Out of a Pioneer's Trunk.

(By Bret Harte.)

season and locality famous for reckless speculation, there was scarcely any exed to have taken the place of any zeal for gain. It was an auction of unclaimed

trunks and boxes-the personal baggage of early emigrants-which had been left on storage in hulk or warehouse at San Francisco, while the owner was seeking his fortune in the mines. The difficulty and expense of transport, often obliging the gold seeker to make part of his journey on foot, restricted him to the smallest impedimenta, and that of a kind not often found in the luggage of ordinary civilization. As a consequence, during the fered. emigration of '49, he was apt on landing to avail himself of the invitation usually displayed on the doors of the rude hostelries on the shore: "Rest for the Weary and Storage for Trunks." In a majority of cases he never returnor death also reduced the number of fulness of deposited possessions—combined together to leave the bulk of the after a given time. Although the contents of some of the trunks were exposed, it was found more in keeping with the public sentiment to sell the trunks unlocked and unopened. The element of curiosity was kept up from time to time by the incautious disclosures of the lucky or unlpcky purchaser, and general bidding thus encouraged, except when the speculator, with the true gambling instinct, gave no indication in his face of what was drawn in this lottery. Generally, however, bler's face. some suggestion on the exterior of the trunk, a label of initials, come conjectured knowledge of the former owner. or the idea that he might be secretly present in the hope of getting his terest.

friendless and pantiless and had been forced to part with his own effects to procure necessary food and lodging while looking for employment. In the irony of fate that morning the control of the contro tors of a dry goods store, struck with himself more presentable to their fair "Three (3). Four (4). Five (5), in the street to the west side of 12th street, and stick to tit! Be Fowler until for you saved Fowler's life, as Pete souttoneer's persuasive challenge. In his abstraction he was not aware that the auctioneer's assistant was also looking at him curiously, and that possibly his dejected and half-clad appearance had excited the attention of one of the cynical by-standers, who was exchanging a few words with the assistant. He was, however, recalled to himself a moment later when the portmanteau was knocked down at \$15, and considerably startled when the assistant placed it at his feet with a grim smile."

That's your property. Fowler, and 1 reckon you look as if you wanted it back bad."

"No one."

"Three (3), Four (4), Five (5), in the cand recorded by John Adair, from the west line of said out and recorded by John Adair, from the west line of sub y John Adair, from the west line of such the east line of \$240 street, at elevations above the base of grades for the streets of the street to the same into said out and street to the east line of the poly John Adair, from the west line of such the east line of \$240 street, at elevations above the base of grades for the sax fall out and street to the east line of the poly John Adair, from the west line of the cast line of \$240 street, at elevations above the base of grades for the sax fall defective piles, caps and stringers, and planking city of Astoria," as follows, to-wit:

At the intersection of \$35th street, 15 feet.

At the intersection of \$40 street, 18 the same with he was and sound fir piles.

At the intersection of \$40 street, 18 the same with he was and sulls wherever necessary, and the same are with a series of the streets of the streets of the streets of the streets of the street of the stree

mered Flint. "I didn't bid."

"No, but Tom Flynn did for you You see, I spotted you from the first, and told Flynn I reckoned you were one of those chaps who came back from the mines dead broke. And he up and bought your things for you-like a square man. That's Flynn's style, if he is a gambler."

"But," persisted Flint, "this never was my property. My Name isn't Fowler and I never left anything here."

The assistant looked at him with a grim, half-oredulous, half-scornful "Have it your own way," he said, "but I oughter tell ye, old man, remember you. I'm here for that pur-

here struck Flint, and, as his abrupt benefactor had as abruptly disappeared, he hurried off with his prize. Reaching his cheap lodging house, he examined its contents. As he had surligiously aside. There were some let- be no reason why he should not live ters, which seemed to be of a purely and die as Shelby Fowler. husiness character. There were a few His business a year later took him to daguerreotypes of pretty faces, one of Europe. He was entering a train at which was singularly fascinating to him. But there was another, of a young man, which startled him with its marvelous resemblance to himself. In a flash of intelligence he understood it all now. It was the likeness of the former owner of the trunk, for whom the assistant had actually mistaken him. He glanced hurriedly at the envelopes of the letters. They were addressed to Shelby Powier, the name by which the assistant had just called was not his although it hors the interest of the sent before him. It certainly by which the assistant had just called was not his although it hors the interest of the sent before him. It certainly was not his although it hors the interest of the letters. by which the assistant had just called was not his, although it bore the ini-

fortune to justify himself.

