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Destruction of the Centreville Mills by Fire.

A private dispatch to Hon. J. C. Trullinger of this city, from his son P. A. Trullinger, dated at Centreville, Washington county, on Sunday, conveys the unwelcome news of the total destruction of his flouring and saw mills at that place, Saturday evening at 6 o'clock. No particulars of the fire are furnished by the dispatch, but Mr. Trullinger informs us that the loss will be about \$18,000, upon which there is an insurance of only \$8,000. The mill had been leased to other parties, but the lease expired on the first, and Mr. Trullinger was making arrangements to go into the business again on his own account, and had a sum of money on deposit in Portland with which to purchase wheat, the first-favorable opportunity. We sympathize with our friend in his misfortune. He is a man who has always taken a step in advance of the times in local enterprises, but has met with so many disheartening reverses in the past few years that we fear we shall lose him from active business circles unless there is an end to some of these litigations and consequent disasters.

Never try to rob any one of his good opinion of himself. It is the most cruel thing you can do.

The ship Hermon, which is reported to day en route to the Columbia river from Callao; is under charter to load with lumber. She is a vessel of 1300 tons register.

Archie L. Pease, of Spokane falls, was in Colfax the week before Christmas, and Geo. A. Pease and A. M. Cannon of the same place passed through there on their way to Portland the same day, the Gazette says.

Sunday and yesterday the weather was sensibly warmer at Astoria, and a very nice rain storm added to the water-supply of the city. Yesterday morning opened with the wind north-west, and probabilities in favor of another change. It was again freezing last night.

Mr. T. Bailey of this city passed Ogden the day before Christmas, in such a gale of wind, as he expresses it, "as though all the saints might ascend to heaven, or elsewhere." Everything was frozen tight, and he says he shall make his stay in the frigid zone as brief as possible.

The steamship Oregon proceeded on her voyage to Portland yesterday in spite of the fact that men were crossing the river on the ice above Kalama on Sunday. The Oregon is an iron steamer, and it is said can cut her way through eight inches of ice. If so, it is well.

It commenced snowing briskly at Salem Sunday evening, December 29th, about four o'clock and continued to fall until eight, when it turned sleet, leaving an inch or so of light fleece over all. The fall was still heavier at Albany. Five miles below Salem it looked like a heavy frost, and French prairie and below showed bare ground.

The cold weather and scarcity of food is bringing the cougars and wildcats down from the mountains in quest of sheep-folds and human-rocks.

Real Estate at Auction—Signs of the Times.

Yesterday, to satisfy a judgment and costs of suit, amounting in all to less than 150 dollars, Sheriff Twilight, as per official announcement, proceeded to sell at public auction 12 lots in block 40, 12 lots in block 42, and 11 lots in block 52, in Shivelys Astoria, or so much thereof as would satisfy said judgment and costs. It was anticipated that, owing to apparent dullness in real estate transactions, all, or nearly all of the said lots, would have to be sold to satisfy the claims against them. But E. C. Holden, the auctioneer, who sold the property for Sheriff Twilight, succeeded in realizing more than sufficient in the sale of only one lot. Lot 1 in block 52 was knocked down to Mr. T. Brudie for 78 dollars, and lot 5 in the same block to Rudolph Barth, for 80 dollars, and the sheriff then declared the execution satisfied. It is an old saying that straws show which way the wind blows, and we take it that this little incident is a sure indication that our citizens have no fear of the future prosperity of our city, and that they anticipate that in the near future, town lots, which are now held at a very low figure will enhance in value, and we believe they are correct in these opinions.

Suicide of a Defaulter.

On the arrival of the steamship Oregon at the dock in this city yesterday, Chief of Police Barry and Officer Steine took into custody a man by the name of W. N. Castle, defaulting city clerk of San Jose, on orders from D. H. Hazkell, chief of police of San Jose. When arrested Castle attempted to shut himself up in his state-room on board the steamer, but was prevented from doing so by the officers, when he quietly submitted, saying that he had been expecting it, and that there was but one way left for him to get out of it. He walked up to the jail door with the officers, Mr. Steine on his right, and Chief Barry on the left of him. At the jail Mr. Steine stepped in front of the prisoner to unlock the door, when Castle stepped back a pace, and drew a revolver from out of his pocket, or out of his sleeve, and instantly threw his hand toward his head and shot himself so quickly that officer Barry was powerless to prevent it, and the man fell dead at his feet. The ball entered the right ear shattering the base of the skull, and produced death instantly. Among the papers found upon his person, was a letter addressed to Capt. Charles Johnson, Plainfield, Yolo Co., California, of which the following is a copy:

SAN JOSE, Jan. 3, 1879.

