

NORTH-WEST NOTES.

is going on in the Prairie Province.

Winnipeg have taken the formation of a union.

The breaking up of the ice on the Assiniboine has been accompanied this spring by the breaking up of the Assiniboine.

new potatoes have been on the market in Winnipeg.

Brandon promises to improve. It is too good for complaint, but the firm on Chateaufort think they will stand some improvement.

the quiet in Rat Portage. Lumbering camps are all broken up.

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A Story with a Great Deal of It in It

The departments were just beginning to disgorge the great slices of humanity that they had swallowed in the morning. I was standing by one of the great piles as the men and women began to come out slowly at the first. The first two or three, warned by experience, had umbrellas, under which they went jogging slowly home at a clerical gait. The fourth was a woman in widow's clothing—rather shabby clothing which had been worn a long time. She was thin, shrunken, gray and pale, and seemed broken with a weight of bad years—a sad memory of better days.

The carriage of the Secretary was rolling and fro before the big entrance of the building. His gray-whiskered coachman with difficulty restrained his blooded horses. The Secretary was signing his name a great many times on a great many different documents in his lofty, velvet office. He might be out in a minute. He might not be out for an hour. Just as the ghostly widow came slowly down the big steps the fine old coachman turned his prancing pair toward the entrance. The poor old gentleman came down the sidewalk with an evident difficulty, which spoke of rheumatism. She was perplexed and puzzled by the unexpected rain storm.

She had no umbrella, and I don't believe she had car fare. The black angel on the Secretary's carriage spied her as she stood in the pouring rain, and recognized under all time's disguises the features her fashionable friends had not seen for years. It's wonderful what sharp eyes these good old colored "uncles" and "mummies" have. He drove up to the curb and once leaning over on his perch invited the poor puzzled woman to get in the Secretary's carriage and ride home. Without a thought of the consequences to the faithful old fool on the box she murmured her address, fortunately near at hand, and sank back luxuriously on the soft cushions of the handsome carriage. Taking all the risks, the fine old fellow drove carefully yet quickly to the shabby boarding house, and was back long before the Secretary was ready for him. I would never have known, had the loyal old servant not told me, that the widow's husband was a general who was famous when the Secretary was unknown, although I could have been quite sure that Old Thomas drove her carriage when she had one.

A Basset Testifies in Court.
Jacob Basset was arrested in New York at the instigation of Robert Strauss, for stealing a parrot valued at \$250. The case came before Justice Kiehl. It was agreed that the bird should be placed on the witness-stand and testify as to which party it belonged to, the court holding that there were no rules of evidence preventing it. There was a large crowd in the room, and the novel proceedings caused much amusement. The parrot, which is of the great macaw species, is a beautiful bird, with green, blue and orange plumage, its wings being almost black. It was taken out of its cage and placed on the iron railing in front of the Judge. "Vie gehts?" asked Judge Kiehl of the witness in German. The bird made no reply, but looked solemn. The Judge then tried English, and asked:

"What is your name?"
"Cheese it, you gray-headed old spalpeen!" shouted the parrot in reply. The Judge grew red in the face and the spectators laughed.

"You impudent thing. If you address me in that manner I will fine you for contempt," said the court.

"Oh, give us a rest, will you?" piped the bird. One of the attorneys gave the parrot a pretzel, which it ate with great relish, and when it was again asked for its name it replied:

"Polly Strauss, Polly Brach, O—!" finishing the sentence with a tremendous oath, which greatly shocked the court and lawyers. Some one in the rear end of the room shouted:

"Does Polly want a drink?"
Thereupon Polly flapped her wings and flew out of the court room. The case was concluded owing to the absence of the witness.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.
The first passenger train passed over the Pemigewasset Railroad a short time since. If that word should ever get upon the track there will be a fearful smash-up.

Botanists report the discovery among the flora of the far West, of a plant whose stalk resembles the human leg. Of course this must belong to the leg-human-ous order.

Cincinnati takes a fenshish satisfaction in acknowledging that she is the worst paved city in the United States. Railroad passengers being transferred are willing to walk and pay for the privilege.