It was a slightly cynical, but fairly more to his possible employer. His are these your initials?" She hesitated, San Francisco, one afternoon in the find the dry goods dealer disengaged; fused. summer of '51. Although the occasion perhaps the consciousness of more dewas an auction, the bidders' chances cent, civilized garb emboldened him to

came into the furious eyes of his ad-versary, and the man's grasp mechan-At the mention of his, he again fanloally relaxed. The half-freed pistol, cied she looked disturbed. thrown upward by this movement, was accidentally discharged point blank in- formality of his introduction was overto his temples, and he fell dead. No looked by her friends, as his assumed one in the crowd had stirred or inter- name was already respectably and re-

the goods; sickness, further emigration, Fint and dragged him into the street. frightened voice: "But," stammered the horrifled Flint,

property in the custodian's hands. Un- on sight, Mr. Fowler; but he missed act of his wastel life was to write an der an understood agreement they it by not waiting to see if you were imploring letter begging me to change were always sold at public auction armed. It wasn't the square thing, mine too. For the infamous compan

> you. and my name isn't Fowler."

> Flynn halted and dragged him in a he asked, roughly.

have passed my word to the crowd he fulfill his threat." vonder that you are a dead-broke miner In a flash of recollection Flint recalled Fowler. I allowed that you membered the startled look that had might have had some row with that come into-his assailant's eye after they property back at less than the accumu-lated dues, kept up the bidding and in-mines. That satisfied them. If I go who had too late realized that his anback and say it's a lie, that your name tagonist was not Fowler. "Thank God! ain't Fowler, and you never knew who you are forever safe from any exposure teau had just been put up at a small Pete was, they'll just pass you over from that man," he said gravely, "and opening bid, when Harry Flint joined to the police to deal with you, and the name of Fowler has never been

his good looks and manners, had of-"And you say you're an orphan, and beholden to?" "No one."

of the notorious desperado and ex-convict, Australian Pete, by a courageous young miner by the name of Fowler. "An act of firmness and daring," said Pinoeer, "which will go far to the counteract the terrorism produced by those lawless ruffians."

In his new suit of clothes, and with the paper in his hand, Flint sought the dry goods proprietor-the latter was satisfied and convinced. Tha morning Harry Flint began his career as salesman and as "Shelby Fowler."

From that day Shelby Fowler's career was one of uninterrupted prosperity. Within the year he became a that I'm the warehouse clerk, and I partner. The same miraculous fortune followed other ventures later. pose. But as that thar valise is bought He was mill owner, mine owner, bank and paid for by somebody and given to director-a millionaire! He was popuyou, it's nothing more to me. Take it lar, the reputation of his brief achievement over the desperado kept him secure from the attack of envy and rithe mere form of his good fortune valry. He never was confronted by the real Fowler. There was no danger of exposure by others. The one custodian of his secret, Tom Flynn, died in Nevada the year following. He had quite forgotten his youthful past, and even mised, it contained a full habit of the more recent lucky portmanteau, reclothing of the better sort, and suitable membered nothing, perhaps, but the to his urban needs. There were a few pretty face of the daguerrectype that articles of jewelry, which he put re- bad fascinated him. There seemed to

