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## Miscellaneous.

**SCANDAL-MONGERS.**  
Do you hear the scandal-mongers  
Passing by,  
Breathing poison in a whisper,  
In a sigh?  
Moving cautiously and slow,  
Smiling sweetly as they go,  
Never noisy—gliding smoothly as a snake,  
Supping here and sliding there  
Through the meadows fresh and fair,  
Leaving subtle slime and poison in their wake.

Saw you not the scandal-monger  
As she sat  
Beaming brightly 'neath the roses  
On her hat?  
In her dainty gloves and dress  
Angel-like, and nothing less,  
Seemed she, casting smiles and pleasing words about.  
Once she shrugged and shook her head  
Raised her eyes and nothing said  
When you spoke of friends, and yet it left a doubt.

Did you watch the scandal-monger  
At the ball,  
Through the music, rhythm, beauty,  
Light and all,  
Moving here and moving there,  
With a whisper light as air,  
Casting shadows on a sister woman's face.  
Just a whispered word or glance,  
As she floated through the dance,  
And a doubt forever hangs upon a name.

You will find the scandal-mongers  
Everywhere;  
Sometimes men, but often women,  
Young and fair;  
Yet their tongues drip foulest slime,  
And they spend their leisure time  
Casting mud on those who climb by work and worth!  
Shun them, shun them as you go—  
Shun them whether high or low;  
They are but the cursed serpents of the earth.

### To Make Home Happy.

Nature is industrious in adorning her dominions, and man, to whom this beauty is addressed, should feel and obey the lesson. Let him, too, be industrious in adorning his domain—in making his home, the dwelling of his wife and children, not only convenient and comfortable, but pleasant. Let him, as far as circumstances will admit, be industrious in surrounding it with pleasant objects, in decorating it within and without with things that tend to make it agreeable and attractive. Let industry make home the abode of neatness and order—a place which brings satisfaction to every inmate, and which in absence draws back the heart by the fond associations of comfort and content. Let this be done, and this sacred spot will become more surely the scene of cheerfulness and peace. Ye parents who would have your children happy, be industrious to bring them up in the midst of a pleasant, a cheerful and a happy home. Waste not your time in accumulating wealth for them; but plant in their minds and souls, in the way proposed, the seeds of virtue and prosperity.

### Her First Kiss.

It is a singular fact that the custom of kissing is hardly known in China. The Chinese, indeed, have no word expressing love as we understand it. An American naval officer, traveling Chineward, narrates an amusing experience of the ignorance of the Chinese maidens of the science of kissing. Wishing to complete the conquest he had made of a young mei jun (beautiful lady) he invited her—using the English words) to give him a kiss. Finding her comprehension of his request somewhat obscure, he suited the action to the word, and took a delicious kiss. The girl ran away into another room, much alarmed, exclaiming, "Terrible man-eater; I shall be devoured." But in a moment, finding herself uninjured by the salute, she returned to his side, saying, "I learn more of your strange rite. Ke-e-es me." He knew it wasn't right, but kept on instructing her in the rite of "ke-e-es me" until she knew how to do it like a native Yankee girl; and after all that she suggested a second dose, saying, "Ke-e-es me some more seen jine Nee-ke-ko!" (Anglice American), and the lesson went on.

## STRUGGLING THROUGH THE RIFT.

Andrew Lee came home from his shop, where he had worked all day, tired and out of spirits; came home to his wife, who was also tired and out of spirits.

A smiling wife and a cheerful home—paradise it would be, said Andrew to himself, as he turned his eyes from the clouded face of Mrs. Lee and sat down with knitted brows and moody aspects. Not a word was spoken by either. Mrs. Lee was getting supper, and she moved about with a weary step.

Come, said she at last, with a side glance at her husband. Andrew arose and went to the table. He was tempted to speak an angry word, but controlled himself and kept silent. He could find no fault with the chop and home-made bread, nor the fragrant tea. They would have cheered his inward man, if there had been a gleam of sunshine on the face of his wife. He noticed she did not eat.

Are you not well, Mary?  
These words were on his lips, but he did not utter them, for the face of his wife looked so repellent, that he feared an irritating reply. And so, in moody silence, the twin sat together, until Andrew had finished his supper.

As he pushed his chair back, his wife arose and commenced clearing off the table. This is purgatory, said Lee to himself, as he commenced walking the floor of their little breakfast room. With his hands thrust into his trouser-pockets, and his chin almost touching his breast.

After removing and taking the things into the kitchen, Mrs. Lee spread a green cover on the table and, placing a freshly-trimmed lamp thereon, went out and shut the door after her, leaving her husband alone with his unpleasant feelings. He took a long, deep breath, and as he did so, paused in his walk, stood still for some moments, and then, drawing a paper from his pocket, sat down by the table, opened the sheet and commenced reading. Singularly enough, the words upon which his eyes rested were "Praise your wife." They rather tended to increase the disturbance of mind from which he was suffering.

I should like to have some occasion for praising mine. How quickly his thoughts expressed that ill-natured sentiment! But his eyes were on the paper before him and he read on:

"Praise your wife, man; for pity's sake give her a little encouragement. It won't hurt her." Andrew Lee raised his eyes and muttered: Oh yes, that's all very well; praise is cheap enough. But praise her for what? His eyes fell again on the paper.

