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OUR GREAT BOWROW.

Blanche Durgin, lately deceased, daughter of G. W. Durgin and E. H. Durgin, was a great pet of Major Adams and wife when they resided in Vancouver, and they gave their daughter, born there, the same name.

When one night I came from town
A great shadow settled down
On our little household group.
When I first had crossed the stoop,
Says I, "Wife! there's Mistress Shea
From Vancouver come to-day,
Says she that Blanche Durgin's dead
Sweetest soul that ever sped!"
Then dear Bernal, household pet,
Three years old he was not yet,
Spoke as plain as he were seven,
"Little Blanche is gone to Heaven!"
Uttered not a sob or groan,
Only spoke with saddest tone,
But her namesake cried aloud,
Head had she like golden cloud,
"Mamma! Mamma! tell me why
Did my little Durgin die?"
And the tears fell down like rain
O'er her rosy cheeks a-ain,
And her eyes as blue as sea
Time of Christ's Nativity,
Like a fountain touched with light,
Flashing were upon that night,
As with wildest sobs she said,
"I don't want my Durgin dead!
Why did little Durgin die?
Mamma! Mamma! tell me why."
Then her mother said in grief,
While her voice shook like a leaf,
"God he took her home with Him,
'Midst the white-robed cherubim,
Gave her wings so white and soft
So that she could fly aloft,
And she is an angel where
Is no sorrow and no care."
Still our little daughter sobbed,
As of choicest treasure robbed,
Bernal neither wop nor cried,
Standing calm and dignified.
Hair that, careless, dropped adown
Like the rays from diamond crown,
Shone his face amid the gloom,
Like a Bible monk's illumine,
Then their mother gave relief
To the little children's grief,
When she said, "We'll go and see her
Though she never will come here,
Papa, Mamma, Blanche and Bernal
In the world of life eternal!"
Little Blanche then ceased to weep
Head in mother's lap—*asleep.*

After little Bernal died
In her sleep our daughter cried,
"Little Durgin's got my place!"
Then we clearly had a trace
In the glorious summer land
They were walking hand in hand,
Sweetest Blanche and dearest Bernal,
Sharers of the joys eternal,
While your hearts are full of gladness,
Ours are brimming o'er with sadness,
Since to life you cannot come,
With your torches lead us home,
All around is blackest night,
Haste! sweet spirits, bring a light!
Bitter death will taste most sweet
If we hear your little feet,
And your voices ringing out
Wildest welcome with a shout
"Papa! Mamma! let me kiss you!
Even in Heaven how much we miss you!"
E. G. A.

TELEGRAPHIC.
[Condensed from the Daily Oregonian.]
The crooked whiskey trials are going on in St. Louis with animation. Everything is being done to bring the guilty to justice.
SAVANNAH, Jan. 22.—George H. Pendleton, of Ohio, was serenaded to-night, and from the balcony of the Pulaski house addressed a large concourse of citizens. It was the largest gathering since the war.
CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—George Henry Jacobs was executed at Joliet yesterday, for the murder of his wife, May 26, 1872.
Hon. E. P. Smith, late Commissioner of Indian affairs, has gone to Africa on a missionary expedition.
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—The storm to-day had been very severe. Its violence was especially felt along the city front—a strong southeaster raising a heavy sea and the shipping riding very uneasily. The barge Exchange, lying at Hathaway's wharf, was stove and sunk early this morning. A longshoreman, name unknown, was drowned in attempting to save the barge.
NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The Sunday Mercury announces that a council, composed of the most eminent

Congregational divines, has been organized to inquire into the fitness of Beecher to remain in the denomination. About 40 churches have been invited to send clerical and lay delegates. The principal movers are said to be Dr. Leonard Bacon and Dr. Bartlett of Chicago. Dr. Dexter, of Boston, in a letter from Bartlett, declares all investigations will be open and the testimony ample. Plymouth church has been invited to send some one to represent her pastor. The witnesses are likely to be Redpath, Mr. Bradshaw, Florence Tilton and Mrs. Stanton. This statement is for what it is worth.

