

Pacific Slopers.

John Cook attempted to kill his wife, on the 3d, in the parlor of the International Hotel, Sacramento, by cutting her throat and stabbing her in the left side with a pocket-knife. It is believed she will recover. Cook decamped, but gave himself up a short time after to Justice Llucoia, at Sutterville. Mrs. Cook, whose maiden name was Mattie A. Muzzey, was formerly wife of one Eldred, of Virginia City, and is said to have left him and eloped with Cook. Jealousy is said to be the cause of the trouble.

In the Ferguson murder case, at Pioche on the 14th inst., a verdict was brought in of murder in the second degree. Judge Carter, in view of the jury's recommendation for mercy, reduced the term of imprisonment from 21 to 14 years. The severity of the weather for the past three months has greatly retarded mining operations in this district, but with the prospect of favorable weather an improvement is looked for.

The young orators of Olympia have formed themselves into a thirty-second District Court for the counties of Mud Flat and Clam-Baiter. At a recent meeting, the grand jury (of which three were ladies) having been declared competent, retired, and in due time returned to court, and presented a true bill against John Doe for an attempt to murder Johannes Schmidt with malice prepense. The grand jury having been discharged, a petit jury was called, and the prisoner being arraigned, was on motion of counsel for the defence, granted one week to prepare for trial, his bonds being fixed at \$10,000. The jury was bound over in the sum of \$5,000 each to be present next Saturday evening at 7:30 for the trial of the case.

Port Discovery, W. T., news: The saw mill was shut down last week, but was to resume running on full time with the beginning of the present week. The barkhouse building there has her frame nearly all up; twelve or fourteen men are working on her, and she will be ready to launch in about two months. Charley Wood had the misfortune, not long since, to chop off the end of his fore-finger. Rev. Mr. Lambach preaches at the mill one Sunday in every three weeks, and frequent drugges assist to pass away agreeably the evening of an occasional week day.

Edward Sebrit came to Mr. McAllister's house, at the brick-yard south of this city, last evening, inquiring for work and a night's lodging. He said that he came from Snohomish. He was told he could sleep in the cellar, into which he went. McAllister then sent for a neighbor, and in company with the City Marshal proceeded to the house and arrested the boy. Before the Marshal arrived the boy confessed he was Sebrit, and that he had killed his father. He stated that his father had threatened his life, and he killed him to save himself. He was taken to Snohomish County this morning.

The Taxpayer's Convention of Douglas county met on last Saturday, at Roseburg, and placed in nomination the following ticket: For Senator, W. F. Owens; Representatives, D. W. Stearns, George Riddle, J. C. Drain and Thomas Ledgerwood; County Judge, Thos. Smith; Clerk, E. B. Stephens; Sheriff, Pin Cooper; Commissioners, A. T. Ambrose and Henry Adams; Treasurer, John Bonobreak; School Superintendent, H. P. Wadkins; Surveyor, T. Hiel; Assessor, A. H. Matthews; Coroner, Dr. S. Palmer.

An arrangement has been arrived at by the Directors of School Districts Nos. 1 and 5, of Port Townsend, W. T., that will afford the advantages of a graded school. Four lots are to be purchased and held in trust for the two districts, upon which is to be erected a building for the high school. Toward this end Collector Garfield has succeeded in securing subscriptions already amounting to something over \$1,400, and a special tax of one per cent. has been levied upon all property in the two districts. This will accomplish the desired object, and in a very short time these departments of the public school will be in operation.

On February 23d, John Dougherty, who has an \$85 judgment hanging over him, took a quiet ride on the train to Kalama. He was brought back by a constable and was tried on the charge of attempting to leave the Territory to defraud. He was unable to give the required bonds, and was taken to Stellacoom and lodged in the County Jail, where he still remains.

At Port Gamble this morning, while a party of men were engaged stowing lumber on the bark Buena Vista, a large quantity fell, killing James Giles and seriously injuring three others. The accident was caused by neglect to properly wedge the upper tier of lumber.

