Astoria, Oregon, Sunday Morning, March 16, 1879.

TELECRAPHIC NEWS.

Pacific Coast Dispatches.

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-We are still without news from Alaska, and the prolonged absence of the British war ship Ospray gives rise to the liveliest apprehension for the safety of the settlement.

-The collector of customs at Wrangle reports that traces have been found of three or four men foully murdered for their money. Indians who were with them are suspected of the crime, and will be arrested on arrival of an American gunboat.

-The Pacific Mail steamship City of Pekin, due from China and Japan on the 21st, is reported to have 600 Chinese passengers on board. This is an unusually large list, but it is said that the greater portion of them come under contract to go to, the Hawaiian Islands to work on sugar plantations.

-Mayor Bryant, of San Francisco has returned to the board of supervisors an ordinance forbidding the representation of the Passion play or other plays of similar nature without his signature, and the order becomes a law by limitation of time. It is believed that under this law oratorios will come within the prohibiton.

-A Hanford, Cal., dispatch states that settlers there who have been threatened with litigation and ejectment by the railroad companies, have formed a battalion of six companies, regularly officered, mounted and armed, to resist the action of the company. Most of the men have seen actual service, and aver that they mean business.

Eastern News.

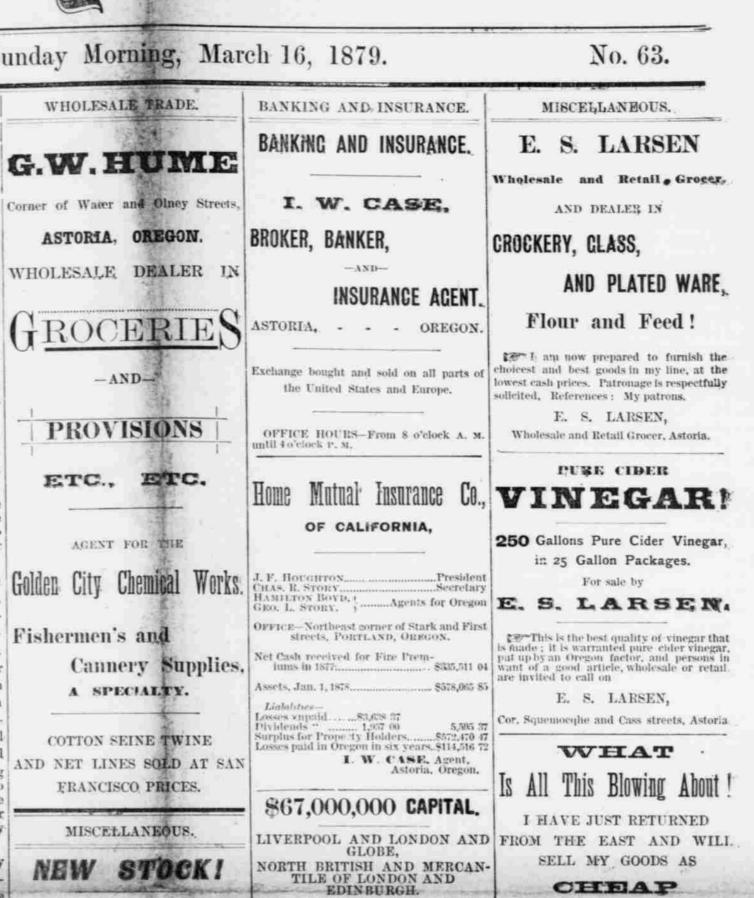
The Hungarian Horror.

-Instead of five or six hours which it was caculated the flood would take to spread through the town, scarcely an hour and a half had passed before Szegedin lay submerged up to its pres- | Corner of Water and Olney Streets, ent level. Some hopes are entertained that on account of the alarm which for days before the calamity roused the population to a sense of their dan- WHOLESALE DEALER IN ger and gave them opportunity to fly for refuge, loss of life has not been very great; but the victims must at any rate be numbered by many hundreds, if not by thousands; nor is the havoc yet complete. If the water remains a few days longer scarcely seven hundred houses will be left standing.

-The Emperor Francis Joseph will forgo his visit to Pesth to receive congratulations on the occasion of his silver wedding. He desires that the money intended for festivities shall be distributed among the sufferers by the flood. The emperor and empress also have given 40,000 floring from their private purse.

-The authorities in Szentes, 26,000 inhabitants, Vassahely, and Crongrad, 16,000 inhabitants, which towns contain an aggregate population of £0,-000, have telegraphed to Pesth for aid. The dykes protecting them from water are threatened. Sickness has broken out among the refugees encamped on the dykes at Szegedin. A correspondent at Szegedin says that a fearful storm is raging and a vast lake around the remains of the town is tossing hke the sea. The inhabitants who have not yet been taken away are crowded in the citadel and upper stories of a few houses and in railway wagons.

-The river Maros is rising rapidly and threatens New Szegedia. Numerous villages in the vicinity are crowded with refugees. Anarchy and HAVING JUST RECEIVED A new stock confusion reign in the surrounding



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