Charles and Mary Johnson:

Dear Friends:—Give my little orphan children a home with you, as circumstances compel me to do a deed at which my heart sickens, and that is to take my own life. May God be good to you, and incline your hearts towards my small innocent babes. The convictions that I have in my mind that you will see to them, helps me to summon strength enough to write these parting lines to you. Mary; in the name of dear Bridget, my first and only wife, I plead to you to be a mother to my little ones, and to give them a home with you. The bigger boys, Gust and Frank, will help them all they can. Dear friends, excuse me for laying this burden upon you, but I have no one else to look to. God bless you both.

W. N. CASTLE.

Justice Turley, acting as coroner, summoned a jury consisting of C. S. Wright, C. H. Stockton, O. Sorey, D. Hamburger, Thos. Logan, and P. H. Fox; who, after hearing such testimony as was presented, rendered a verdict of suicide.

Deceased had no baggage nor valuables with him, with the exception of a sum of money, which will be turned over to the coroner. We are not advised as to what disposition will be made of the remains of this unfortunate man, but probably the body will be returned to San Jose for burial. It is said that he was a prominent member of society in San Jose, and his untimely death is probably the result of unsuccessful stock gambling.

A good way to break the handle of a water faucet is to let the whole thing freeze during the night, and then give it a furious blow with the hammer in the morning, because the water don't run.

Took an Appeal.

The suicide of W. N. Castle, in this city yesterday, sent a chill coursing through the veins of many a one, and sad indeed were the expressions upon the faces of many who witnessed the act. The letter which we publish in connection with this tragic affair leads us to suppose that Castle contemplated suicide when he left San Jose, and his remarks to Chief Barry as he came forth from the state room on the steamer, confirms the surmise. It is not customary to search prisoners until after they enter the office at Police-headquarters. Poor Castle took such deadly aim, and was so quick in his movements, that no power could prevent the result. This is the third man that has attempted suicide when under arrest by Chief Barry, but he is the first one to accomplish the deed; and Castle would not have succeeded perhaps, only for the fact that he had a self-cocking revolver.

AROUND THE CITY.

Call and see stereoscopic view of Cascade canal, and photographic copy of 1878 chart of the Columbia river bar, at H. S. Shuster's art gallery. Photography is truly a science.

Fresh fruits and vegetables a Bailey's.

Get your baskets filled for a little money at Bailey's.

Fresh oysters in every style at Schmeers'. See advertisement.

New invoice of those Medallion Ranges at Magnus C. Crosby's.

Fresh oysters in every style and at all hours at the Pioneer restaurant.

Shipmasters wishing to secure seamen can have their wants supplied by calling at the Chicago house, Main street.

Wood of all kinds, and a splendid lot of pitch wood, at Gray's wharf, for sale in lots to suit purchasers.

P. J. Goodman, on Main street, has just received the latest and most fashionable style of gent and ladies boots, shoes, etc.

LODGING HOUSE—Persons requiring furnished or unfurnished rooms can be accommodated at reasonable rates at Mrs. Munson's Chenamus st., Astoria.

Always ask for McCormick's Oil Clothing, which is the best in the market. All the leading merchants in Astoria keep it. Seamen and cabinmen are respectfully invited to inspect our stock and prices before ordering elsewhere.

Peter Runey is still in the market with all kinds of building materials in his line. Has just received 100,000 lath, 2,000 bushels of sand, and a large stock of first quality of brick at his warehouse foot of Benton street.

Mr. J. Stewart, stone and marble cutter of Astoria will guarantee satisfaction to all ordering work of him, and will do a better job for less money than any outside workman. His work in the cemetery here should be sufficient recommendation. Before you let your contracts for work of this kind it will be well to call upon Mr. Stewart.

