

PUGET SOUND WEEKLY ARGUS SUPPLEMENT.

PORT TOWNSEND, WASHINGTON TERRITORY, AUGUST 29, 1878.

Local and News Items

Seattle "Tribune." The body of Mr. David W. Crooks was found this morning suspended by a rope tied around his neck extending from a beam in one of the old logging houses on his farm six miles north of town. He had evidently made a deliberate attempt at self destruction, the result of which was only too successful. He stood upon a book, fastened the rope, and then kicked away the book. The rope stretched so that he could stand upon the floor, instead of doing which he held up his feet and slowly choked to death. Mr. Crooks was a man of the most exemplary character, against whom no taint of immorality or dishonor could attach. Being highly conscientious, he could no longer endure the mental anguish caused by his pecuniary troubles, and looked to the grave for that relief he could not find elsewhere. About three weeks ago he attempted suicide by taking poison. Mr. Crooks was a native of Canada, a lumberman by following, and 53 years of age. His wife died four years ago, and his two children are now with his brother in Toronto.

OLYMPIA has a daily paper; and from its appearance, we should judge the residents of that place ought to be satisfied with it as a local aid toward prosperity. Its editor, J. M. Murphy, Esq., is evidently "spreading himself" this time; or, in other words, he is in earnest about acquitting himself with honor. Having been a constant occupant of the journalistic field since the establishment, by him, of the "Standard" about eighteen years ago, Mr. Murphy has had experience such as is most needed to qualify a man for the attainment of distinction as a practical and useful writer. Our differences of opinion with him having always been honestly expressed, we can willingly accord him deserved praise for his abilities. Whether his latest venture is truly an "experiment" or not in a business point of view, his fitness for the position of its editor cannot be questioned.

BIO. N. S. PORTER, G. W. Sect. of Good Templars, desires us to announce that according to previous arrangements, delegates to the Grand Lodge—to hold a meeting Seattle, Sept. 18th—by paying full fare going, will be returned free on any of the P. S. Nav. Co's (Capt. Starr's) line of boats; also the steamers Messenger, Zephyr and Fanny Lake, and on the N. P. and O. & Tenino railroads, and the O. S. N. Co's steamers. This is certainly very kind on the part of those companies.

Mrs. Ward, of Duogenes, is an outgoing passenger on the Dakota this week. Her destiny is in England, not far from London, where she expects to remain with one of her daughters. Her youngest child and son, Frederick, goes with her for company and protection. Mrs. Ward came to this country several years ago, where she has since resided with her sons. The kind wishes of many warm friends accompany her in this long journey homeward.

THE second volume of the History of the United States, by the late William Cullen Bryant, has just reached us from the publishers. It promises to be a most deservedly popular work. Mr. Henderson, the agent, who is now in town, claims its superiority over every other work of the kind in existence.

THERE will be services as usual in the M. E. church, of this place, on Sunday evening next, at 7:30; no services in the morning. Sunday School as usual, at 2:15, P. M., conducted by Dr. N. D. Hill, its Superintendent. Prayer meeting on Thursday evening, at 7:30.

THE "slim" court docket which we publish this week speaks volumes for the improving morals of this section, when compared with dockets formerly published.

JUDGE J. G. SWAN, U. S. Inspector of Customs at Neah Bay, is in town to remain a few days before returning.

WE acknowledge a pleasant call this week from W. M. Tirtioti, Esq., of the legal fraternity of Snohomish City.

ON Monday the steam tug Mastick started from this place to Departure Bay, having the ship Tongallant in tow.

COURT week is coming on, but the indications are that there will not be a very lengthy session.

PROF. W. H. ROBERTS, of this place, has been engaged as organist in the Presbyterian Church.

SEATTLE is having an interesting time with incendiaries.