A soldier named Charles Brown attempted to rob a Walla Walla till a few days since. Not knowing the combination, he sounded the alarm bell, and he now languishes in jail, awaiting the next term of Court.

Dates to March 2d from Seattle, W. T., gives these two items: There are 47 inmates now in the Insane Asylum at Stellacoom.

The roads throughout Jackson County are in a bad condition.

The City Magistrate of Port Townsend is bankrupt. Some vagrant has stolen his claw-hammer coat.

Very little business has been done at the Port Townsend Court thus far. Many of the lawyers are already leaving.

At San Jose, Cal., on the 3d, Sanderson, recently convicted of incest, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary—the full extent of the law.

A large force of white men and Chinamen are engaged in grading Tacoma avenue. When completed it will be the finest in Washington Territory.

In the foot-hills back of Walla Walla snow has fallen to the depth of three feet and is still lying on the ground. Back on the mountains it is six feet deep.

A degraded Celestial at Olympia has reached that point in the lower scale, where he feloniously purloined a load of bark from an editor without the fear of law. Fine, \$10 and costs.

The surveying party under Hon. Lewis Van Vleet has just completed the survey and subdivision into forty-acre lots of the Snohomish Reservation.

About thirty Indians have died this winter with the measles at Sincove Reservation, W. T., and 40 have died at Priest Rapids, and they are still dying from it.

Capt. E. S. Fowler has just closed a contract for a large two-story stone building to be built on the corner of Adams and Washington streets, Port Townsend.

A petition is in circulation at Stellacoom, asking that the sentence of Gus Lyttle—who has an appointment with the Sheriff on the 20th of March—be commuted to life imprisonment.

Hennemaker of Olympia, was brought up before the United States Commissioner on Feb 23d, for selling liquor to the Indians. He was held to answer before the grand jury in the sum of \$200.

On the 25th ult., Louis Myers and Dr. S. Rogers, both of Pierce County, W. T., were sent to the Insane Asylum. The latter was pronounced by Dr. Henneman to be laboring under that form of insanity known as "dipsomania."

During the year 1873 money orders to the amount of \$20,630 39 were issued from the Jacksonville Post Office. Orders to the amount of \$3,310 80 were paid during the same period. The fees on the same were \$124.

From parties down from Rogne River the Jacksonville Times learns that little stock has died, though looking rather thin. Should the weather not be unusually severe, nearly all of it will come safely through.

Junction City is the name of the town located at the mouth of Jordan Gulch, in Baker County. Town lots are selling rapidly, and David Sisley offers to give lots to those who will build substantial houses upon them. The railroad depot is located at this place.

A Union correspondent, Baker County, puts it in this wise: "Rev. G. W. Adams commences the second services of his protracted meeting at this place on Saturday the 21st inst. May a pure platonic love animate his seraphic breast, until he brings all to a just understanding of the way to 'no unto others as they would that others should do unto them.'"

The Baker City Herald of the 25th ult. gives the following: On last Saturday, as the N. W. Stage Company's coach was passing the first grade below Weatherby's Station, on Burnt River, a tremendous slide came down the mountain and struck the stage, burying it completely and killing one horse. Fortunately, the driver, Mr. Dunnigan, escaped, but a stock tender from Miller's who was on the seat with the driver, was caught in the apron and buried alive with some six feet of snow.

The last Mountaineer has this: Several years ago an eccentric individual died in this county, who during life, adhered to the doctrine of the transmigration of souls. He always expressed his determination to return to his acquaintances in the form of some animal, and do it in such a manner that they could not fail to recognize him. True to his determination, he makes frequent nocturnal visits to the house of one of his particular friends, in the guise and semblance of a hog. He walks through the house, through the milk house, into the root house, among jars of jelly and rolls of butter, he speaks not a word, but squeaks like a genuine pig. It is the pig-like squeak of satisfaction, he is glad to return among his old neighbors. Unlike a hog he leaves no tracks neither does he disturb either milk pan or butter roll. The family is sure it is old — — — come back to demonstrate the truth of his theology. The wicked think they detect the odor of skunk about the premises.

