

LAST NIGHT'S DISPATCHES.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION. PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—Wm. Sandstrom, a young Swede, aged 29 was arrested here to-day on suspicion of being connected with the murder of Emma Merlotin. There are several suspicious circumstances: His forehead, nose and one finger are badly scratched, and there is blood on his necktie, which he says is paint. He says that he was visiting that class of houses that night, but that he received the scratches by falling against a trunk. A dull hatchet was also found at the cabin where he sleeps. The matter is considered to be well worth examining. He will have a hearing on Monday.

TRouble IN CHURCH. DETROIT, Dec. 26.—There was a serious outbreak to-day among the unathematized parishioners of the St. Albertus Polish Catholic church. Over six thousand men, women and children were in the mob which was finally quelled. The police shot one of the rioters dead. There is tremendous excitement.

A FATAL FIRE. NEWBURYPORT, Mass., Dec. 26.—A fire broke out this morning in the Adams block, burning several buildings; loss, \$88,000. A fireman named Joe Hilsby was killed by falling walls, another was fatally injured. One hundred and fifty men are thrown out of employment.

NEW APPOINTMENT. WASHINGTON, D.C., Dec. 26.—Lieut. Reynolds, department quartermaster at Baltimore, has been ordered to Vancouver barracks, to relieve Major Kimball.

ROUGH ON ALTBEE. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Another decision was rendered in the Sharon-Hill case to-day, U. S. Judge Sawyer deciding in favor of Sharon. He decides that Sarah Althea Hill is not Mrs. Sharon.

AN ATLANTIC STORM. BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The heaviest gale known here for years is raging along the Atlantic coast. The tides are unusually high and much damage has resulted to shipping.

PROBABILITIES. PARIS, Dec. 26.—It is now considered almost certain that M. Grey will be re-elected president and De Freycinet will form the cabinet.

PRIZE QUERY NO. 9. Divide \$18.11 between 21 men, 21 boys and 21 girls. Give the girls twice as much as the boys, and the men twice as much as the girls. What will be each one's share?—The Oregon News, 23.

Each boy gets 12 and 47-147 cents; each girl gets 24 and 97-147 cents and each man gets 49 and 41-147 cents. Our contemporary should state its propositions with grammatical correctness. To divide the money "between" the men, boys and girls would be impossible; the word should be "among."

That First Street Lamp. An item in Friday's issue about the first street lamp in the city elicits the statement that the first street lamp in the place was put up by Wm. Edgar and Henry Miller in the fall of 1875. Wm. Edgar was then in business on the corner he now occupies, having been there over twelve years, and Henry Miller was proprietor of the "Old Corner" saloon next door. They bought the lamp between them, giving fourteen dollars for it. The lamp when put up was a "big thing" in its way and attracted considerable attention. Miller at the time named Chenamus and Main streets and had the names painted on the lamp. The city council afterwards bought the lamp for seven dollars, and put up several more to keep it company, taking the old original one for a model.

The "Abercromb" Labeled. The Abercromb cleared for Queens-town last Thursday and on Friday was towed to Sand Island. Yesterday Pilot Campbell labeled the vessel, deputy U. S. Marshal Ross placing a keeper in charge. Campbell piloted the vessel in on her arrival in the river, and one of the pilots from the tugs being hired to tow her out the former labeled the vessel on the ground that as he piloted her in he had a right to take her out. U. S. Marshal Kelly was telegraphed to, his reply being to the effect that the ship agents in Portland could give the necessary bonds on which the vessel could be released and proceed to sea. It is thought the result will be a test case to decide the question.

Attention. There will be no meeting of the Astoria Musical Society Monday evening, Dec. 28th.

J. N. GRIFFIS, Pres. R. F. PRAEL, Secy.

Masks! Masks! Masks! A new and full line just received at the New York Novelty Store.

A full line of masks and masquerade suits for rent at the New York Novelty Store.

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Griffin & Reed have just received direct from New York a large lot of fine gift books suitable for holiday presents, at greatly reduced prices.

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Notice—Astoria Musical Society. The regular meeting of the society is postponed one week to Jan. 4th, 1886. A full attendance is desired as the Cantata books have arrived and business of importance to be transacted. By order of the President J. N. GRIFFIS.

R. F. PRAEL, Secy. To the United States Restaurant for the best oysters. Private rooms.

THE MEETING LAST NIGHT.