ALL SORTS.

A corn crop.—The chicken's. Up in arms—The midnight lady. A mixed gathering—Vulgar fractions. A train-dispatcher—a broken trestle. An infuriated skipper is the hopping mad sailor. Affability is a prerequisite to taffy ability. Many wealthy Celestials live on tea grounds. "A dream of fair women"—Rich men.

We are told that the fool and his money were soon parted; but the fool must have money to be parted from. Score one for the fool. It is wrong to poach chickens, but perfectly proper to poach eggs. So you see there is a difference 'twix tweedledum and tweedledee.

When a man arrives home at 2 o'clock in the morning, and his wife slams her foot down without saying a word, it may be regarded as a storm signal. Pugilists are generally considered plucky fellows, but none of them get through with a sparring match without fainting.

"You can't move Brown, he is so wedded to his own opinions." "Opinion, not opinions. You can't convict Brown of bigamy on that lay." Distinguished Amateur—"I—a—rub cut a great deal. Most of my effects are got by that." Old Snarley—"Ah, capital process! Only you don't carry it quite far enough!"—London Punch.

A scientist says that a discord struck violently on a piano will kill a lizard. It may be, but one can't always get at a piano so easily as he can grab a stick, which is just as good. "Why are politicians always talking about the party platform, my dear?" queried Mrs. Kattler of her husband. "Looking for the 'deals,' my love," rejoined Kattler.

"That's the right-full heir to a large estate," quoth Kattler to Smithers at Parker's this morning. "Yes, I see he's pretty drunk," returned S. It is a breach of etiquette never to be forgiven to sneeze in the presence of royalty, but royalty has never bothered itself to tell a man what to do with his nose when he feels a sneeze working along up his suspenders.

A New York milliner has set the country in a flutter by discovering that only one woman in ten wears the plume on the fashionable side of the hat. When you see a woman with two plumes just admire her sharpness.

The newest and finest bridge in Pittsburg is receiving a coat of sky-blue paint. A bridge, to be solid, of course ought to be azure tinged. Joaquin Miller says the daily newspaper is "the six-shooter of civilization." Then a man who carries a newspaper in his pocket is liable to be arrested for carrying concealed weapons.

"It does beat all what rascality there is in this world," exclaimed Farmer John, angrily. "The last ton of soapstone that I bought is so much adulterated that it is not fit to adulterate my butter with."

"So Jack has strained himself training for the double scull race?" said a Harvard boy to his chum on the float. "Yes, Jack was never very strong." "And now," chimed in the first speaker, "now he's row-bust." It has been asserted that a young lady who had been "torskanned" by her lover was like a deadly weapon because she was a cut-las. Evidently the lover wanted to sabre from an unhappy marriage.

The unfortunate women who toil at the sewing machine are confronted with this additional danger. When they get mad at the machine it's certain to bring on a hemmerage. Conversation: "You say that Snaggs won't pay you that note? Is he embarrassed?" "Well, he won't pay the note; say she can't, but he didn't seem to be a bit embarrassed! Never saw such cheek."

Mr. Abraham W. Marks, of Austin, got a divorce from Rachel Wells one week after he married her, and led to the altar Kate Wells, her sister.—Virginia City Chronicle. He loved not wisely, but too Wells, as it were. Yeast was invented in the year 'leaven—New York News. And gaming in the year 'woon.—Henderson (N. C.) Gold Leaf. Fingers were made in the year five, and the first free lunch disappeared in the year ate.—New York News.

Nature was wise when it ordained that chickens should not have teeth. If it were possible to look into a chicken's mouth and tell its age, like that of a horse, by its teeth it would be a square give away on the farmer who was trying to palm off an old hen as a young pullet. The pistol which a Cincinnati woman said was the one her husband threatened to shoot her with proved to be a beer faucet. Any man who will carry a beer faucet about his person is a dangerous character and should be watched. A beer faucet, when loaded, is about as dangerous as a pistol.

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