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Roland and the Princess

his music teacher. He did not what more could he want? had tried to bound the District would never do. des, it pleased the King and een immensely, for they were so Things went on this way until after

while the King grew so worried he rode on alone. some affairs of state that he morning he was so tired out trying to

The Prince was fond of company, d did not like to travel alone, so would bow and smile very politeto any traveller whom he saw gohis way and walk along with every traveller in that country ried musical instruments of some ad with them. Those who did of have any instruments would eithsing or whistle until the poor nce grew almost distracted. Still. lid not want to travel all by him-I and at last he thought of his He paid each one he walked to keep quiet, and so he got very nicely.

ter travelling for a long time Rod came to a beautiful city. It was nded by walls so high that he ould not see the top without bending neck back so far that it got a nk in it, and you know that when wall is as high as that it is very gh, indeed. He went in the gates with a crowd of people, and as he was nd the best inn and stayed all night. The next morning was paying his bill the innper asked him what line of busiss he was in. "I have no business. am only seeking my fortune," refied Roland. "Do you know of any ne around here that can be found thout too much trouble ?"

hy, yes," said the inkeeper, "I of a fine one. Why don't you and kill the giant ?" at giant ?" asked Roland. the giant that lives on the in over there," said the in-

should I kill him ?" asked Ro-'He never did anything to

the giant has the fortune, the innkeeper. "Anyone kills him can have it. He is a fierce giant, too. He used to to this city and behave He used to pick up our and turn them upside down. he would shake them, and all anything to him he would just on them and squash them flat." my !" said Roland. "You hink there is any danger of his

here now, do you?" 'at all," said the innkeeper.

could kill him here, and then I cession. his castl? is."

soon as Roland said that the

a very great many years ago there the head. He said that Roland was not could not bear music. He had not get eaten alive by the giant. Roudied almost everything there was land said that he certainly hoped not. to study, and as he was a studious too, and the mayor said that if he outh he learned almost all his did, he should have the handsomest schers could teach him, that is, all monument that money could buy, and

he music at all, and the more he Ot course, Roland could not back unded it the less he liked it; so, of out then, although he did not want ne he just learned a lot of notes to kill that giant one single bit, for things without knowing what all those people would be so disapmeant, and when he tried to pointed, and then they might think

Columbia by means of compound; Then all the people cheered some nctions. Now, this was very unfor- more, and they put him on a fiery mate, for his father could play the steed and gave him a spear. The s drum beautifully and his mother city gates were opened and an imand play the tambourine as well as mense procession formed. There were one could. Of course, all the six dozen brass bands in front of Rois in waiting and all the ladies in land and six dozen behind him, and alling, and, in fact, everyone else they played all the popular songs. the drums and tambourines with all the people joining in the spare moment that they had, chorus. They made such a noise that you see, it was the fashion, and, Roland thought to himself he would rather kill giants all the rest of his life than have that racket kept up for an hour. The people and the bands left him at the city gates, and

Roland rode for a long time withnot sleep at night. He tried out seeming to get much nearer to his best, but it was of no use, and by the mountain on which stood the giant's castle. The spear he carried the southwestern horizon, and in the s, while the other half would play giant was painting the front porch, day to the Queen. Then the and he stopped and frowned fearfully we whose name was Roland, grew when he saw Roland. "Here's an- Ex. erate. One morning, without say- other one of them," he growled. He word to anyone, he emptied the was so large and Roland was so mer from his little bank into his frightened that he just sat still on elets and started off to seek his his horse without saying a word. tune and to find some place where "Well, what do you want?" said the would not have to listen to music giant. "You came up here to kill me and get my fortune, I sappose, didn't vou ?"

"No, siree," said Roland. "The people down there in that city did say something about it, and they gave me a spear to kill you with, but But he soon grew tired of this I told them I would not hurt you for the world, and threw the spear away. musical, too, and most of them I came up here to get away from their hands of music more than any thing else."

"You don't say so," said the giant 'Come right in and have lunch. I am glad to see you. You look like quite a sensible fellow. At first I thought that you were one of those chaps that come up here and sing serenades under the window of the beauput them out of misery."

"Have you a really and truly beautle ?" asked Roland.

you can't have a beautiful prince able. Now you stay here and be company for me and the princess, and I hold and silver that fell out of were married and lived, happily for-ed. he would carry off. If people ever.-Raymond Fuller Ayers.

Eclipses this Year.