The mystery was plain now, tials "S. F." He was mechanically

And for the present he could fairly ac- handing it back to the porter, when PIFTH STREET SEWER ASSESS ept his good luck and trust to later his eyes fell on the young lady's face. For an instant he stood petrified. It Transformed in his new garb, he left was the face of the Daguerreotype. his lodgings to present himself once "I beg pardon," he stammered, "but

oling saloons. It was yet too early to find the dry goods dealer disengaged; perhaps the consciousness of more decent, civilized garb emboldened him to mingle more freely with strangers, and he entered the saloon. He was scarcely abreast of one of the faro tables when a man suddenly leaped up with an oath and discharged a revolver full in his face. The shot missed. Before his unknown assailant could fire again, the astonished Flint had closed with him, and instinctively clutched the weapon. A brief but violent struggle ensued. Filnt felt his strength failing him, when suddenly a look of astonishment came into the furlous eyes of his adversers and the man's grasso mechan. more than usually hazardous, and the mingle more freely with strangers, and riage, but from that moment Harry citement among the bystanders, and a man suddenly leaped up with an reautiful girl who had dropped it. He a lazy, half-humorous curiosity seem-

They met again and again; the insponsibly known beyond California. He "You've done for French Pete this thought no more of his future. He time, Mr. Fowler" said a voice at his was in love. He even dared to think elbow. He turned gaspingly, and rec. it might be returned; but he felt he ognized his strange benefactor, Flynn, had no right to seek that knowledge ognized his strange benefactor, Flynn. had no right to seek that knowledge H. Christiansen, one-half of Lot 7 "I call you all to witness, gentlemen." until he had told her his real name Block 12, 26.85. continued the gambler, turning dicta- and how he came to assume another's, torially to the crowd, "that this man He did so slone-scarcely a month after ed to claim his stored property. En- was first attacked and was unarmed." their first meeting. To his alarm she forced absence, protracted equally by He lifted Flint's limp and empty hands, burst into a flood of tears, and show- good or evil fortune, accumulated the and then pointed to the dead man, who ed an agitation that seemed far beyond 13, \$11.25. high storage charges until they usus was still grasping the weapon. "Come" any apparent cause. When she had ally far exceeded the actual value of He caught the half-paralyzed arm of partly recovered, she said in a low,

You are bearing my brother's name possible claimants, and that more won- as he was borne along, "what does it But it was a name that the unhappy derful human frailty-absolute forget- all mean? What made that man at- boy had so shamefully disgraced in Australia that he abandoned it, and, "I reckon it was a case of shooting as he lay upon his deathbed, the last and you're all right with the crowd ion of his crime, who had first tempted, now, whatever he might have had agin then betrayed him, had possession of all his papers and letters, many of "But," protested the unhappy Flint, them from me, and was threatening I never laid eyes on the man before, to bring them to our Virginia home and expose him to our neighbors. Maddened by desperation, the miserable doorway. "Who the devil are you?" boy twice attempted the life of the scoundrel, and might have added that Briefly, passionately, almost hysteri- blood-guiltiness to his other sins, had \$33.65 cally, Flint told him his scant story, he lived. I did change my name to An odd expression came into the gam- my mother's maiden one, left the counmy mother's maiden one, left the country, and have lived here to escape the Block 31, \$11.25. "Look here," he said abruptly, "I revelations of that desperado, should

width of each of said streets, and the grade to be upon a straight line or even slope between the points at which the grade is designated, and that the grade of said part of said alley will be established as above mentioned unless within ten days from the final publication of this nofice, to-wit, on or before Saturday, December 15, 1894, the owners of three-fourths of the property adjacent to said portion of said street whall make and file with the ty adjacent to said portion of said street shall make and file with the Auditor and Police Judge their written remonstrance against said proposed grade.

grade.

By order of the Common Council.

(Attest)

K. OSBURN,

Auditor and Police Judge.

Astoria, Oregon, November 16th, 1894. FRANKLIN AVENUE GRADE NO-TICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to establish the grade of Franklin avenue, in the town (now city) of Astoria, Oregon, as inid out and recorded by John Adair, from the west line of the John Adair Donation Land Claim, to the east line of 34th sireet, at elevations above the base of grades for the City of Astoria, as established by Ordinance No. 7i, entitled, "An Ordinance establishing a base of grades for the streets of the City of Astoria," as follows, to-wit:

At the west line of the John Adair Donation Land Claim, 27 feet.

