the police force fifteen years. He was born in Boston in 1858.

M. Limbourg, one of the testamentary executors of the late Duc d'Aumale, has, in a letter to the French institute, given some interesting particulars about the value of the Chantilly estate. Since the year 1886 it appears that books, manuscripts, pictures, and various works of art amounting to reform party will longer stultify their nearly £59,000 have been added to the Conde museum. The total value of the collection is now appraised at £600,000. The library alone, comprising 13,000 rare volumes and 15,000 less valuable books and manuscripts, is worth £20.-

## FOR THE CURIOUS.

Washington, D. C., has long been a mecca for Southern negroes. According to the latest census of the city. population of 277,000.

The seraglio at Constantinople is a group of palaces belonging to the sultan. It is a triangle three miles round and contains more than 100 buildings, some of great splendor. A messenger boy of the Western

miles to deliver a message, for which he received the sum of \$1. It is shown by the annual report of one of the largest mining companies in the company the average cost of producing \$1 in gold has been 37 cents. In the early days of the eighteenth century the consumption of beer in

lons per inhabitant. In 1888 the proportion stood at twenty-seven gallons. The popularity of precious stones now is-the pearl first, the ruby second and the diamond third.

England amounted to forty-three gal-

## "But," I replied, "don't we need any- POLITICAL SENSATION

ACTING - GOVERNOR RANSOM GHARGES FRAUD

that Fraud Was Committed by Governor Holcomb When He Approved Bartley's Straw Bond-Offers to Show that Holcomb Knew of Bartley's Shortage-Meserve's Bond Worthless-Several of His Largest Sureties Have Left the

talked about by Governor Holcomb in his campaign for governor three years ago. He would reform the business of the state treasury. That's what he former. He taught the people that the treasury had not been properly protected, that its funds were not properly managed, and that he was the one particular man who would attend to that particular business if elected. So persistent was he in his discussion of the state treasury and so prodigal was he of brave promises that the public learned in that campaign to look upon him and to style him as "the watchdog of the public money." Whatever grievances had been in the past, Holcomb would reform the treasury when he got into power. Enough of the peoelect him, and the farmers said among themselves, "Now the treasury is safe, for Holcomb is in the chair." The farmers understood then, as they do now, that the business of securing the bond was the governor's business, and ing him to be an honest man, but they did not depend upon his honesty, they and he would surely obey the law, but As for me, it was not altogether he was bound to perform this duty, and it rested upon his conscience with tenfold force by reason of his promises at the country picnics, and because he was no ordinary governor but a reform governor, the leader of a reform party, and its only representative in the state house. The treasury was the one par-There were officers among them as well ticular thing which he had discussed in his campaign—was the one particular thing above all others that needed reform-and now, as he entered upon the duties of his first term the first thing presented to him for his official action was an opportunity to reform the treasury. If any part of the public funds had been misappropriated, here was the opportunity for him to make past, as he had charged in his speeches, here was an opportunity for him to commence his reform and to make the treasury safe in the future. It now transpires that Bartley's half million default had commenced then, and that the governor knew it. Not only had the default commenced, but the gov-

ernor, knowing it, permitted Bartley on entering his second term to file a can be collected, and he permitted this office two years, himself remaining silent, refusing to count the money as the law directed, holding out to the people by his certificate on the bond that it was genuine. A few days ago, at Omaha, Hon. Frank, T. Ransom, populist senator from Omaha, president pro tem. of the populist senate, chairman of the so-called free-silver republican state committee, while acting governor, charged in open court that Governor Holcomb had committed this fraud, and gave that as a reason to the court why the innocent sureties who had signed the bond should be excused. "A fraud has been committed," said Ransom. "That fraud was committed by the governor of the state of Nebraska and by Joseph S. Bartley." John H. Ames, one of the sureties, stated to the court that he had signed the Bartley bond relying upon the governor, that he was a lawyer and knew his duty, that he was an honest man who would keep his cath, that he had counted the money as the law directs. and that the condition of the treasury

