

**MASON & LONDON.**

**GENERAL MERCHANDISE,**

Burns, Harney County, Oregon.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC:—Commencing December 15th, we will inaugurate our Annual Clearance Sale for the purpose of reducing our large stock prior to taking count of stock for the New Year.

We allow a CASH DISCOUNT OF 15 PER CENT upon all purchases made during the time of our sale, with the exception of groceries.

Remember we carry the largest line of Boots and Shoes, Rubber Goods, Hats and Caps, Dry Goods, Ladies and Gents' Furnishing Goods and Hosiery. We carry the stock that makes the price and can not be undersold by any legitimate competition.

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### DURRANT PAYS THE DEBT.

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Showed Coolness Rarely Seen on a Scaffold.

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Speaks, Calmly and Distinctly Protesting His Innocence.

### BODY MAY BE CREMATED.

San Quentin, Jan. 7.—When W. H. T. Durrant died on the gallows this morning for the murder of Blanche Lambert, he gave such an exhibition of coolness and nerve as has been seldom seen on the scaffold before. Hopeful almost to the last that something or some one would intervene to save him, yowing his innocence of such atrocious crimes. He walked to the scaffold this morning and made his little speech protesting his innocence as calmly and distinctly as if he had been addressing an assemblage of friends upon some ordinary topic of the day. His face was pale, his eyes were red from weeping, but his voice was clear and firm and he stood as solid as a rock while he proclaimed his innocence and professed forgiveness to those who, he said, hounded him to death.

There was not a hitch or accident to mar the plans of Warden Hale in carrying out the sentence of the law. The noose was adjusted, the trap was sprung, the stout rope held and Durrant's dead body dangled at the end. The neck was broken by the fall of over five feet and 15 minutes later the murderer's body was cut down and placed in the coffin.

### DURRANT'S SPEECH.

"I desire to say that I am an innocent man; innocent of every crime that has been charged against me. I bear no animosity toward those who persecuted me, not even the press of San Francisco, which hounded me to the grave. If any man thinks I am going to spring a sensation, I am not, except it is a sensation that I am an innocent man brought to my grave by my persecutors. But I forgive them all. They will get their justice from the great God who is Master of us all, and there I also expect to get justice that is the justice of an innocent man.

"Whether or not the perpetrators of the crime of which I am charged are ever discovered it will make no difference to me now, but I say this day will be plume to the great state of California. I forgive every body who has persecuted me, an innocent man, whose hands have never been stained with blood, and I go to meet my God with forgiveness for all men."

The Durrants had not found a cemetery in which they would be allowed to bury the body, so they may have it cremated.

The dying request of the murderer was that the rope should be burned and that the black sap would not be taken from his face.

While giving due credit to Mr. Rockefeller for his latest gift of \$200,000 to the cause of education—the donation being made to the Chicago University in order to enable that institution to bring its annual income up to nearly \$800,000—it may be remarked that nothing has yet been heard about squashing of the suit for \$13 or so which Mr. Rockefeller's agent brought against a poor widow who pastured her cow on the millionaire's land.

"He gave ye a stone and ye gave him bread," is the way it reads now, since a hungry Swedish sailor threw a stone through a window in order that he might be arrested and fed.

### A Statement.

Feeling that the public is interested in the expenditure of the money contributed for the erection of the Presbyterian parsonage in this town, I hereby submit the following statement:

Rec'd on subscription,	\$465 50
Borrowed from Board of Church Erection,	400 00
Total,	\$865 50
Lumber	\$252 25
Lots	60 00
Hardware	137 65
Brickwork	18 00
Painting and lining	130 00
Shingles	27 00
Hauling, etc.	58 10
Carpenters	182 50
Total,	\$865 50

This statement shows the total cost of the building as it now stands including barn, etc. All bills are paid; and the \$400 borrowed from the board of church erection is on one, two, three and four years time without interest. The property is deeded to the First Presbyterian church of Burns, and as such is controlled by the local board of trustees, and all legal documents have been signed by them, I acting only as their representative.

I desire, here and now, in the name of the trustees and members of the Presbyterian church, to express our most hearty thanks to those who so kindly donated money, labor or material in the erection of this house, which we hope and pray may ever prove a blessing to the town of Burns.

C. TRIPLETON.

### A Nerve Bluff.

"Yes," remarked Polar Pete, "things is pretty lively here in the Klondike. Men getting rich in an hour. Came pretty near making the haul of my life last night."

"Ah! Somebody else steaked the claim first?"

"No. It was down at the Borealis saloon. We all seemed to have pretty good hands. The center of the table was heaped with nuggets so high that we couldn't see across into each other's faces. I held the old simon pure royal flush. I emptied a sack of gold on the pile. Then I'll be eternally frost bit if Zero Jake didn't raise me clear out of sight by putting on four fresh light biscuits. It was beyond our piles and we were all out of it."—N. Y. Journal.

### Special Stamp Issue.

Postmaster General Gary has decided to order a special issue of stamps commemorative of the Transmississippi Exposition at Omaha this year. They will be of the denominations of 1, 2, 5 and 10 cents and \$1. There will be no attempt to withdraw from sale the regular issues, however. The new stamps will be different in color the existing ones.

Medical science has another wonderful operation to its credit. A man dying of apoplexy in New York had his skull trephined, thus relieving the pressure of blood on the brain, and he quickly recovered not more than thirty seconds elapsing before circulation and breathing became normal. Heretofore medical science has furnished no aid for this disease, the treatment being to keep the patient cool and quiet, only providing for his comfort.

Russia's alleged trick of obtaining China's consent to land troops at Port Arthur by representing that a British force was about to attack the place can scarcely be termed honorable warfare. It may be that it comes under the head of diplomacy.

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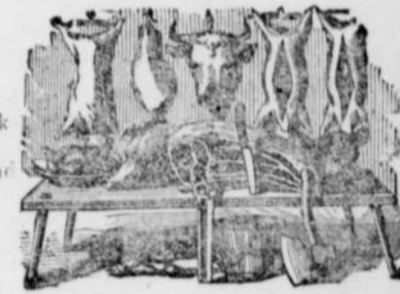
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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,  
Burns, Oregon.

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BURNS OREGON

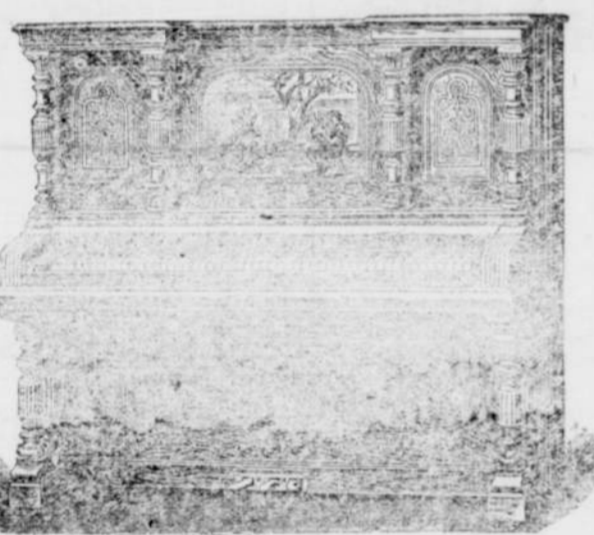
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