Liberty Hall was filled last evening by a large and orderly body of men. At eight o'clock A. M. Twombly called the meeting to order. Dr. T. T. Cabaniss was chosen chairman; Theo. Broemser officiated as secretary. The chairman took his seat after making a few remarks, saying that what was done was for protection of labor and should be done quietly, orderly and legally. Any movement to drive out the Chinese could be made only through congress.

A call was made for the resolutions that had been ordered prepared at a previous meeting. The resolutions not being immediately forthcoming A. M. Twombly moved that those present proceed to take preliminary steps to organize a lodge of Knights of Labor, which was agreed to. It was on motion decided that lists be opened for those who wished to sign; about seventy-five came forward and signed.

While the signing was going on, A. T. Brakke came forward and read a series of resolutions which he had prepared and which, on motion, were adopted as voicing the sentiment of the meeting. On motion the committee was discharged. On motion an executive committee consisting of Messrs. Twombly, Stockton, Brakke, Rawlings, and McCann, was appointed. The committee came on the stage and selected five others as follows: Messrs. Tatton, Coffinbury, Seeharing, Fox and Clinton. On motion it was resolved that the committee of ten as thus constituted be authorized to begin the formation of the proposed lodge. C. H. Stockton being called for, said that what was requisite was unity of effort, each one to work together and all done to be quietly, legally and effectively shaped to accomplish the intended object.

It was then moved that A. M. Twombly be authorized to go to Portland and take steps to have the proposed lodge of Knights of Labor organized in this city as soon as possible. The motion was adopted. A collection was then taken up, amounting to \$5.70, for the purpose of paying hall rent, and the meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman of the executive committee.

A Land Office Oath. It is upon the oath following that the commissioner based his order forbidding final proof on mortgaged claims: "I do solemnly swear that I have never had the benefit of any right of pre-emption under said section; that I am not the owner of three hundred and twenty acres of land in any state or territory of the United States, nor have I settled upon and improved said land to sell the same on speculation, but in good faith to appropriate it to my own exclusive use or benefit; and that I have not directly or indirectly made any agreement or contract in any way or manner, with any person or persons whatsoever, by which the title which I may acquire from the government of the United States should inure in whole or in part to the benefit of any person except myself."

Weather Board. Captain Charles Lutgens, of the steamer schooner *Kate and Anna*, arrived in the city yesterday, overland from Nescutia. He reports having to wait outside the bar at Nescutia bay from October 11th to December 11th before he could enter with his vessel, which draws but six feet of water. Captain Lutgens says that his vessel is storn bound in Nescutia harbor, awaiting a favorable opportunity to get out. Also the business is brisk in his line all along the coast ports at which he calls at stated intervals.—Oregonian, 25.

A Run on a Drug Store. Never was such a rush made for any Drug Store as is now at W. E. Dement & Co's for a Trial Bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. All persons affected with Asthma, Bronchitis, Hoarseness, Severe Coughs, or any affection of the Throat and Lungs, can get a Trial Bottle of this great remedy free, by calling at above Drug Store. Regular size \$1.00.

A reward of \$700 is offered for the detection of the murderer of Emma Merlotin, at Portland last week.

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Tom & Jerry at the Telephone.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Jno. A. Morehead has been appointed postmaster at Oysterville. The worst thing which has yet been told on Judge Dawne is that he left his wife in destitute circumstances in Alaska.

Carlton P. Allen, Fort Canby, has accepted the appointment of post trader at that post, and entered upon his duties.

Dr. Basil Norris, medical director, has been ordered to Fort Canby, to consult with the post commander as to the plan and site for the new hospital to be built at that post.

The Pacific Journal says a sale for cannery site at the mouth of the Chinook river was concluded on Tuesday evening between W. E. Lingenfelter and Tuttle & Elmore, of Astoria.

According to a calculation made the other day there will be between ninety and a hundred traps in Baker's bay during the fishing season, in active service.—Theco. Corr. Oregon Mist.

The Messenger, after ten years' continuous service on the Olympia-Seattle route, has been forced therefrom by the too great competition of the O. R. & N. Co.'s steamers. She will be laid up at Olympia.

The governor on the recommendation of Brig. Gen. F. H. Lamb, has appointed H. H. Northrup, late Asst. Adj. Gen'l. of this brigade, to the position of Asst. Adj. Gen. and ex-officio inspector general of the second brigade, Oregon state militia, with the rank of major.