Stock is reported as dying in large numbers on the Walla Walla River.

The nitroils of Baker City pass their time upon the trail of timid suggestions.

Montana tolerates a man who can wipe his nose with his upper lip and blow out a kerosene lamp with his left ear.

The supper and social entertainment designed by the ladies of Union, Baker County, for the Rev. Dr. Nevelus, was declined by that gentleman.

Colonel J. N. T. Miller, of Jacksonville, recently sold his fine trotting horse "Brick Pomeroy" to C. W. Kellogg, of San Francisco. The price paid was \$2,000.

A petition is in circulation in Baker County, asking Congress to revoke the order setting apart the Wallawa Valley as an Indian Reservation. It meets with favor.

A Baker City editor's valentine reads thus: "Do right and fear not," to which he adds: "we aim to do that very thing, without giving any superfluous thanks to any body."

British Columbia.

Sergeant Tucker, of Her Majesty's Dock-yard, was fined five shillings and costs for striking Capt. rare's dog with a stone, by Justice Fisher.

The British Columbia Legislature have resolved to request the Dominion Government to establish a military post at Kamloops, or some central section of the Yale-Lytton District.

Mr. Hickley, a highly respected settler on Salt Spring Island, died very suddenly on Thursday, Feb. 19th. While engaged in chopping at his home, he fell forward across the log a dead man.

Lieut. Col. Powell, Superintendent of Indian Affairs, has received instructions to repair to Ottawa for the purpose of receiving instructions and arranging an Indian policy for British Columbia. He will leave by the next direct steamer.

Mr. Rufus Sylvester will go up in the Eliza Anderson from Victoria in charge of Bernard's Express for Cassiar. Mr. Sylvester's is the pioneer Columbia express, whose rapid trips under most unfavorable circumstances have won him great renown.

Private advices from Yale and Nanaimo announce the return of Messrs. Buxton and Dewdney by thumb-plug majorities over the Destructives. Thompson is sure of election at Cariboo. The Destructives gain but one man, and he is the weakest and least reliable of the lot.

Letters from Lillooet express great dissatisfaction with the proposed alteration in the terms of Union. They describe the farmers as having large quantities of live stock, and cereals and no market. The stock and grain were raised in anticipation of the early commencement of the railway.

A Lightning Creek dispatch of the 1st, says the following was the wash up for the past week: Lightning Company, 52 ounces; Spruce, 50 ounces; Point, 92; Van Winkle, 60; Victoria, 420, and Vancouver Company, 192 ounces.

On Friday morning a heavy snow slide came down into town, smashing into Madame Bendson's saloon, carrying away the doors and windows, besides seriously injuring the proprietress, who was buried under two feet of snow, remaining there some 15 minutes before being resurrected.

The roads from Barkerville to Cottonwood are almost impassable, no travel except the express having gone over it for nearly a month.

General News.

Ex-President Baez, by advice of counsel, refuses to give bail in the Hatch case, and remains in charge of the Deputy Sheriff at his hotel.

A Washington dispatch says a letter from New Orleans states that Judge Durrell has forwarded his resignation to Washington, to be tendered in case the Judiciary Committee of the House report articles of impeachment.

Kennedy, who was shot by Mrs. Toner in Jersey City, March 1st, will probably recover. He denied that Mrs. Toner shot him, and says it was done by a man walking behind them, but this story is generally disbelieved.

The following wheat ships have arrived at Liverpool: Ships British Commodore, Ophelia and Valpariso, from San Francisco; bark Romeo, from Portland. At Queenstown, ships Euterpe, Jas. A. Wright and Knight Commander, from San Francisco.

February 27th, about one thousand ladies inaugurated a crusade against the liquor dealers in Philadelphia. They delegated twenty of their number, who visited three saloons, around which they sang and prayed, the proprietors having closed their doors. A number of roughs gathered and ridiculed the proceedings. The proprietors called on the police, but they refused to interfere. A number of profligate saloon-keepers on Chestnut street have received written notices that the ladies in a body will soon call on them.