which calls for his impeachment and removal from office. The last republican state convention denounced Bartley and Moore who had betrayed the republican party. The republican press of the state has been unsparing in its criticism of these republican betrayers, and no republican voter has offered to excuse or palliate one jota of their guilt. In this the republican party shows its honesty of conscience. We will now see whether the reform press and the voters of the reform cause by covering up and apologizing for the governor's rascality, as they have covered up and apologized for this shameless administration from the very hour which it took charge of the state government the

was then sound. Here we have Act-

ing-Governor Ransom charging a

fraud upon Acting-Governor Holcomb

But this is not the only bond fraud which Governor Holcomb has perpetrated upon the Nebraska people. Meserve's bond is as rotten and

day if the governor should require of were dumb cattle; as if they had no him an accounting now? Will the self-respect: as if they would follow governor require this accounting? blindly any set of political shysters if Will he require a new bond in lieu of only they posed as reformers.

state treasurer now holds office? ience in the populist party it can has never been a year since Nebraska

never again lift up its head and ask had railroads that the railroad prop-for the respect or the votes of Ne- erty was not assessed at a higher valu-

Several times in the history of Noat any time in the history of the state | When the opportunity came they petwhat could be justly styled a subservi- tifegged and caucused and pretended ent republican press. At no time when | for a whole week that they were the republican party was in power has gravely considering how to carry out ublican press was outspoken against Bartley's influence in the republican

roiced the demand of republican voters but not fully established, not a single republican attempted to shield or excuse him. Republicans with one nuiversal voice said: "Let no guilty man escape." In all this the republican party shows its conscience and its natural instinct for square politics and

honest administration. What has the populist press said or done to purge the reform party from the actions of the rotten ring at the state house? Look at the disgraceful spectacle presented by the last reform legislature. Look at the infamous recount fraud, and the governor's connection with it. To carry out this bold plot they ousted four republican members from Omaha and one senator, making no pretense that there was any reason except that they needed that many votes to pass the recount Did any populist newspaper utter a word of protest against this infamous thing while it was being carried on? versal and general consent by a political party and all its officials and its press to a plot that was revolutionary and lawless in every feature. That recount matter will always remain a all the darker for the reason that the populist press was silent and uttered no protest against it. Take the \$10,-000 investigating committee. Here are five members of the legislature drawper annum, and for this they render no equivalent to the public, and as they trump up political capital for the reform movement. The members of this committee make no pretense that they are qualified for the business of examining records or accounts. What a spectacle this man Mutz has made of himself as chairman of this investigating committee. And yet no

opulist newspaper has offered to crit-Look out over the state and you will see a trail of defalcations wherever copulists have been in county offices. but you will read no criticism against these defalcations in the populist press. In Lancaster county the populist clerk the district court robbed the county, but no populist newspaper nor no populist convention has condemned him. In Custer county, the home of Governor Holoomb, a populist plundered the county treasury, but because this treastrer was Holcomb's friend, no word of censure has ever been uttered against him by any populist newspaper or any populist convention. Another county flicial in Custer county defaulted. The default was published by the commissioners, the public knew it, but the reform party in Custer county carries the name of that official to-day as its candidate for county judge. The reform county committee out there have demanded his withdrawal from the ticket, but because he is Holcomb's friend, he remains on the ticket and the populist voters there are whipped into line by the bosses demanding his support. In Merrick county, the home of Secretary of State Porter, the treasurer plundered the county to the amount of \$30,000, but neither Secretary Porter, the populist press, or the opulist conventions of that county have dared to criticise it. In Platte county, the home of Judge Sullivan, the treasurer stole \$30,000 but neither Judge Sullivan or the other democratic officials of the county have lifted so much as a little finger to prosecute the offender. Not only does this Platte county defaulter go scot free from prosecution and free from criticism, but his brother, who was intimately associated with him when the default was committed, has been promoted to a public office at the state house under Land Commissioner Wolfe, because he is the son-in-law of United States Senator Allen. A populist treasurer robbed Hamilton county and his son was indicted for burning the court house there, but through the influence of Congressman Stark and others the prosecution was nollied and the guilty man allowed to escape; not only to escape punishment, but to escape criticism from the populist press and the populist conventions of that county. In Gosper county a populist plundered the treasury and burned the court house and the records, escaping without punishment and without criticism. There is not space here to retions which have occurred in the last four or five years. In York county four township treasurers defaulted, but you do not read of these defalcations in the