A sad accident happened in the mill at South Bend, two weeks ago. Wm. Whiting, while working in the mill, had a large cant of timber fall on him, so seriously injuring him that he died three days after. Justice Shumore held an inquest, as it was thought by some that he came to his death at the hands of others, but investigation proved nothing.

It is reported, says the Yakima Signal, that the Union Pacific are very greatly angered over the move of the Northern Pacific in starting to build a branch road to Butte, and that in consequence they are preparing to seek a northwestern outlet to tide water. It is said that the danger of this invasion has prompted the directors of the Northern Pacific to hasten the building of the Cascade branch.

A farmer from Copei loaned his dog to a man on Snake river to whom he had sold a flock of sheep to drive them home, a distance of thirty miles. The drover found the dog so useful that instead of sending him home he looked him up. The dog escaped, and concluding the drover had no more right to keep the sheep than to look him up, he collected all that had belonged to his master and drove them home again.

The Salem Statesman says: There are now seven different summonses running in the Weekly Statesman, each calling on E. J. Dawne to appear and give the reasons why he should not pay seven different claims, and informing him that in case he fails so to appear, that judgment will be taken against him. The house and lot belonging jointly to himself and wife will be levied on if Mr. Dawne does not hurry back and square off his scores.

Christmas eve during the prevalence of a thick fog, the British bark *Arabella*, lumber laden for Australia, while in tow of the tug *Pilot*, went ashore on the rocks off Trial island, a few miles from Victoria. In the efforts to get her off the *Pilot* was also stranded. Both vessels remain hard and fast. Steamers have gone to their assistance. The position is perilous as a southeast wind springs up, a heavy surf breaks on the side where the vessels lie. The *Pilot* is owned by R. Dunsmuir & Sons, of Victoria, and is valued at \$50,000; insured.

The steamer *Beaver*, which is reported to have been sunk at Victoria, B. C., was built in London for the Hudson Bay company in 1835, and is said to be the first steam vessel that entered the Pacific. She was employed by the company for many years until recently, when she was sold to Victoria parties, who have used her for towage purposes. She is 101 feet long, twenty feet beam, and 11 feet depth of hold, and registers only 109 tons net. She is of the old type—a wooden side-wheel steamer—and has met with many accidents. She will probably be raised and put in service again.

The crew at the Shoalwater bay life station, have already been in the morning of the 21st inst., says the Pacific Journal, the patrol of the life crew saw a plunger in the breakers southward of the lighthouse. The alarm being given, Capt. Brown with the crew went to the rescue. The plunger, containing Daniel Brown, of Bay Center, was lying to an anchor in the breakers on the spit just inside where lay the wreck *Abbey Cooper*. A line was made fast to the plunger, and she was towed to North Cove in safety. Mr. Brown says he had experienced a terrible night and had almost given up hope of escape when the life crew made his timely appearance.

The high tides did considerable damage in the low lands in Pacific county in the way of carrying away fences, bridges and dykes. On Shoalwater bay, at the head of which there are several hundred acres already reclaimed by dykes, the tide washed holes in the embankments and let in the water, which caused considerable inconvenience to stock, and in some cases some sheep were drowned. H. S. Giles' dyke, at the mouth of Chinook river, in many places was washed completely away, allowing the tide to rush in and submerge his entire meadow. Mr. Giles has in course of construction a dyke which when completed, will reach a distance of one and a-half miles and will inclose about five hundred acres, or at least, will reclaim that amount of land from the tides.

THE AGED BELIEVER AT THE GATE OF HEAVEN.

I'm kneeling at the threshold, weary faint, and sore, Waiting for the dawning, for the opening of the door; Waiting till the Master shall bid me rise and come To the glory of His presence, to the gladness of His Home.

A weary path I've traveled, 'mid darkness, storm, and strife, Bearing many a burden—struggling for my life; But now the morn is breaking, my toil will soon be o'er; I'm kneeling at the threshold, my hand is on the door.

Methinks I hear the voices of the blessed as they stand Singing in the sunshine of the sinless land: O! would that I were with them, amid their shining throng, Mingling in their worship, joining in their song!

The friends that started with me have enter'd long ago; One by one they left me, struggling with the foe; Their pilgrimage was shorter, their triumph sooner won,— How lovingly they'll hail me when my toil is done!

With them the blessed angels, that know not grief nor sin; I see them by the portals, prepared to let me in: O! Lord, I wait Thy pleasure, Thy time and way are best; But I'm wasted, worn and weary— O! Father, bid me rest.

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