At a point 100 feet west of 33d street, 33.8 feet.

At west line of 33d street, 38 feet.

At west line of 33d street, 38 feet.
At a point 100 feet east of 33d street,
42.6 feet. At a point 200 feet east of 32d street, 47.2 feet.

47.2 feet.

At west line of 34th street, 51.8 feet.

At east line of 34th street, 51.8 feet.

The grade to be of even elevation throughout the width of the street at any given point and upon a straight line or even alope between the above designated points.

And upless a responstrance signed by

Dr. Price's Cream Baking Powder Warld's Fair Highest Medal and Diploma.

Notice is hereby given that the as-sessment made by Ordinance No. 1889, of the City of Astoria, confirming the assessment made for the construction good-humored crowd that had gathered before a warehouse on Long Wharf, in of a sewer in Fifth Street from the

Astoria Packing Co., frontage 116 feet Lot 2, Block 5, \$15.00. Helrs of R. Hobsen, Lot 1, Block 5,

Heirs of R. Hobson, Lot 2, Block 5 Heirs of R. Hobson, Lot 7, Block 5 Heirs of R. Hobson, Lot 8, Block 5

George Hill, Lot 1, Block 12, \$33.65. George Hill, Lot 2, Block 12, \$13.65. I. Bergman, one-half of Lot 7, Block

I. Bergman, one-half of Lot 8, Block 12, \$16.85. H. Christiansen, one-half of Lot 8, Alsea Fox, one-half of Lot 3, Block

 3, \$11.25.
 T. A. Hyland, Lot 4, Block 13, \$42.45.
 C. L. Parker, Lot 5, Block 13, \$42.45.
 C. L. Parker, Lot 6, Block 13, \$22.50.
 Anna K. Hobson, Lot 3, Block 20, \$25.50. Anna K. Hobson, Lot 4, Block 20

\$42.45.
John Hobson, Lot 5, Block 20, \$42.45.
John Hobson, Lot 6, Block 20, \$22.50
J. W. Munson, Lot 1, Block 21, \$38.65.
J. W. Munson, Lot 2, Block 21, \$13.65.
D. B. Monteith, one-half of Lot 7,
Block 21, \$6.85.

A. Hackleman, one-fourth of Lot 7 Block 21, \$3.40. E. B. Hackleman, one-fourth of Lo Block 21, \$3.40.
D. B. Monteith, one-half of Lot 8. 21, \$16.85.

A. Hackleman, one-fourth of Lot 8 Block 21, \$8.40. E. B. Harkleman, one-fourth of Lo. Block 21, \$8.40. Virginia E. Fulton, Lot 1, Block 20, G. W. Wingate, Lot 2, Block 30

Flavel, one-sixth of Lot 3 G. C. Flavel, one-sixth of Lot 3, Block 31, \$3.75. Nellie C. Flavel, one-sixth of Lot 3, Block 31, \$3.76.

Katle Flavel, one-sixth of Lot 3. Block 31, \$3.75. Flavel, one-half of Lot 4 Mary C. Block 31, \$21.20. G. C. Flavel, Block 31, \$7.10. Nellie Flavel, one-sixth of lot 4, Block 31, \$7.10. Katie Flavel, one-sixth of Lot 4,

Block 31, \$7.05.

By order of the Common council.

K. OSBURN.

Auditor and Police Judge.