A Hong Kong dispatch announces that the Alaska sailed for San Francisco on the 27th of February with a full cargo and 600 emigrants.

There was a very serious fire in Panama February 10th, by which the greater portion of the city was burned. Among the buildings destroyed were the Grand Hotel, City Saloon, and Bank. The loss is roughly estimated at \$1,000,000, covered by insurance.

The Senate, in Executive session, February 27th, after an hour's discussion, confirmed Simmons for Collector of Boston by a vote of 27 to 17. Democratic present voting in the affirmative.

The two following items are from St. Louis, under date of March 2d: A fire to-night, which originated in the basement of No. 49 North Fourth street, destroyed \$50,000 worth of rubber goods stored there, belonging to the Goodyear Rubber Company, and completely gutted the Dollar Store of J. V. Latou on the first floor. Latou's loss cannot be ascertained to-night. The insurance on the rubber stock was \$40,000.

Lewis M. Oak, real estate agent, blew his brains out this evening. Cause, financial trouble.

A Washington special, speaking of Lottrell's efforts to secure the investigation of Central Pacific Railroad contracts, says Mr. Lottrell has been ever since the opening of the session hammering at an attempt to have these contracts investigated by Congress or Courts, but he has failed uniformly in his endeavors. He is a new member, but he has been so persistent that some success might by this time have crowned his efforts. That he has failed can only be attributed to the influence of the strong combination in this city, whose endeavor is to prevent investigation of the subject.

A Washington special says since the Committee agreed to McGreevy's bill and the accompanying report, there has been time for reflection, which has had the effect rather to weaken its hold on Congressmen who were at first disposed to accept it as a possible plan for a solution of the cheap transportation problem. It provides, it will be remembered, for a Board of nine Commissioners, who are to have control, in effect, of sixty-seven thousand miles of railroads in this country. This will have the effect to create another Bureau or Department here at Washington, and if the duties of the Board as devolved on them by the bill are faithfully performed, it will require a clerical force of such numbers as will make a new Department second only to the Treasury Department.

From St. Georges, Bermuda, February 23: The steamship Ring Star, from New York for Aspinwall, before reported, with a general cargo, arrived off these islands in a sinking condition on the night of the 14th ult. Communication was had with the agent of the underwriters and the vessel was taken to the navy yard, under permission of the superintendent in charge, and there put aground in twenty feet of water. She was then leaking about two feet per hour. The cargo has been discharged and the vessel will go into the dock for repairs to-morrow. The boilers got adrift during the gale in which the ship sprang a leak, and the steam pipe broke nearly in two and was only made available by lashing with canvas, rope, etc. Had it broken entirely across, the vessel must have foundered in five hours.

FOREIGN.

This from Madrid, Spain, on same date: Serrano has been declared President of the Republic, and Gen. Zabala, Minister of War, is appointed President of the Council of Ministers.

Gen. Morionez failed to relieve Bilbao, and it is reported that his army has been defeated by the Carlists with a loss of 3,000 men, killed and wounded. Amposta has been captured by Carlists.

From Japan, Feb. 27th: The insurgents have advanced to the walls of Nagasaki, and there has been some fighting, with what result is not known. Foreign residents are safe under the protection of their Consuls and men-of-war in the harbor.

A special dispatch to the London Telegraph, from Central Asia, says the Young Turkomans recently made an attack on the Russian fortification, and were defeated; and while crossing the frozen river during their retreat the ice broke, and a large number were drowned.

BISMARCK AND THE HEBREW SABBATH.—The great German statesman proves to be as wily a theologian as he is a diplomatist. The recent elections in the Empire having been ordered on Saturday, the Jews felt that practically their franchise was cut off, as they could not conscientiously take part in secular business on their Sabbath. Accordingly a Rabbi, Bamberg by name, telegraphed the Prince, asking what was to be done in the emergency. An immediate reply was received, as follows: "Tickets may be inserted on Friday; besides, while the Sabbath ends at four o'clock and fifty minutes, the election does not close until six o'clock, so that there is an hour and ten minutes in which to vote." The matter was thus effectually put right.