populist press, and you do not hear of them in the resolutions passed by the populist conventions there. Where is the conscience of the reform party? Where is its honesty? it promised the people? Where is the reform that was promised us as to pass-grabbing and junketing? No po-Twenty years ago England had 11, | worthless as Bartley's second bond. litical party, no set of politicians in 619 male and 14,901 female school teachers. Last year there were 66,310 teachers. Last year there were 66,310 proved it and when he certified to the spectacle as the populists have made people the falsehood that it was a general to the spectacle as the populists have made people the falsehood that it was a gen- in this state in the last few months female, and only 26,270 male teachers. uine bond. Not only was it worthless along this line, and yet no mention of Frenchmen in Mexico have started a when it was presented by Meserve and this is made in any populist paper or movement to create funds for the erec- approved by the governor, but nearly in the resolutions of any populist con- of them would, I know." "Ah, indeed. ly caught unawares. When herds are advance guard had come to a halt and the old man's awful reputation as a tion of a monument to mark the spot all of the larger signers have since diswhere Emperor Maximilian was shot. posed of their property, and several of junketed in all directions. Look at the them have abandoned the state leav- disgraceful conduct of the state auding no available assets behind. Not itor. What reform paper has criticised only this, but Meserve's career prior him? What reform convention has his taking charge of the state treas- denounced him? Where are the fraudthere were \$8,000 negroes in a total ery is such as to arouse suspicion and ulent tally-sheets of the fraudulent call for the closest scrutiny of his sure- recount which Hedlund exposed, and ties. His induction into the county for which he was removed by the in the court room smiled except the treasuryship at McCook was brought governor from the recount commis- attorney. about by his creditors there, to whom sion? Where is the investigating comhe was heavily indebted, and the rec- mittee with its \$10,000 appropriation, ords of Red Willow county show that that it has not investigated this fraud, within the space of a little more than brought out so conspicuously before a year while he was county treasurer the public, pointed out so explicitly by he paid off \$24,000 of indebtedness, Hedlund, and attaching its wicked conyears old, and recently walked twenty although his salary was but \$2,000 per spirac; to the very person of the govmoney? What would have been his of party leaders have before shown not been elected state treasurer? What file of the party? These reform offiwould be his relation to the state to- cials treat their followers as if they

> the worthless bond under which the They promised to raise the valuation head, nor how fine and smart you think frinkin' while you had money to buy of railroad property. They taught the There must be somewhere some con- people for six years that railroad propscience among the rank and file of erty was assessed too low. They made populist voters. If this election passes the people believe it. It was a lie, but without a manifestation of this higher they made the people believe it. There

ation in proportion than other property, and yet these reformers prebraska the republican press has united tended that the people had been in scourging republican offenders and | wronged in this matter, and that they making their actions odious be- would right the wrong as soon as they fore the public. There never has been got into power. Did they do it? No!

it been dominated by a state house the pledges they had made, and then ring so powerful that not a single re- ended their arce by leaving the railpublican paper dared to lift its voice road assessment as it list been bein protest. A year ago now the re- fore. They pretended that they would control the corporations as to rates. They would regulate telephone and party. The republican newspapers telegraph companies. They would reduce telephone rates for the beneat of all over the state that Bartley should the down-trodden farmer, who never not be a controlling factor in shaping uses a telephone. But have they done the party politics. All this is fresh in it? They passed a law authorizing the the mind of the people to-day. When state board of transportation to regu-Eartley's shortage was first hinted at | late these things, but they have not enforced the law, and they make no pretense of enforcing it. They cannot enforce it. It was unconstitutional when they passed it and they knew it. Their law provides a fee to the attorney general for every case which he brings against the railroad, and this thing alone makes it unconstitutional. because the constitution says that no state officer can have his salary raised while he is in office. They knew that this railroad law would be held unconstitutional, and the railroads winked the other eye when it was passed.

> to the people and say that they were hindered by republican courts and by And now the question of Meserve's straw bond is knocking at the door. What will the governor o about it? What will he do about the ugly charge which Acting-Governor Ransom has made against him in open court? Will he go on counting his annual passes and his Pullman passes, arranging for another junket to the "red apple country?" And will he attempt to sooth Nebraska people with another chapter from Mutz, the investigator? voters endure without protest? How long will they endure the humiliation which the state house gang is heaping upon them without making some demonstration of their disapproval?