Astoria. Oregon, November 15, 1394. DUANE STREET IMPROVEMENT

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to establish the grade of the alley running through blocks Two (2) Three (3), Four (4). Five (5), in the part of said city laid out and recorded

Commencing at the southwest corner of lot one (I) of Block numbered 44, thence easteriy along center lines of Blocks 44 and 64, to the eastern boundaries of Blocks 14 and 64, to the eastern boundaries of Blocks 64 and 61, to the northeast corner of Lot 8, Block numbered 61, thence westerly along center lines of Blocks 61 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 10 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 11 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 11 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 11 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 11 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 11 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 11 and 69, to the west boundary of Block 12 along western boundaries of Blocks 60, and 44, to point of beginning; containing Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5, and 4, in Block 61, Lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and 14, in Block 61, and Lots 5, 6, 7, and 8, in Block 60, all in the Town (now city) of Astoria, as laid out and recorded by John Mc-Clure and extended by Cyrus Olney.

Estimates of the expense of such improvements and plats and diagrams of such work or improvement and of the locality to be improved have been deposited by the City Surveyor with the Auditor and Police Judge for public examination, and may be inspected at the office of such office:

At the next regular meeting of the Common Council after ten days from the final publication of this notice, to-wit:

On Tuesday, December 18th, 1894, at

the final publication of this notice, towit:
On Tuesday, December 18th, 1894, at
the hour of 7:30 p. m. at the City Hall,
the said Council will consider any objections to such improvement being
made, and if a remonstrance against
such improvement, signed by persons
owning more than one-half of the property in such district herein described,
and in which the special assessment
is to be levied shall be filed with the
Auditor and Police Judge before the
said time of meeting of the Common
Council, no such improvement or work
shall be ordered except by the concurrence of all the Councilmen elect,
and if such remonstrance shall be signed by the persons owning three-fourths
of all the property in such district and
filed with the Auditor and Police Judge
before the said time of meeting of the
Common Council, no such improvement
or work shall be ordered in any event,
By order of the Common Council.

(Attest)

Auditor and Police Judge
Astoria, Oregon, November 18th, 1894.

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> FIFTEENTH STREET GRADE NO TICE.

For Sale by J. W. Conn.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to establish the grade of Fifteenth street, in the town (now city) of Astoria, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by J. M. Shively, from the north line of Commercial street, to a point 140 feet north of the said north line of Commercial street, to a point 140 feet north of the said north line of Corner Thi Corner Thi Line of grades for the streets as established by Ordinance No. 71, entitled "An Ordinance establishing a base of grades for the streets of the City of Astoria," as follows, to-wit:

At the north line of said Commercial street, 19 feet.

We furnish sausage that the Common Sec.

At a point 140 feet north of the north line of Commercial street, 19 feet. The grade to be of even elevation throughout the width of the street at any one point and upon a straight line between the points above designated. between the points above designated.

And unless a remonstrance signed by
the owners of three-fourths of the
property fronting on said portion of
said street be filed with the Auditor
and Police Judge within ten days from
the final publication of this notice, towit, on Tuesday, December 12th, 1894,
the Common Council will establish said
grade.

By order of the Common Council.
(Attest)

K. OSBURN,
Auditor and Police Judg
Astoria, Oregon, November 15, 1894.

FRANKLIN AVENUE GRADE NO-TICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Common Council of the City of Astoria, propose to establish the grads of Franklin avenue in the town (now city) of Astoria, Oregon, as laid out and recorded by John Adair, from a point 200 feet east of 34th street to the east line of 35th street, at elevations, above the base of grades for the city of Astoria, as established by Ordinance No. 71 entitled "An Ordinance establishin a base of grades for the streets of the City of Astoria," as follows, towit:

At a point 200 feet east of 34th street, 59.4 feet. At the west line of 35th street, 67.4 At the east line of 35th street, 67.4

At the sast line of 35th street, 07.4 feet.

The grade to be of even elevation throughout the width of the street at any given point, and upon a straight line or even slope between the above designated points.

And unless a remonstrance signed by the owners of three-fourths of the property fronting on said portion of said street be filed with the Auditor and Police Judge within ten days from the final publication of this notice, to-wit, on Tuesday, December 11th, 1894, the Common Council will establish said grade.

By order of the Common Council.

Attest:

K. OSBURN,
Astoria, Oregon, November 15th, 1894.

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