Great care has been taken by the purchaser of the stock just opened at the Bee-hive, to suit the tastes of the people. New music, new books, etc., etc., in fact, you should go and see the nice things in order to know what Mrs. Steers has for you, and how cheap they may be bought.

Mr. Peter Wilhelm has permanently fitted up a shipmaster's reading room in connection with the Gem saloon in Astoria. The latest shipping papers and homeward and outward bound shipping lists are kept on file. Telegraph office in the same building.

While the English steamer Warrior was off an island in the West Indies, but out of sight of land, a human cry was heard, and the carpenter said he had seen a man struggling in the water. The engines were at once stopped and a boat put off. After a long pull in the direction noted the cry was again heard, and half an hour later a man was discovered and picked up. He proved to be a native of Jamaica named Alexander Hughes, and said he had been three days in the water clinging to a clothes chest. He was one of the crew and passengers of the schooner The Little Minnie, which capsized at sea and sank while on her passage to Colon. The accident occurred sixty miles from where the man was picked up. He was the only survivor.

Capt. Tyson having recently returned, half starved, half frozen, and with a leaky vessel, from an alleged Arctic expedition, it will be in order for Capt. Howgate to explain why Tyson started on such a voyage, what he went for, and what he has accomplished. Spoons left by Sir John Franklin are no better than other spoons, and just now the world has no use for an unknown polar sea.

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FULL STOCK OF GENERAL MERCHANDISE,

Christmas and New Year GOODS

A Splendid Assortment of KID GLOVES.

Full Line of Gents Hats and Furnishing Goods!

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Has now to offer to the people of Astoria and vicinity the finest display of

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GENTS CLASS—On Monday and Thursday evenings, at 7:30.
LADIES CLASS—On Monday and Thursday afternoons, at 2:30.
BOYS CLASS—On Tuesday and Friday evenings, at 7:30.
MISSSES CLASS—Wednesday and Saturday at 4 P. M.
Wednesday evening for the entire school. None-admitted except scholars.
Saturday evening SOIREE.

TERMS—Ladies and gents class per Month.....\$5 00
Boys and Misses class per Month..... 2 50

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TURPIN HOUSE.
D. L. TURPIN - PROPRIETOR,
MAIN STREET,
Between Squemoque and Jefferson,
ASTORIA, OREGON.

Board and lodging per week.....\$5 50
Board per day..... 1 00
Single Meal..... 25
The table will be supplied at all times with the best the market affords.

OCCIDENT HOTEL,

A. J. MEGLER, C. S. WRIGHT,
Proprietors,
Astoria, Oregon.

The Proprietors are happy to announce that the above Hotel has been
REPAINTED AND REFURNISHED
Adding greatly to the comfort of its guests
AND
IS NOW THE BEST HOTEL NORTH OF SAN FRANCISCO.

PARKER HOUSE,

ASTORIA, OREGON,
H. B. PARKER, - - - - - Proprietor.

THIS HOTEL is the largest, most comfortable and best kept hotel in the city. Is supplied with the best of spring water, hot and cold baths, barber shop, and a first-class saloon with best of liquors and cigars, and fine billiard table. Free coach to and from the house; charges reasonable, \$1 00 to \$2 50 per day, according to room occupied.
Astoria, July 15, 1878.

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FOR THE RECEPTION OF BOARDERS, by the week, day or single meals.

Fresh oysters in every style at all hours.

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Furnished rooms in suits, or single, by the day, week or month.

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Puget Sound Oysters,

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CRYSTAL DRIPS, GALLON CANS;
NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.
PICKLED HERRING IN KEGS.
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MUSCATED RAISINS, 2-B PACK-
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CHICKENS AND TURKEYS, IN
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Lots 2, 3, 4, and 5, in Block 20;
Lots 3, 4, 5, and 6, in Block 160;
Lots 3 and 4, in Block 120; and Lot 3, in Block 132;
North half of Block 8, - 2 1-2 acres.
DAVID INGALLS
Astoria, Oregon, Dec. 16, 1878.

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