In the annals of astronomy the first bright comet and of a nebulous marvhas not been able to get in since el unique as to position and drift. milt those high walls around the The surprise of the present year can-

the state of the trouble of the mountain among the predicted phenomena; one result of the scarcity of cars. The on April the 8th, having insignificant development in the west has been so dimensions; another, on May the 7th, great the past couple of years that it against Shafer be dismissed, all the per ran out in the street and being visible only in the South Pa- has been difficult for the railways to witnesses in the case being dead of to wave his arms, jump up and cific ocean and its islands, while the keep pace with it, and between the and shout. A great crowd of third, on October 30th, is confined hauling out of the produce and the gathered at once, and the inn- with singular exclusiveness to Europe large amount of freight to go west told them that Roland was and Asia. As the first two occur on yet, the railways promise to have to kill the giant and that he the borders of the solar ecliptic limits all the business they can take care of lardly wait to get at him. one west of the lunar node and the till the next crop begins to come on all the people cheered, and the other a month afterward on the east the market. of the city came up and shook side, the consequent inevitableness of THE TRADE OF THE WEST.

for with suitable appliances.

the latter planet being easily recog- marketing grain. nized a few degrees southward.

light, emerge from the mists of early dawn in a few weeks and glitter in months. In July they reappear in the evening heavens and continue visible until the close of the year.

The planet Mars still lingers near

THE STATE OF TRADE

Prospects Throughout Canada Flattering.

- Outlook Specially Good in the Northwest.

importance. The wholesale trade are he couldn't if he would; that he was they have not been anxious to re-referred to, also had the effect of glad he couldn't, and he wouldn't if ceive the goods. From this time on materially strengthening the whole glad he couldn't, and he wouldn't if ceive the goods. From this time on materially strengthening the whole he could. The giant was much re- all will be busy making preparations list of bank stocks. lieved at this, and they had a fine for the spring trade. From the fact time at lunch. They got quite well that the late fall trade was good and acquainted, and the giant took a that the holiday business was enorgreat liking to Roland. "Now, see mous, it is generally understood that retailers are in a splendid position to engage in the trade for the coming." have several fortunes in my treasure engage in the trade for the coming have several fortunes in my treasure vaults, and you can take your pick just so that you will feel comfortable. Now you stay here and be compared to the compa In some dejartments it is still diffiwill keep the musicians and singers cult to get all the skilled labor needaway from you, for I detest music as ed, and the manufacturers are having much as you do." Roland said that all they can do to get out the goods would be just fine, and the princess in time for delivery when needed by said so, too, and as she had not seen the jobbers, while in certain cases it a single prince near by for so long, is impossible to get sufficient goods she thought that Roland was just the to meet all the demands as promptly finest prince that ever was; so they for current delivery as they are want-

The outlook for trade in this province and in the east is very encouraging. The activity in the old industries and the increasing activity year of the century has been signaliz- for a large demand for staple goods for the coming spring and summer. In Manitoba and the Northwest the outlook is for the biggest year in the Oh," said Roland, "I was just be of a moderate order, as unusual the country. The west has not yet g if he would come along, events rarely continue in quick suc- left the full effects of the big grain crop of last season. This is ewing to

with Roland and patted him on a total eclipse of the moon at the The Winnipeg Commercial, com- the finest ice that can be procured

opposite node, and about midway be menting on the trade outlook, says : anywhere. It is taken from the WE Sell Light and Power... fortunately, this side of the globe is being booked for future shipment. current is the swiftest and there is current is t tween the two events, is interestingly The outlook for spring trade is good Klondike at a point about one exemplified on April the 22d. Un- and a large amount of business is above the Ogilvid bridge where handsome young prince who a brave youth, and he hoped he would October 16th, the earth's satellite money in circulation throughout the is a part of a 23-ton contract being will again pass into the terrestrial summer months than ever before in shadow, the western world being this country owing to the fact that parties have also a 250-ton contract especially favored with a view of the farmers have practically another crop with Preston, the cold storage man. entire phenomenon. This is the most to market after navigation opens. important of the predicted astronomi- There is a good deal of kicking over cal events of the year to Pacific the grain transportation situation, Coast observers, and will be prepared but it has some compensating features. If the whole of the large crops In 1902 the planets will be scatter of last year had been thrown into the ed more widely apart than in the last market at once it would probably the hydraulic mines, now at a standfew months. Venus, which increased have reduced the price more than we for his teacher it was exactly as he was afraid of the giant, and that in brightness until the 9th inst., may enough to offset the cost of carrying be seen in the daytime at about 3 P. this grgin over the winter. As it is, m., near the meridian, and midway the business community can afford to between the south horizon and the view the situation with a good deal zenith. At the end of the month, of complacency. The chief disadvanwhen near the western horizon, it tage is that the farmers have not will be in conjunction with Mercury, time in the spring or summer for

