

THE COAST MAIL.

SATURDAY, - Nov. 1, 1879.

TRAGIC SCENE IN EMPIRE.—Last Saturday W. A. Luse was on another "tore" in Empire City.

He freely used his little pistol, firing promiscuously into the ceiling and walls of the saloon which was the theater of his performance. Wagstaff of the Argus, came out upon the street, and Luse made for him; he seized his cringing victim by the shoulder, and in language recking with obscenity and profanity, accosted him: "You miserable son of a— We own you; we pay you eighty-seven and a half dollars every month, and yet you treat me with contempt. I'll shoot the top of your head off." And he was in an attitude indicating a purpose to carry the threat into execution when Al Sprague seized the pistol. Wagstaff, pale, and shaking like an aspen, made a hasty retreat into the back room of the drugstore. Luse then made a "few pointed remarks" concerning the absent object of his rage, while Wagstaff was in the place of his concealment. The perspiration was issuing from every pore in Wagstaff's body, in so much it is said, that it accumulated on the floor beneath him.

This abuse of Mr. Wagstaff is a most shameful piece of injustice and ingratitude. That man has done everything in his power to please Mr. Luse; he has faithfully protected his interests, even where every instinct of his manhood must have revolted against it, and now that he should be treated in such a manner is a flagrant outrage.

CHINESE MURDER.—Last Wednesday morning an Indian came to Empire and told some of the citizens that there was a "Boston Man" dead on the beach a short distance above town. On visiting the spot the body of a Chinaman was found with 3 bullet holes in the head, a stab in the side and throat cut, also the evidence of a blow from some heavy instrument, in the head. The body was considerably mutilated by crabs and fishes, and there was some doubt as to the identity. Coroner Mackey called a jury and held an inquest upon the body. It proved to be the body of Gee Sim who returned a few months since from the penitentiary, where he has served a short term for the crime of assault with intent to kill. He has evidently been killed by his own countrymen, and as traces of blood were found in and around a China house just above Empire that is supposed to have been the place of the tragedy. Sam was a desperate character, and had incurred the illwill of many of his race, and it is probable that he was killed—whether under circumstances which would constitute a justification, may be the subject of a judicial examination.

TAX COLLECTION.—Sheriff Aiken is collecting taxes assessed for the current fiscal year. His appointments in the several precincts not already visited are as follows: Summer Nov. 1st, Coos River 3d, North Coos River 4th, Coos City 5th, Empire City 6th, South Slough 7th, Marshfield 8th, Uter City 10th, Coaleda 11th, and Lake 12th. Tax payers will take notice that if they fail to appear and pay their taxes on the above mentioned days, they are required by law to pay the same at the county seat within thirty days. After the expiration of thirty days, the law makes it the duty of the tax collector to visit the tax payers individually, for the purpose of collecting their taxes, and authorizes him to charge ten cents per mile going and returning, and collect the same from such tax-payers. The Sheriff says he will collect this mileage in all cases where payment is not promptly made.

A NEW VARIETY OF FRUIT.—We have been shown by C. Howe, the Dorra Nurseryman, some samples of a new variety of apples raised by him. The tree is a seedling now eleven years of age, and has produced fruit for three years past, and the fruit two years ago took the first premium at the State Fair in the class of new varieties. The fruit is a large beautiful red apple, slightly tart, and of a very rich pleasant flavor, keeping till about Christmas. We have seen no finer sample of fruit in the country. Mr. Howe has a few young trees for sale grafted from this stock. He calls this variety the "Grave Seedling."

RETURNED.—Several families named Mast, who left the north fork of the Coquille some two years ago, to look for a better country, returned a week or two ago, satisfied that if there is a better land than this it is where they cannot find it. They are now satisfied to settle permanently in Coos. They are good citizens and we are glad to hear of their return. We also learn that a family, more or less numerous, named Clinton, who have been looking for a home elsewhere, returned to the same neighborhood to stay.

IMMIGRATION.—We are informed that three families from California have lately settled temporarily in Brewster Valley. They have come to make Oregon their future home, and have rented places till they have an opportunity to select a permanent location.

SCHOONER WRECKED.—On the 21st ult., the schooner Esther Cobos, in being towed to sea from Rogue river by the tug Varuna, struck on the bar and the tug lost control of her, and she was driven ashore. She lies in such a position that there is little probability of saving her. She was owned by San Francisco parties, and was chartered by Hume to take a cargo of fish, of which she had on board about 80 tons at the time of the accident. The cargo was recovered in a damaged condition.

PROSPEROUS.—It is gratifying to note the success that is attending the Academy at this place. The number of pupils in attendance is seventy-four, which is the largest private school ever taught in the county. The progress made in all the branches is good, and excellent order is maintained. The next quarter will probably be paid by the public funds, and will be free to all the pupils in the district.

