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GENERAL EASTERN NEWS.

BY MAIL AND TELEGRAPH.

Boiler Explosion.

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 25.—The steamer Minnie exploded a boiler on Rordibar bar and the engineer, captain and fireman were killed.

Fire in Colorado.

DENVER, Jan. 25.—Fire at Alamosa early this morning destroyed the Carter house, an adjoining saloon and a Chinese laundry. Loss, about \$7,000; insurance, \$3,000.

The New Telegraph Company.

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—The permission to organize a new telegraph company with \$1,000,000 capital was received from Springfield to-day, and stock books will be opened at once for subscriptions. It is believed that the telegraph company outlined in Saturday night's dispatches will push forward its enterprise and get lines first to New York and subsequently to other principal cities in the east, and between here and New York \$360,000 will be paid up.

A Tragic Event.

One of the latest fashions, which has been introduced into nearly every part of the country, is for an angry suitor to kill the object of his devotions when she declines to marry him. Such cases have become fearfully prevalent of late, which should be a caution to eligible young women to avoid the first approaches of suspicious characters toward whom they conceive a dislike. The infliction of the extreme penalty of the law for the most sanguinary offences is so rare a thing of late, that but little dread is entertained for it. For this reason, open murder and secret assassinations are on the increase. Human life is sacrificed to gratify the caprice of some ruffian, with no provocation or motive to justify it; or, if there be motive, it is of malicious birth, and finds no defence in the spirit of the law or the teaching of morality. We have a tragical story from Modesto, which, if correctly narrated, shows that at least one of those would-be assassins had his career cut short by a young woman. She defended herself at the threatening muzzle of a loaded pistol, but that defiance was so effective that she will never more be troubled with importunities from a man who would have assassinated her.

Training Children.

The great blunder which almost all parents and nurse-maids commit is that when the child takes a whim against what he is wanted to do—will not eat his bread and butter, will not go out, will not come to his lessons, etc.—they, to speak, lay hold of his hind leg and drag him to his duties; whereas, a person of tact will almost always distract the child's attention from its own obstinacy, and in a few minutes lead him gently round to submission. We know that many persons would think it wrong not to break down the child's self-will by main force, to come to a battle with him and show him that he is the weaker vessel; but our conviction is that such struggles only tend to make his self-will more robust. If you can skillfully contrive to delay the dispute for a few minutes, and get his thoughts off the excitement of the contest, ten to one he will give in quite cheerfully; and this is far better for him than tears and punishment.

"Proof sheets of special cable news at \$5 per week," is the latest device of an eastern journal to get something

nothing—the Irish world will certainly make more out of this scheme, however, than any comet's tail will earn from that Rochester patent medicine manufacturer to American skylayers. Both are too thin for this office, and we hope no Oregon journal will accept either of them.

A RICH HOAX.

The Remarkable Phenomenon Which a Ships Surgeon was Made to See.

The Call recently published a communication from Dr. Foward Clark, surgeon of the British ship John o' Gaunt, in which he minutely described the appearance of the phenomenon known as St. Elmo's fire on the mast of the ship on a favorable night. It appears that there was a heartless joke perpetrated upon the good doctor, as the following communication from the commander of the ship will show:

Dr. Foward Clark, during his voyage from Calcutta to San Francisco, often expressed a wish in his scientific researches to see St. Elmo's fire. He was devoted to jotting down in his journal every incident of a scientific nature that took place, and whenever anything unusual occurred, his attention was immediately called to it. One day during the passage, a midshipman horrified the chief officers with eye lantern and lashed it to the mizzen royal masthead. The succeeding night was intensely dark, and on this night the lantern was lighted. After everything had been purposely fixed, Dr. Clark was called, and I myself witnessed the phenomenon. Certainly the night was one on which St. Elmo's fire might be expected to be seen, and not being in the joke at first, I considered the light to be the true St. Elmo's fire. But on going to the fore part of the mast I could see no light, and consequently made inquiries, and was let into the secret. Meanwhile the doctor was in a sort of ecstasy, and was very busily engaged in making notes of the phenomenon. His excitement was intense, and his rapture at witnessing the fire extreme. As the heat was so perfectly conducted and so well carried out in every way, I felt that it would be a pity to destroy so admirable and so successful a delusion. But on reading Dr. Clark's description of the incident in the Bulletin, I considered it necessary for the benefit and in the interest of science, to reveal the joke at the expense of my friend, the enthusiastic doctor. He is a capable, clever and experienced physician, and a scientist of no small repute, and it can be well imagined how pleased he was to see what he had often told me was the dream of his life realized. Whether it was the Doctor's mistake or the boy's clever acting that made the latter's pulse leap so very high, and the temperature 101, I am unable to say, but the trouble he took with his patient during the following twenty-four hours, proved that his sincerity was only equalled by the ingenious simulation of the midshipman, whose arm the doctor kept in a sling for some time after the electric shock. He gave him rum, allowed him to smoke, and treated him with the utmost attention and consideration, as a brave lad who had perilled his life in the interests of science. The next day Dr. Clark made a sketch, in water colors, of the Elmo's fire, which he intends sending on to the London Graphic, with an elaborate description of the phenomenon.