A correspondent of the Palouse "Gazette" suggests to the Tacoma "Herald," the presumed railroad organ, that it had better quit abusing Judge Jacobs. He says: "and we would remind this organ of the Northern Pacific road that their little bill, extending the time for its completion, and its franchise and enormous land grant of thirty-five million acres of the public domain, is not yet through Congress, and that it is not doing the Company any service by its constant vilification of Judge Jacobs." The suggestion strikes us as being a good one. Judge Jacobs, so far as we were able to learn, acted during the last session of Congress as a man who had the best interests of those he represented at heart. In his advocacy of the "Mitchell bill" he suited the people. He has to serve through another session of Congress, the last one from which the N. P. R. Co., can hope to receive an extension of time, and it would seem the part of wisdom for the managers of the Company to retain the good will of Judge Jacobs. He is not entitled to vote, but he has the ear of the House, and if he chooses can do great injury to the Company. The abuse of Judge Jacobs, by the "Herald," had better be stopped.—Walla Walla "Union."

THE National "Republican" of Washington city, D. C., in a recent article concerning senator Mitchell of Oregon, says: "The Pacific slope has never had a representative who combined more successfully the knowledge of the profound lawyer with that of the practical statesman. No state that is continually changing its representative here at the national capital ever impresses its wants and necessities upon the legislation of the country. The practice the south followed of keeping her trained politicians always at the national capital made the slave power so ponderous a factor in Washington, and as soon as the democracy of the south came up again after the war they sent their Stephensens, Hustons, and Tuckers to the national council chambers. The result of the presence of these trained lawmakers in bringing southern influence so quickly to the front has more than justified the wisdom of this policy."

MARRIED.—At Olympia, On Sunday, Aug. 18th, by Rev. D. N. Utter, Mr. Jos. Chilberg to Miss Amelia Abbott, all of Thurston county. Mr. Chilberg is a prosperous young grocery merchant, of the city of Olympia, and Miss Abbott—well, we'd like to weave in something about Joe's condition being ameliorated but will merely offer congratulations.

The Republican Territorial Committee recommend that all County Conventions be held on or before the 7th day of September next, instead of the time first designated.

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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9, 1878.
 Three years ago Quartermaster Genl. Meigs refused to pass a claim filed by the Richmond and Danville R. R. for the transportation of Federal troops over it at the rate of 6 1/2 cents per mile; he however recommended it be paid 2 cents per mile, the price government paid to all other roads. Subsequently Genl. Ingals was temporarily acting Quartermaster Genl. while Meigs was in Europe, and the claim was then renewed so far as to demand the difference between the rate asked and that allowed—in other words for 4 1/2 cents additionally for every soldier carried over it. Ingalls passed it to Belknap who approved it shortly before he went out in disgrace. Secretary of War Cameron promptly rejected it and was threatened by the attorneys of the company with a mandamus to compel him to reverse his action. Their success at bulldozing him was very indifferent, and they went to the Second Comptroller. He referred them to the Solicitor of the Treasury who recommended payment. Sec'y Sherman overruled this and refused to pay. Then the attorneys went to the economists and reformers of the House, and found them ready for just that kind of a job. The Appropriation Committee, with all the papers before it, recommended a special appropriation to pay this claim of 4 1/2 cents per mile more than was allowed by Government for similar service to any road in the country. Of course the sympathizers of Democratic reformers were excited by the Confederate antecedents of members of the company—perhaps by other considerations also—and they ratified the recommendation of Mr. Atkin's committee. Representatives of the party now filling the land from Maine to California, and from the northern lakes to the Rio Grande, with its dolorous howl for reform and economy, deliberately swing the doors of the Treasury wide open and invite the thieves to go in and help themselves. It is roughly estimated that \$50,000,000 will not suffice to satisfy the claims that may be urged under this precedent. Other Southern roads are already at work preparing to file their claims.