These boasting reformers think that

they can fool the people year after

# Engaged Man Insisted on Kissing His

Fiances in a Street Car. A young man and a young woman changed from a Belt line to a Fourteenth street car at the avenue. Washington, and sat in one of the seats in the first car. He was carrying an overgoat and a satchel and was evidently going away. She wore a shirt waist and dark skirt, as if starting out on a shopping expedition. Just before they reached Sixth street he leaned over her and said quietly, so quietly that only the reporter back of them could hear: "I am going to kiss you good-by when I leave the

"Oh, please don't," she said appealingly; "not before all these people." But he was decided and said persistently: "Yes I shall; so raise your them. veil. If you try to resist people will see it and wonder about you, and they will look at you all the way uptown after I get off."

She glanced up shyly and then slowly raised her veil. He bent over her and kissed her and no one in the car looked up. A few-people wondered why she was so anxious to show the diamond ring on the left hand, but nobody but the reporter appreciated the fact that she was trying to justify the kissing by means of an en-

Troublesome Cracked Silver Coin. The stamping machines at the government mints, embodying as they do all the best inventions obtainable, yet do not do their work with absolute perfection in every instance. Occasionally a silver dollar is turned out with a triffing defect, and then the coin causes more trouble, many times over than it is worth. This imperfection is a slight crack in the edge of the coin, which is likely to escape the notice of any ordinary scrutiny, but like the rift in the Inte of which the poet sings, it makes the dollar's music mute.

The commonest way to test a silver coin to find out whether it is a counterfeit or not is to drop on a table or counter. If it has a clear ring it is supposed to be good. As a matter of fact some counterfeit coins, now eurrent, which are made of antimony and tin, have a sound almost identical with that of a real silver dollar. What makes this test more uncertain is the fact that a real silver dollar with the little rift sounds as if it were lead when dropped. The opening destroys its count the long list of populist defaica- jingle just as a crack destroys the melodiousness of a bell.

The prosecuting attorney in the tened to the life line and Mr. Mitchell breach of promise case thought he cut holes in the ice for a distance of would make life a burden to the un- over a mile for the women to step in. fortunate young man who was the In that way seven and a half hours of unwilling defendant. "Do you mean painful work were required to cover to say," he asked after a lot of embar- the distance that had been traversed rassing questions, "you did not kiss in ascending in 40 minutes. At the the plaintiff, to whom you were en- snow line the Mitchell party met a Magaged to be married, when you first zama rescue party that had been orsaw her on your return?" "I do," re- ganized to rescue them. sponded the defendant firmly. "Will "Certainly, if necessary." "Do you It is an evidence of the extreme think they would believe you?" "One sagacity of the walrus that it is rarepresent when I first saw her. He was least one on the watch, ready to give at the gate when I rode up, and she the alarm at the approach of danger; stuck her head out of the second story and, when this is given, not many mowindow and I told her 'how d'ye,' and ments elapse ere the whole herd have said I'd be back to supper in half an tumbled into the water. hour. I'm no giraffe," and everybody

## Instructive Little Story.

the bridge, boastingly, to the rough- ness with which they dive and reaplooking pile of stonework on which it | pear again is remarkable. One moment rested. "All you are good for is to you may see a hundred glistening annum. Who is carrying this indebt- ernor? All these things are in line stand down there in the water. Peo- heads with long gleaming white tusks, edness now? He paid his private cred- with the governor's conduct as to ple come from miles around to admire another moment a hundred brown itors; that much appears from the Bartley's spurious bond and the other my handsome proportions, my light- backs, and the next a hundred pair of county records. Where did he get the spurious bond of Meserve. What set ness and strength, and to wonder how hind flippers, and then all are out of Colorado that since the organization of relation to Red Willow county had he such utter disregard for the rank and body would cross the river. I'm the much I cost. If it wasn't for me no- sight. bridge myself. That's what I am. You are nothing but a heap of rocks." "That may be true," replied the dollars-

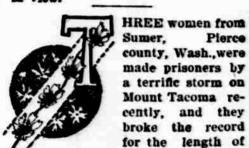
> no matter how high you hold your able. Jist think of havin' to stop you are, I want you to understand I more."-Indianapolis Journal. consider myself your pier!" This story teaches, dear children,

to have a good understanding.