The elevated railroads of New York are becoming more and more unpopular, owing to various causes—the principal one being the frequent accidents and the apprehended danger of a fearful one; others, the dirt scattered over everything under them. The drivers of the horse-cars running underneath are obliged to wear goggles to enable them to withstand this serious nuisance, while the passengers have great cause for constant complaint. In Philadelphia and other cities the clamor for elevated lines appears to have entirely ceased.

Wool, Hides and Furs.

Farmers and others will find it greatly to their advantage to call on the undersigned before selling their wool, hides and furs, as he is now prepared to either buy or sell on commission anything in the above line that may be offered, paying the highest cash price. Freight and charges advance.

J. H. D. Gray.

The Prince Imperial's Death.

There have been several versions of the manner in which the Prince Imperial met his death in Zululand. The exact particulars of the event will probably never be known, but there is a Zulu named Usikali on exhibition at one of the museums in New York who said he was present and witnessed the killing. His story, as told to a reporter of the New York Tribune through an interpreter, was to this effect: He (Usikali) was out skirmishing with a party of Zulus, when the leaders came upon the Prince and his men. The Prince's horse shied, and he was thrown from his seat. On his remounting Chief Ushaylo killed him. Two of the Prince's followers were also killed by the Zulus. The Prince, he declares, fought valiantly for life, and slew one of his adversaries before he fell.

AMUSEMENTS.

HILL'S VARIETIES. Geo. Hill, proprietor, Fred Gere, manager.—The entertainment will conclude with "Dr. Fowler" or "Mesmerism," and the "new wedding party" by Nickerson and Staley. The evening amusements to commence with the very popular first part, Nickerson and Staley, the funny men, Gere in Counter, Miss Morrison in new salads, Monroe in vocal gems, Mr. Richard Bruce with his drama solo, Staley with his champion Jig, Gere with his German-excerpts, and a very particular comedy by a very pathetic individual whose name pathetically is Nickerson. Nine people on the first part, and an exhibition equal to any on the coast. Mr. Hill invites critics. Come and see for yourself. New orchestral selections and new music on the grand stand under the leadership of Mr. George Lambert at 6:30 p. m. The entertainment will begin at 7:30 p. m. Entrances on Benton street. Private boxes on Chenamus.

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Frank Faber has removed, into Dr. Kinsey's building on Water street. On the road to the steamer dock from down town, before breakfast, it will now be handy to drop in and get a cup of coffee.

Lawyers briefs printed in fine style, at THE ASTORIAN office.

Bills.

China, wax, and indistructible ware, at the City Book Store, at the lowest possible prices. Call and secure one for they must be sold.

J. W. Hanson.

Is getting impatient waiting for some of those premiums to pay balances due on account of steamer Magnet. He don't want to make costs, but is liable to do so.

Teachers Institute Notice.

A teachers institute will be held at the Congregational church in Astoria, on Friday and Saturday, January 28th and 29th, 1881. A general invitation is extended to all who are interested in the schools of the county, and all teachers, whether at present engaged in teaching or not, are specially requested to attend. S. T. McKean, Superintendent.

Central Hotel.

The Central hotel, near the steamship dock is now open for the reception of guests, where the well known caterer, Mr. Anton Bobbi will always be found ready to wait on his patrons. He has had the above named house thoroughly renovated by Messrs. Pike and Stockton, our well known artists. Call and see him, as he has the finest brands of liquors and cigars to be had in the city.

Some say that it is no use for them to advertise, that they have been in the place in business all their lives, and everybody knows them. Such people seem to forget to take in consideration that our country is increasing in population nearly 40 percent every ten years, and no matter how old the place may be, there are constant changes taking place; some move to other parts, and strangers fill their places. In this age of the world, unless the name of a business firm is kept constantly before the public, some new firm may start up, and by liberal advertising in a very short time take the place of the older ones, and the latter rust out, as it were, and be forgotten. No man ever lost money by judicious advertising.

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