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Telegraphic News.

Dispatches Boiled Down for The Astorian.

ROMANTIC AND TRAGICAL.

DESTRUCTION TO SHIPPING ALONG THE OHIO.

PREPARING TO CARRY ON THE WAR AGAINST POLYGAMY.

AUSA CRAIG, Ont., Jan. 15.—Yesterday morning Miss Walker, residing at Brecon Mills, suddenly expired. Her betrothed, Edward Cousins, hearing of her death, cut his throat, and Miss Walker's mother, on seeing the corpse of her daughter, dropped dead.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 15.—Ice gorges along the Ohio and Kentucky rivers continue dangerous and destructive. At Bettyville, Kentucky, the damage to boats is \$50,000. On the Cumberland river at Elizabethtown the steamer Stuhlman broke from her moorings and is a complete wreck.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The United States district attorney for Utah is here arranging for the vigorous enforcement of the law prohibiting polygamous marriages.

Pacific Coast News.

Boiled Down for The Astorian.

A SMARTER WHO HAD WORKED IN A POWDER MILL BEFORE.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 15.—Joseph Reagan, who had charge of mixing acids at the powder works which blew up yesterday, states that just before the explosion Edward Morris, one of the men killed, was employed with a hammer and nails in repairing the hopper in which he was making cartridges. Reagan warned him of the danger, but Morris replied that he had worked in a powder mill before, and knew his business. Reagan left the building with six chinamen, and had gone but a short distance when the explosion occurred. The total loss is from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

—What distinguishes a registered letter from any other, is a question very often asked. The difference is that a registered letter does not go into the mail proper. It passes from hand to hand outside the mail pouches, every person through whose hands it passes being required to sign a receipt for it on receiving it, and secure a receipt for it on passing it over to the next in transit. The person holding the last receipt is thus always able to show who is accountable for the loss. The responsibility rests on the man who has signed a receipt for the registered package, and who is not able to produce the package or a receipt from somebody else for it. The safest way to send money is by money-order. Where it does not go to the money-order office it should always be sent in a registered package. Money ought not to be sent in an ordinary letter under any circumstances. There is no possible way of "tracking" such a letter.

"I am doing a good enough business without advertising." No doubt you are doing well enough for your present needs, but do you forget the panics, the exciting elections, the times of war or pestilence, or any of those many causes which create dull terms of business? These must be calculated for and discounted if you would bridge them over. One must make more than he needs, to make a fortune, and advertising is a powerful auxiliary in money-making.

Walla Walla Letters—III.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 28.—The Walla Walla Home guards are now an effective institution. They had a drill and target practice Christmas day, to be repeated New Years day, under the new programme of "eyes open" when you pull the trigger. There is a proposition on foot to enlist one-half of our population as Home guards, or minute men, to exterminate the Indians, and the remaining half into an organization to be called Poor Lo Defenders, whose duty it shall be to act in conformity with the present policy of the war department, and Gen. Howard's plan of operations, which will admit of a further reduction of the army, now so demoralized by the order to defend and attack at the same time, when our citizens might accomplish the same results nearer a base of supplies, with no further inconvenience than the loss of life and limb, and much more satisfactory to the Indian, as he would then know which side his bread was buttered on.

We have had more weather the past few weeks than we are likely to have again this year. With a light fall of snow, fourteen-year-old boys without hand-sleds feel the pangs of poverty more than the Irishman that walked, be-jazes, and bye the bye, judging by your name, aint you an Irishman? We have a man in our jail named Dublin Centre Ireland, who says he is a Frenchman.

Christmas trees and dissatisfied children were as plentiful this week as opinions on the currency question.

Our worthy post-master has his salary raised to a fair compensation, and chronic growlers have discovered the necessity for fault-finding, and are devising ways and means for substituting their wives' relations into the now-desirable position, but the chances are that there will be a man sent out here from Ohio, as soon as the excitement over the president's message shall subside a little.

