

PORT ORFORD POST.

THURSDAY, - JAN. 13, 1881.

THE "RACKETIERS" AGAIN RAMPANT.

Empire City has, for years, been the scene of periodical outbreaks of turbulence and lawlessness such as would disgrace a camp of Chimpanzas. Immunity from punishment for their crimes has lent impunity to as hard a lot as ever cut a throat or scuttled a ship, until, lately, the town has become a very scene of terror and insecurity. These outlaws style themselves "Racketers," and right well do they sustain the character chosen, for "rackets" at Empire City have been so frequent in the past as to excite but a passing remark. But the "Racketers" have grown bolder, and and more desperate, and more law-defying than heretofore, and the people, who have looked upon these frequently recurring scenes of violence and lawlessness with a sort of indifference, are become alarmed at the aspect of things. Indeed, by their apparent indifference in the past, they sowed the wind, and are now reaping the whirlwind. No person, no place, no business can claim exemption from the deprecations of the local venditti which for years been nursed and harbored, and tolerated—not that the people respected order less, but that they feared the "Racketers" more. The local Courts of Justice have sometimes been simply aggravated farces; but they were elected by the people, and while it may be substantially unjust to apply the apothegm, "like constituency, like public servants" indiscriminately, yet the people must reproach themselves in the day of their apparent awakening, for their follies of the past in not resolutely bearding the lion in his den and strangling and stamping out the lawless element in its comparative incipency. To dally with criminals is to propagate and invite crime.

The latest exploit of this noble band of "Racketers," was to visit the new stove factory in force, drive away the occupants and lay waste the premises by bursting up saws, smashing the planers, etc., etc. With thirst for deviltry not yet appeased, they visit the saloon kept by Mr. Kiley, where they find an old man sitting quietly by the stove warming his feet. They pounce upon him, and beat and kick, and stamp him most cruelly and unmercifully. They then proceeded to demolish the front of Kiley's building, and then terminate their round of devastation and demolition from sheer exhaustion.

Gen. Grant has made a resolution never to speak to Blaine again—no never.

Proceedings of the County Court -January Term.

The boundaries of Road District No. 5 changed to read as follows: Beginning at the east end of Sixth street of Port Orford and running thence in a north easterly direction, between the premises of Mr. Bensen and Wm Retz; thence northerly to the Township line of Township 32, S. R. 15 West; thence west to the point where the said Township line crosses Sixes river; thence along and down said river to the Pacific Ocean; thence southerly along the ocean beach to the point of beginning.

Road District No. 7 divided and formed into two districts, as follows: All the territory lying east of the Hauntz trail from the forks to the Coos county line, designated as District No. 7; and all territory lying between said trail and District No. 9.

Road reports from Supervisors of the following Districts ordered accepted and approved, to-wit:

- District No. 5.—J. L. Nay, Supervisor.
  - District No. 7.—W. H. Sullivan, Supervisor.
  - District No. 8.—T. J. Stitt, Supervisor.
  - District No. 2.—J. W. Curry, Supervisor.
  - District No. 3.—C. H. Donaca, Supervisor.
  - District No. 4.—T. W. Crook, Supervisor.
- The following persons were appointed for the several Road Districts for the year ending the first Monday in January, 1882:
- District No. 1.—Jas. A. Cooley.
  - " " 2.—J. Huntley.
  - " " 3.—Wm. Alberson.
  - " " 4.—T. W. Crook.
  - " " 5.—Joel Bond.
  - " " 6.—S. J. Culver.
  - " " 7.—Jos. Noah.
  - " " 8.—Jno. Gardner.
  - " " 9.—George Guerin.

George Merriman was appointed Justice of the Peace for Rogue River precinct.

The Sheriff was allowed until the first day of May, 1881 to make his return of delinquent taxes for the year 1879.

Bills audited to the amount of \$1009.94.

Whenever the tariff on any article which enters into the manufacture of fabrics pinches the monopolists, they have recourse under the law to a subterfuge called a "drawback"—that is, they render an account to the Treasury Department of the quantity of articles used by them in their business upon which duty has been paid, and are paid directly from the Treasury a sum equal to such duty. The people get no drawbacks.

The Bulletin says "taxation has been so reduced as to be no longer a burden to the people". How, and where, and when has taxation been reduced? And do not the people still stagger under a tariff grievous to be borne? Our woollens, our cutlery, our farm machinery, our salt, and even the matches we light our fires with come to us literally weighted down with taxation.

The Cascade Mountains Wagen Road Company has already had patented to it several hundred thousand acres of land, and its road can scarcely be traversed by garter snake. The Company claims \$400,000 more acres for the extension of its road East of the mountains to the De Chutes river, but will hardly get through with the job.

The Colony of Victoria was once the leading Colony in Australia, in all that goes to indicate substantial progress. But her Parliament finally succumbed to the tempter and enacted a "protective" tariff. Since that law went into operation Victoria has been on the decline, until she now ranks low indeed among her sister Colonies. Repeal is being demanded, but it will take Victoria years to recover from the effects of her folly.

DIED.

At Empire City, December 24, 1880, Mrs. Emily Elcia, wife of Hon. S. H. Hazard, aged 25 years; of consumption.

Mrs. Hazard was born at Mount Scott, Douglas county, Oregon, on the 17th day of March, 1855 and was the daughter of James Watson, Esq., and a member of the highly respected family consisting of J. F., (Judge of this District), E. B., (Judge of Supreme Court), D. L., (ex-Collector of Customs), Robert, John, Charles, Miss E. E., Kate and Florence Watson, and Mrs. S. Hamilton, (wife of Dr. Hamilton, of Roseburg.) She visited her brother, D. L., in 74 and the climate here agreeing with her, she remained until the time of her marriage with Hon. S. H. Hazard on July 31, 1876, and to the time of her death, made Empire City her home. She was the mother of two children, the youngest of whom only three months and eight days old, survives her.

We look back a few years and find her one of the prominent members of that merry circle in the society which existed in Empire City, the majority of the members of which are settled down in married life on various parts of the bay. With this exception they are all here, all in health and strength; but they cannot fail to remember that as time flies so are we approaching the time when another will be summoned; but can you hope that it will be to follow in the footsteps of the first to leave who led the life of a true Christian, a loving wife and a fond mother.

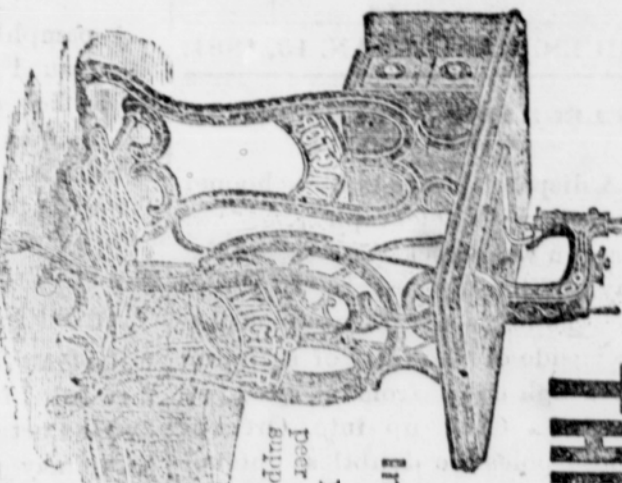
Her remains were carried to their final resting place at the Empire cemetery, last Sunday, and the funeral was largely attended by her many friends who came from all parts of the bay to pay her that last tribute.—Coos Bay News.

J. M. SIGLIN,  
Attorney & Counselor at Law  
Marshfield, Coos Co. Oregon.

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