NEW YORK, Jan. 24.—The officers of the direct, U. S. Cable Co. announced their cable was broken again to-day about 140 miles west of Torbay, U. S.

OGDEN, Jan. 24.—The Central Pacific express train east, is snow bound at Wells' station, and will not come on to-day.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 25.—Police officer White this morning found a living male infant, five or six days old, abandoned, in a vacant lot on Hayes street, near Octavia, and took it to his house, pending steps for the discovery of the parents.

Jno. A. May shot himself this afternoon at No. 719, Ellis street, inflicting a fatal wound, the cause of despondency, arising from impaired health.

General Banning's bill, for the reduction of army expenses, is calculated will save about \$500,000 per annum. The reductions do not apply to officers, serving with the troops in the field. In the case of general officers all communications of quarters, rations and fuel are cut off, and each officer is left with his pay proper. This alone will leave the general of the army \$17,000; the lieutenant-general, \$11,500; major-generals, \$7,500; brigadier generals, \$5,500. The pay of colonel, lt.-colonel, major, captain and first lieutenant is left unchanged, and for the reason that in no case can any one of these officers, even after twenty years of service receive more than \$4,500. The pay of second lieutenants, however, is reduced to \$1,300 for a mounted officer, and \$1,200 for an officer not mounted. The reason for this deduction upon second lieutenants is, that, with very few exceptions, they are young officers unmarried and fresh from the academy, and the sums indicated are deemed sufficient for the short period during which they serve in that rank. As at the outside their service does not extend beyond five years. The savings on second lieutenants pay amounts to \$10,000 a year.

A Berlin special says Bismarck is confined to his room with neuralgia.

A german squadron of three ironclads and one tender will visit America in July.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 25.—The Central Pacific trains are still blocked in the snow near Wells' station, Utah. The northern road has also been blocked by snow since Friday.

WELLS, Nev., Jan. 25.—The delayed west-bound overland trains got through the snow blockade last night at 11 o'clock. The eastern bound train left here at 10 o'clock to-day with nine engines and a snow plow. The weather is warm and the snow is thawing. No further blockade is apprehended.

OLYMPIA, Jan. 24.—Gen. W. W. Miller, an old and respected resident of this coast, died to-day at his residence, after an illness of a few days' duration. He was contemplating a visit to San Francisco, and made a trip to Victoria, but failed to connect with the California steamer. He returned ill and experienced a rapid decline which ended in death.

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Letters from Lima, announcing the complete destruction of the town of Abancay by an earthquake on the 4th of December, state that between 4 P. M. on the 4th and 9 A. M. on the 5th no less than 37 earthquakes occurred, sever-

al of which were very severe. The details are meagre and the extent of loss of life not reported.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Several days ago the House committee on judiciary reported the proposed amendment to the constitution of the United States, as follows: "No person who has held, or may hereafter hold, the office of President shall ever again be eligible to the same office." To-day Mr. Frye, in behalf of the minority of the committee, proposed a substitute for the majority report as follows: "From and after March 4th, 1885, the term of office of the President and Vice-President of the United States shall be six years, and any person having been elected to hold the office of President, or who for two years has held the office, shall be ineligible to re-election."

POINT ELLIOT, Jan. 26.—It is reported from Snohomish City, this morning, that three boys—named Horace Lowe, Arthur Ball and Clayton Packard—were skating on the lake back of that city yesterday, when the ice broke and Horace Lowe and Arthur Ball were drowned. Clayton Packard narrowly escaped. The two bodies were found last night about 11 o'clock.

Congressional.

A bill was introduced by Wilson, of Idaho, a constitutional amendment providing that the term of representatives shall commence the first of January, instead of the 4th of March.

By Lapham, fixing the first Monday in January as the time for the meeting of Congress; also a constitutional amendment, proposing to change the commencement of the Presidential term from March 4th to May 1st.

Jacobs introduced a bill for the restoration to the public domain of lands in Washington Territory granted to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company.

January 24th, 1876, Senator Jones of Nevada, was in his seat to-day for the first time this session.