Late Discovery at Pompeii.

The following is from a recent number of the London Athenaeum:

The form of another human body which has been impressed upon the ashes of Pompeii has been preserved in plaster of Paris within the last few days. The cast is said to be extremely beautiful, much better than any that have been taken. The head is a portrait; the nose is long and decidedly aquiline; the lips full and half open; the ears enormously large. There is no muscular contraction denoting a violent death; the whole person which was in the pose of one who sleeps, a placid sleep, shows that the unhappy citizen of Pompeii died of apoplexy. He lies on his left side, resting his head on the right hand, while the other arm, bent under the breast, is almost concealed; legs drawn up, unequally, the left more than the right, which is stretched out naturally. Around the loins was a linen covering, which concealed a small portion of the legs; the breast was naked, without the shirt, unless there be some appearance of one under the left arm; but the feet were naked, and these have been cast magnificently. It is worthy of note that this body was found at a remarkable height, almost on a level of the second story, and near it were a few pieces of money in bronze and silver. This another interesting addition is made to the cast of human forms now in the museum. The first experiment of the kind was made a long time ago by the Commandatore Ercolli, now director of the National Museum. It created a great sensation at the time, as well it might, for it brought to light, if not to life, some of the victims of the great eruption which buried a whole city beneath its ashes, and presented us with types of the race who once peopled the streets of that now silent city.

A Convivial Philosopher.

A truly philosophical humor, who was brought before the Bangor police court some time ago, involved a theory that must be exceedingly comfortable for the weak and erring. James Hennessey was his name, and when his honor, severe of aspect, asked him what he had to say to the charge of being drunk, he calmly arose and said: "Your Honor, I am a Darwinian, and I have, I think, discovered the origin of my unfortunate tendency. One of my remotest grandfathers was an anthropoid of a curious turn of mind. One morning, about 4,391,632 B. C. he was looking over his store of coconuts, when he picked up one for his breakfast in which the milk was fermented. He drank the liquor and got gloriously drunk, and ever after he kept his coconuts until fermentation took place. Judge, then, what a tendency handed down through innumerable ancestors should not be taken in my defense." Casting a sarcastic look at James, his honor said: "I am sorry that the peculiar arrangements of the atoms of star dust resulted in giving me a disposition to sentence you to pay \$3 and costs." As James could not pay he went to the winter retreat.

AFFECTING ROMANCE.—Affecting is a romance that comes from Indiana.

Read and shudder: A young gentleman living near Terre Haute felt that life had no charms if a young lady of whom he thought a great deal didn't consent to marry him. She didn't, and he immediately went West, and employed a sympathetic friend to write to her saying that he was dead; and begging her as his parting request to stop and drop a weed or a flower or a tear upon his lonesome grave if she happened to be passing in that direction. Mark the practicality of the modern young lady! No thrill of anguish desolated her soul! She calmly wrote back to the friend that if he had any consideration for her feelings, to send her the dear departed's watch and chain and money. The things were sent, and the owner speedily followed to observe the effect of his *bona* stratagem. Alas! he met her walking with Another, and wearing all his jewelry. Appalled by this sudden apparition of a dead man, Another fled, but the young lady had sharper eyes for her unappreciated suitor. All's well that ends well—she was so displeased with Another for running away in terror that now she is about to marry the ghost.

A colored man, recently deceased, in New Orleans, owed the city nearly \$100,000 in back taxes. He lived in a miserable old garret. Worked like a slave, and allowed himself none of the comforts of life. He owned real estate worth \$700,000 at least, and a large amount of bonds and cash. There were writs against him for taxes running back a dozen years, which he evaded paying by giving the city ten per cent. on the gross amount, which the law permitted, and then he lent the money on mortgages for from 18 to 24 per cent.

Dates from London to Feb. 28th give this: The trial of the Tichborne claimant on charges of perjury, which lasted 180 days, resulted this morning in his conviction on all the charges and was sentenced to 14 years' penal servitude.