### ICE AND COLD PRUNES

BILL OF FARE OF CAPTIVE MOUNTAIN CLIMBERS.

That Broke Every Record



county, Wash., were made prisoners by a terrific storm on Mount Tacoma recently, and they broke the record for the length of time spent in ice caves and snow

banks, three miles Omaha, Chicago, New York and above the sea. They were hemmed in by ice and snow, and were it not for all Foreign Countries. the heaviest flannels, stockings, shoes and wraps they would have frozen to death inside of ten hours. Mrs. J. E. SELLS STEAMSHIP TICKETS Mitchell, Miss Josie Query and Miss Jean McFarland were the women who broke the high summer residence record. They were accompanied by Mr. Mitchel and Sergeant Hall, the latter being a resident of Puyallup. Their imprisonment caused their friends the greatest anxiety, but nothing could be storm finally did subside the two LEANDER GERRARD, Pres't.

year by advertising what they are going to do, and by pretending to do done to assist them until after the something which they know will be storm, which broke into a hurricane unconstitutional, and then they appeal just as they reached the summit of the mountain, had subsided. But until the things that kept soul and body together on the mountain were the juice of a few prunes and the little warmth that came up through the core of the great | John Stauffer, pile in the form of steam. Some of the prunes were taken with the Mitchell party and some of them were found there, having been left by the Mazamas. The steam is always there, smelling of sulphur and brimstone, and reminding those who enjoy its warmth How much of this Mutz will populist that Mount Tacoma was once upon a time nothing more than a huge smoke-Mitchell party started for their eventful trip the sky was clear and not until they were well up were there any Authorized Capital of - \$500.000 TOOK A MEAN ADVANTAGE. indications of the approaching storm. Paid in Capital, It was then too late for the party to retreat. All the climbers could do was to press on and on until they reached the summit exhausted. Once over the C. H. SHELDON, Pres't. rim of the great crater the mountaineers hurried on to the ice caves where the steam oozes up from the interior of climbers had little fear. They expected the storm to pass before morning. and then they would descend in safety. They huddled together about a

the earth. The sun was sinking low, C. H. SHELDON, and darkness was coming on, but the Jonas Welch, large opening where the steam came up from below with considerable force. There, too, they chatted and made merry A few prunes were half cooked over the steam, and a few hard-tack crackers were softened by holding them where the steam would reach

This bill of fare was unchanged dur-

ing their stay on the mountain, which lasted three nights and four days. Before the last day everything had been devoured, and they were nearly dead when they escaped from their icy prison. On the second day the storm increased in violence. The men went to the rim of the crater with the intention of seeing if it was not possible for them to escape by crawling down the side of the mountain. They found the force of the wind so great that It rolled their bodies back off the rim like so many straws. Gradually hunger began to assert itself, and on the third day every prune and every piece of hardtack was devoured. The clothes of the members of the party had become moist by contact with the steam, and when the moist side was turned away from the warmth of the steam the moisture turned to frost and ice. Their evenings seemed to take the form of a huge animal with great teeth that snapped and bit every time the imprisoned mountain climbers turned around. Hunger stood on one side ready to gnaw out their vitals, while on the other side stood Jack Frost ready to sting and stiffen their limbs. After eating their last crumb on the third day the climbers crept to the rim of the crater and looked about. The storm had left the top of the mountain, but was raging still on the lower levels. Nothing could be seen of the surrounding country but the tops of Mount Adams, Mount Baker, Mount Hood, Mount Jefferson and what appeared to be Mount Shasta, could be seen. On the fourth morning of their captivity

the Mitchell party decided to scramble

down the mountain side, although the

wind was blowing at the rate of fifteen

miles an hour. The women were fas-

When out of the water they are very

clumsy and cumbersome in their movements, but in the water their agility is truly surprising for animals of such an "You don't amount to much," said unwieldy shape. The simultaneous-

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