Late import statistics go to confirm the belief obtaining among many intelligent observers that the day of our dependence on foreign manufacturers, whose products in years past kept up such a constant drain on American gold, has forever passed by. The "Graphic" gives a few figures to prove this, as follows: The value of all cloths and cassimeres imported during the three months ending June 30th was \$2,076,530; of blankets, \$400; of carpets \$124,245; of hosiery, shirts and drawers \$40,402; wine \$693,265; of cutlery \$358,668; of files \$32,289; of saws and other tools \$1,055; of iron and steel rails \$102,273. The showing of the latter is especially beggarly as contrasted with the quantities we imported a few years ago. The statement is also made that much of the wine, champagne, etc., consumed in this country at the present day, under the impression that it is the product of French and German vineyards, comes to us from California which produces above 8,000,000 gallons for home consumption, besides large and increasing quantities exported to England and continental Europe.

Enough is being done in a political way to insure us against stagnation. The Republican National Committee has been organized and engaged in the preliminary work of the campaign for over a month. Its antagonist has manifested a disinclination for work, and is still "preparing" in a half-hearted apathetic way.

Congressman Foster reiterates here the sentiments of his Ohio speech relative to the "Southern Policy," touching, incidentally, upon other matters. The inference to be drawn from what he said relative to the former, is that considering the cost to the Republican policy the "policy" shows fruits only of a negative kind, wholly unsatisfactory; and that while the President's honesty is still conceded, his course relative to the South and official appointments, has left him comparatively friendless in Ohio.

There is no excitement here over the strike reported to be impending throughout the Pennsylvania coal region. Kearney's literary thefts are evidenced in his Boston speech, added to his previous blatherskite reputation, makes him the subject of ridicule here, even among many of the intelligent members of several labor organizations. Knox.

ALASKA AND THE LAW.

Advices from Washington City, under date of Aug. 16th, containing extracts from the report of Treasury Department decisions on Custom matters for the month of July, embody the following letter in regard to shipments in foreign vessels to and from points in Alaska, which must be of interest on the Pacific Coast:

TREASURY DEPARTMENT }
 July 13, 1878, }

To WM. GOV. MORRIS, SPECIAL AGENT, PORTLAND, OR.—Sir: The Department is in receipt of your letter of the 20th ultimo, relative to the clearance of the British steamers Otter and Grafton, from Wrangle, via Karta Bay to Victoria, B.C.; also your letter of the 27th ultimo, enclosed one addressed to you on the same day at Portland, by Caleb T. Fay. In Mr. Fay's letter to you he suggests that permission be granted foreign steamers to take freight and passengers and them at Karta Bay, Alaska; he does not state from what point, but it is supposed that he refers to Wrangle, or any other point in Alaska. It appears also, from your letter, that American citizens are opening a copper mine at Karta Bay and desire to ship copper thence in foreign steamers to Victoria; hence the privilege is asked for them to clear from Wrangle via Karta Bay, in our own territory, to Victoria, that they may take freight from either point to the latter port. It appears also, that you have advised the Deputy Collector not to grant any such clearance. The rights of foreign vessels, as to clearances from our ports on the ocean coasts to foreign ports, are mainly governed by sections 4197, 4347 and 4367, R. S.; the last section allows a foreign vessel to go from port to port of the United States to deliver her foreign cargo, but forbids her to carry domestic goods for delivery from one port of the country to another. This prohibition is construed by the Department to forbid the carrying of passengers by a foreign vessel between port and port on payment of fare. Under the provisions of the sections cited, the steamers in question may clear from Wrangle for Victoria, B. C., via Karta Bay, and may take up freight from any point in Alaska for Victoria under such clearance; but they cannot take freight or passengers between different points in Alaska, where the delivery of such freight or passengers is to be made in that Territory. The rule applicable, theretofore, to foreign vessels in their clearances, foreign, from that Territory, is this: Such vessels may clear foreign from any place in Alaska where an officer is stationed to grant clearances via any other place in the Territory designated by the clearing officer, and may take up and convey freight or passengers destined to a foreign port; but, under such clearance, no vessel can take up freight of domestic origin, or passengers, destined to be conveyed wholly within the limits of the Territory and landed there, or to be landed in any other part of the United States. Very Respectfully,
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