From February 14th to November There have been advances in a num-28th Venus will be a morning star, ber of leading lines since the wholebut Mercury revisits the evening sky sale trade made their purchases for in May and September. Jupiter and the spring season in the domestic as Saturn, now nearly obscured in skn- well as in the foreign markets. In such cases the practice in the dry dawn in a few weeks and glitter in goods trade is to give the retail puraths morning sky during the ensuing chasers the advantage of the advance till stocks in hand are exhausted, but when it becomes necessary to repeat orders then advances for the goods have to be paid. This is not the to sleep that he would just doze was so heavy that it made his arms end of March becomes a morning star, practice in all departments of wholeand seep all day. Then the next ache, and as he did not know how to though not conspicuous until about sale trade. In some lines jobbers and he would be wide awake again, use it, anyway, he threw it away. He August next. For some years past it closely follow the advances reported then, of course, half of the court seemed to get on much better after has lost interest for observers, its by the manufacturers. In all departhave to sit up with him and this, and it was just about noon when distance, even at opposition, being ments, however, prices are being well on the bass drums and tambou- he rode up to the giant's castle. The too great for valuable work, and not maintained, and that has imparted a until 1005 will its position again in- feeling of confidence in trade circles vite the ardor of the investigator .- which will doubtless induce early buying by retailers.

BUSINESS OF THE BANKS. The Canadian chartered banks have been doing a good business the past year, and the coming year promises to show no retraction in operations of banking institutions. The reports of various banks, recently issued, notably those of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, the Bank of Nova Scotia, the Bank of Ottawa and the Royal Bank of Canada, have been highly satisfactory to the shareholders. These reports are eagerly perused by people living outside of the country who hold stock in such institutions in Canada, and the result must be to materially enhance the confidence which outsiders have in Values Are Being Well Maintained the soundness of Canadian trade and commerce. There has been an active stocks of leading banks. This class of security on the Canadian markets is Ottawa, Jan. 29. - Business has regarded as very high, and investors tiful princess that I keep shut up. I shown a very good revival since the are prepared to pay good prices, for just can't stand that, and I generally first of the year. The wholesale trade such stocks. The floating supply of go out and eat them alive, just to having got through with stocktaking such issues is limited, and those who some time ago, retailers have been hold them are not willing to part going through similar operations and with their holdings at present prices. tiful princess shut up in your cas- the results on all hands seem to be The result is that when an order highly satisfactory. There nave been comes on the market for a fair-sized "Of course I have," said the giant. few failures, and most of those that lot it is an easy matter for sellers to "What's the use of being a giant if have taken place have been of minor mark up prices. That accounts for shut up in your castle? But are you busy receiving goods for the spring the present week. The good reports quite sure that you don't sing sere- trade, and some are making small of the business of the past year pubnades?" Roland said that he had shipments already. As the retailers lished by some of the leading banks never sung a serenade in his life; that have been busy stock-taking, however, this week, which have already been

The Prune Situation.

New York, Jan. 30 .- According to W. G. Allen, a prominent fruit dealer stocks of prines on the coast are light, particularly the Oregon pro-

These stocks are pretty well concentrated and are in strong hands," said Mr. Allen. "Early sales of Oregon prunes were satisfactory; but later there was some pressure among holders to sell and the f. o. b. market declined. There has been some improvement in conditions, and, while stock is offering freely at 24c, f. o. b. four size basis, there are holders who ask up to 23c, four size basis. The present market conditions are regarded as favorable, stocks being in good ed as lavorable, stocks being in good control, both in Oregon and Cali-

Set at Liberty

Butte, Mont., Jan. 30.-After being confined in the county jail for four years and seven months, forty months of which he was under sentence of not be anticipated, but will probably history of the trade in that part of death, Joseph Shafer, the mulatto who killed a colored man named John Hawkins, in this city in 1897 is once more a free man.

This morning County Attorney Breen made a motion in Judge Me-Clerman's court that the charge gone, and Judge McClerman set the colored man free.

Excellent Ice Crop.

Messrs. Harmon & Welbon arrived this morning with their first load of this season's ice crop. The huge 12inch cakes are as clear as crystal and

filled for the N. C. Co. The same

Dry Season in Oregon.

Grants Pass. Or., Jan. 29. - The winter season remains dry throughout Southern Oregon. The country is badly in need of heavy rains, that still for lack of water, may be start-

The Osgood hydraulic mines, like all others in Southern Oregon, are closed down awaiting rains. The Osgood mines, however, owing to their excellent water facilities, have been afforded a better run that the major-

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