A bill was introduced by Morton; a bill to establish a mint for the coinage of gold and silver at Indianapolis, and appropriate certain government grounds and buildings to the use of the same, and also money for the purpose of purchasing and erecting the necessary machinery; referred.

By Mitchell of Oregon, to establish and maintain a post route in the State of Oregon and Idaho Territory; referred to a committee on post offices and post routes.

Kelly from the committee on railroads, reports with amendments, the bill to extend the time for the construction and completion of the N. P. R. R. The bill was placed on the calendar.

Harvey called up the Senate bill to confirm pre-emption and homestead entries on public lands within the limits of the railroad grants in cases where such entries have been made under the regulation of the land department.

Sargent presented a petition of a large number of ladies asking that a government be established in the District of Columbia which would confer upon women the right to vote. He alluded to Wyoming, where woman suffrage is indorsed by the judiciary, the press and the people generally. He knew no better place to make the experiment than the capital of the nation, and asked that the petition be referred to the committee on the District of Columbia, to be considered in conjunction with any bill to provide for the government of the District; referred.

The House passed the Centennial appropriation bill on the 24th inst.

The Senate passed the following bill on the 27th inst:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled, That all pre-emption and homestead entries, or entries in compliance with any law of the United

States of public lands made in good faith by actual settlers upon a tract of land of not more than 160 acres each, within the limits of any land grant, prior to the time when notice of the withdrawal of the lands embraced in such grant was received at the local land office of the district in which such lands are situated, or after their restoration to market by order of the general land office, and where pre-emption and homestead laws have been complied with, and the proper proofs thereof have been made by parties holding such tracts or parcels, they shall be confirmed and patents for the same shall issue to parties entitled thereto. That when, at the time of such withdrawal a valid pre-emption or homestead claim, existed upon any lands within the limits of such grants, which afterward were abandoned and under certain decisions and rulings of the land department were re-entered by pre-emption or homestead claimants who have complied with the laws governing pre-emption or homestead entries, or shall make the proper proofs required under such laws, such entries shall be deemed valid and patents shall issue therefor to persons entitled thereto. That all such pre-emption and homestead entries which may have been made by permission of the land department within the limits of any land grant at a time subsequent to the expiration of such grant shall be deemed valid and a compliance with the laws and the making of the proof required shall entitle the holder of such claim to patents therefor.

On motion of Morrill of Maine, Howe's bill to provide for the payment of the interest on the 3 65 District of Columbia bonds was taken up, so as to come up as unfinished business to-morrow, and the Senate adjourned.

Fruit Skins.

The majority of country people I have observed eating fruit, eat the skins of it also. Their children eat it in the same manner and seem never to have been taught that the skin of fruit—be it apple, peach, pear, plum or grape—should never be eaten, especially if uncooked. Fruit skins are so difficult of digestion that there is probably not more than one stomach in a hundred capable of performing the difficult task. The skin is to fruit what shells are to nuts, hides to animals, and husks to grain. To oblige or allow a child to eat his apple or pear unpeeled, is unkind and wrong, for it is no question of daintiness, but of health.

MARY A. E. WAGER.

Natural Religion.

Come quietly away with me, and we will walk up and down the narrow path, by the sweet-briar hedge; and, as we listen to the low song of the blackbird, the fresh air will cool our aching brows, and we shall find comfort. In these things, fresh air and the bird's song, and the fragrance of the lovely flowers, God has given a blessing; like sheep, they are his medicines—"balm of sweet minds." We will walk to and fro under the shade of those elms, and we will be calm; bitter recollections shall be made sweet by the thought of His mercies; and, in the midst of the sorrows we have in our hearts, His comforts shall refresh our souls, and our minds shall be stored with many thoughts, sweet, like the perfume of flowers.

If the editor of the Seattle Tribune is anxious to see how the world could get along without him, he can find out by sticking a cambric needle into a mill pond and then withdrawing it and looking at the hole.—Steilacoom Express.

"Come, my little fellow," said a Washington gentleman to a youngster of five years, while sitting in a parlor where a large company were assembled, "do you know me?" "Yeth thir!" "who am I? Let me hear?" "You ith the man who kithed mamma when papa was in New York. Correct.