SCARCELY FAIR.—The Bandon correspondent of the News says: We doubt however if any Master Mariner on the entire Pacific Coast could handle a vessel of the Mose's tonnage with such skill and success as Capt. Brown. We are willing to concede that Capt. Brown is "as good as they make 'em" in his line. But it is hardly fair to the many seamen to be found in this country to say that he has no equal on the entire Pacific coast.

DEATH OF A PIONEER.—Jerome L. Evans, one of the pioneers of Curry county, died at Ellensburg on the 18th instant. Deceased was a man possessed of many good qualities, and who in years past enjoyed a large share of the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens. He once filled the office of County Clerk of Curry county, but of late years drank too freely, which may have been instrumental in hastening his death.

GRAVE MISDEMEANOR.—Springer, of Ichibus Transit Railroad, was in town yesterday trying to get a warrant for the arrest of a man who had traveled on his road. He is right; a man who would travel on that road under its present management (unless under circumstances which compel him) ought to be arrested and punished with severity.

LAND CONTENTS.—The swamp land contests to test the character of the land claimed by several settlers on North Slough, will come up in the Land office at Roseburg, commencing next Friday and continuing for several days. The business will take a number of citizens of this county to Roseburg as witnesses.

The steamer Duquesne is still ashore at Ellensburg; she lies so high on the beach that a man can reach her drenched at high tide. They had commenced preparations for getting her off, when the schooner Cobos went ashore, and the crew were taken off and set to work saving the cargo of that vessel.

LIET. PAYSON went to Port Orford overland in the early part of the week, and his assistants to take passage on the Acadia. We have not learned whether they stopped at Port Orford or not. On Thursday the tug Escort went down the coast to assist Payson in his work.

The News assumes to boast over the little controversies it has had with the other local papers of the Bay. It has about the same ground for exultation that the Democrats have over the late Ohio election; it was never engaged in one of those tilts in which it did not come out "second best."

We call attention to the advertisement of E. O'Connell, appearing in another column. All articles usually kept in a first class hardware establishment can be found at his store of the best quality and sold at the lowest living prices.

ME. WILSEY, of Brewster valley, who took his wife to California some time since, for the benefit of her health, has returned, and we regret that the change resulted in no benefit to the invalid.

Mr. Noble has tendered his resignation of the office of Marshal of the town; the Board of Trustees will probably act on the subject at their meeting this evening.

STRENGTH IN UNION.—The motto "In union there is strength," was never better illustrated than in the example of the united and harmonious action of the people of this town in defending their homes against attempted legal robbery by H. H. Luse. The prospect for a decision in favor of the settlers was never better than at present, and the promptness with which the people voluntarily contribute the necessary means to make a good defence in court for each citizen against whom suit is brought, is commendable. There is no propriety in talking about the economy of contesting these cases, instead of paying rent. The term "rent" implies a recognition of a superior title. The settlers on the Warwick claim have no occasion to look into the question of the comparative economy of paying rent or fighting; they hold the only equitable title to the premises they occupy, and they profess to be able to establish that fact.

The Movement of Gold.—The tendency of gold from Europe to the United States has become so great as to attract the attention of the English authorities, and the London Daily News says: If gold continues to leave England and France as it has lately, it will soon become necessary to consider the possibility of a measure to stop the export of gold. It will be time for England to consider what action to take when the French authorities make a move by directly or indirectly raising a premium on gold to such a point that the whole weight of the United States demand is thrown on this country.

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The Steamer "Isabel" on a Beck. A Victoria (B. C.) dispatch of the 27th, says: The steamer Isabel with the United States mails from Puget Sound, while entering the harbor this evening during a dense fog, went on a rock. Three hundred sheep on board were thrown overboard and nearly all reached the shore alive. The Government steamer Georgia and the steamer Woodside, ran alongside and lighted the steamer of her cargo of flour and other produce. At 8 o'clock this evening the Isabel rested easily and will probably float off at midnight with the flood tide.

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SHERIFF'S SALE. BY VIRTUE of an execution duly issued out of the honorable Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the county of Coos, on the first day of October, A. D. 1879, in favor of B. H. Cammann, plaintiff, and against Hiram Elliott, defendant, for the sum of two hundred and fifty-six dollars and the further sum of twenty-eight and sixty-five one hundredth dollars costs and disbursements, to gether with interest and accruing costs, I have levied upon and will sell at public auction on Saturday, the 1st day of November, 1879, at two o'clock P. M., at the court house door in the town of Empire City, in the county of Coos, all the right title and interest which the said Hiram Elliott had on or after the 8th day of September, A. D. 1879, in or to the following described real property, to-wit: Lot No. one (1), in block No. forty-seven (47), in the town of Empire City, Coos county, Oregon, as shown by the recorded plat of said town of Empire City.

A. G. AIKEN, Sheriff Coos Co., Or., By H. W. McINTOSH, Deputy. Empire City, Or., October 24, 1879.

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