The rush of emigration to this point has moderated very considerably, and it is now considered fashionable for every man to paddle his own canoe, provided he has a paddle; if not, he has to get trusted, which is too common a practice here to merit further comment.

It has been variously reported that we are having hard times. That the stores are doing lots of business. Idle men that are not smart enough to make a living other ways are starting newspapers. However, everything in the way of necessities of life are high here except bread and meat and doctors bills, which are very abundant and largely produced. But with improved facilities for reaching better markets will no doubt improve in value. A short crop next year of either one would not cause distress in this immediate vicinity.

The managers of the Oregon Steam Navigation company will have an opportunity after January 1st, to issue passes and otherwise dead-head passengers over their new purchase, the Walla Walla and Columbia river railroad, and to make their promised reduction in the rates of freight to shippers. It is hoped they will not cripple their resources by liberality to such an extent as to force themselves into bankruptcy, as one of their heavy stockholders, D. S. Baker, is a man that has received his full quota of public abuse and criticism prior to proving his railroad enterprise a complete success, and now at his zenith of fame does not hanker after popular favor as it comes very naturally without hankering. His ambition now is no doubt to see his bank account strongly diluted with the base lucre which tells us "In God we trust" with yellow letters.

The good people of Dayton want railroads; men with railroads to spare want money. We leave the result to future history. Very respectfully,
Lock Box 330.

The Fruit Tree Fraud.

Our readers will remember that some time since the Salem Statesman called attention to the doings of certain fruit tree peddlers who were bilking the people out of considerable sums of money under fraudulent pretenses. The parties in question made considerable bluster about the charges of fraud and proposed to prove the honesty of their dealings. With considerable show of injured innocence they gave out that suit would be commenced against the parties contracting for trees in which full proof would be forthcoming but when the time came it brought not with it the peddlers. We understand that orders have been given to the agent left in charge of the unsold trees to sell them for whatever they would bring, which amounts to an acknowledgment of all that has been charged against them. We could write a long chapter on the subject of imposters, and the folly of being swindled by such transparent frauds, but the world will move on as it has, and some will always be found ready to fall a prey to sharpers.

Plenty of Railway.

Referring to the Springfield, Brownsville, Lebanon and Scio, narrow gauge railway enterprise, the Bee says:

If the time ever comes when four railroads running parallel, two on each side of the river, shall be operated in this valley, which is on an average not over forty miles wide, the country will most certainly be well supplied with transportation facilities, especially, as the river lies between, and the most pertinent inquiry is to the ability of the valley to sustain the roads by giving freight and travel to enable them to pay interest on the cost. The road projected by Mr. Pengra and others will do much to deve loplands near the mountains and will make the foothill region of the Cascades more valuable if it is constructed, and if it can be completed to the Nevada line will give Oregon an outlet for its commerce and ingress for immigration whether it pays the interest on the investment or not. For the purpose of overcoming the steep mountain grades that are to be found in the way, that are very formidable, the narrow gauge is favorable.

—The prosecutions for insults to the German Emperor have, in many instances, too ridiculous for belief, but the convictions and sentences have been shocking. They show that the judges of Germany are the mere tools and slaves of the government. Men and women, against whom no word had ever been uttered before, have been condemned to long terms of imprisonment for incautious and hasty expressions of dislike to kings, or sympathy for the masses from whom the socialist agitation proceeds. Men have been forced to turn witnesses against close personal friends, and to testify to hasty words that had been allowed to fall in moments of unguarded and excited conversation. In one case a gentleman was given the alternative of testifying against a friend, a person of excitable temper, and prone to say things which he did not really mean, or of being considered, and perhaps prosecuted, as a sympathizer with the would-be assassins of royalty.

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Assets, Jan. 1, 1878.....\$578,065 85

Liabilities—
Losses unpaid.....\$3,638 37

Dividends.....1,907 00 5,595 37

Surplus for Property Holders.....\$572,470 47

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H. B. PARKER.
Astoria, Oregon, Jan. 1, 1878. 1-2w*

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11-17*

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