"She has made your home comfortable, your hearth bright and shining, your food agreeable; for pity's sake tell her you thank her, if nothing more." She don't expect it. It will make her eyes wider than they have been for ten years, but it will do her good for all that, and you too.

It seemed to Andrew as if this sentence was written expressly for him, and just for the occasion. It was a complete answer to the question, "Praise her for what," and he felt it, also, as a rebuke. He read no further, for thoughts came too busy and in a new direction. Memory was convincing him of injustice to his wife. She had always made his home as comfortable as she could make it, and had offered the slightest return of praise or commendation? Had he ever told her of the satisfaction he had known, or the comfort he had experienced? He was not able to recall the time or occasion. As he thought this, Mrs. Lee came in

from the kitchen, and taking her work-basket from the closet, placed it on the table, and sitting down without speaking, began to sew. Mr. Lee glanced almost stealthily at the work in her hands, and saw that it was a bosom of a shirt, that she was stitching neatly. He knew that it was for him she was at work.

"Praise your wife." These words were before the eyes of his mind, and he could not look away from them. But he was not ready for this yet. He still felt moody and unforgiving. The expression of his wife's face he interpreted to mean ill-nature, for which he had no patience. His eyes fell upon the newspaper that he was reading. "A kind, cheerful word spoken in a gloomy house is the little rift in the cloud that lets the sunshine through."

Lee struggled with himself a little while longer. His own ill nature was to be conquered first; his moody, accusing spirit had to be subdued.

He thought of many things to say, and yet he feared to say them lest his wife should meet his address with a rebuff. At last leaning toward her, and taking hold of the shirt bosom on which she was at work, he said in a voice that was carefully modulated with kindness:

You are doing the work beautifully, Mary.  
Mrs. Lee made no reply. But her husband did not fail to notice that she lost, almost instantly, the rigid erectness with which she had been sitting nor that the motion of the needle had ceased.

My shirts are better made and whiter than those of any other man in the shop, said Lee, encouraged to go on.

Are they? Mrs. Lee's voice was low, and had in it a slight huskiness. She did not turn her face, but her husband saw that she leaned a little toward him. He had broken the ice of reserve, and all was now easy. His hands were among the clouds and a feeble ray was already struggling through the rift it had made.

Yes, Mary, he answered, softly, and I've heard it more than once, what a good wife Andrew Lee must have.

Did you? was all she said.  
Yes, darling, was his warmly spoken answer; and he stooped down and kissed her. How strange that you should ask me such a question!

If you would tell me so now and then, Andrew it would do me good. Mrs. Lee arose, and, leaning her face against the manly breast of her husband, stood and wept.

What a strong light broke in on the mind of Andrew Lee! He had never given his wife even the small reward of praise for the loving interest she had manifested daily, until doubt of his love had entered her soul and made the light around her thick darkness. No wonder her face grew clouded, or that what he considered moodiness and ill nature took possession of her spirits.

You are good and true, Mary, my own dear wife. I am proud of you, and my first desire is for your happiness. Oh, if I could always see your face in sunshine, my home would be the dearest place on earth.

How precious to me are your words of love and praise, Andrew, said Mrs. Lee, smiling up through her tears into his face, with them in my ears, my heart can never be in shadow.

How easy had been the work for Andrew Lee! He had swept his hand across the cloudy horizon, and now the bright sunshine was gleaming down and flooding that home with joy and beauty.

## FUNERAL OF MRS. M. A. SHARON.

We clip the following from the San Francisco Daily Chronicle of the 20th ult: "The funeral of Mrs. Senator Sharon yesterday, was the most imposing ever seen in San Francisco. The gloomy pageant was as tastefully magnificent as the strong affections of relatives, aided by great wealth could make it. The gorgeous drawing-rooms that only a few months ago were ablaze with lights and jewels of one of the most splendid weddings of the time, saw yesterday a sadder sight. The remains inclosed in an elegant Barstow casket, trimmed with solid silver, were laid in state in the back drawing room. The casket rested upon a catafalque raised from the floor by a dais. The columns supporting the arches of the room were trimmed with smilax. The floral ornamentation was extremely elaborate and costly. On a marble table at the foot of the coffin was a standing crown made of rare white flowers. A palm ornamented the corners of the dais. A marble table at the head was covered with a mass of hand bouquets of white roses and blossoms. On the lower step of the dais, were three crosses of white flowers, elaborately made and leaning in different directions. Just above were flat bouquets on a ground of delicate ferns. On a semicircular platform at the head of the casket was an exquisite wreath, having a heart on one side and a star on the other. On each side of the coffin were two elegant antique vases, each containing a basket of flowers. A long garland of ferns handsomely festooned a star in each festoon, encircled the catafalque and dais. A pure white dove was suspended immediately above the coffin. All the ornaments were of the costliest flowers, camellias, cypripedium and gypsophila were intermixed with roses, candytuft, heliotropes, and all beautiful flowers whose color made them appropriate.

A crowd so filled the house that ingress and egress were almost impossible. Among those present were several Sisters of the Sacred Heart and several of the Dominican Brothers, to which a brother of Mrs. Sharon belonged. The requiem was sung by a full chorus of professionals.

### Too Inquisitive.

A lady in New York, on mercy bent, was making a visit to the penitentiary, and was permitted to look through the various wards. In one room she saw three women engaged in sewing, and turning to the keeper who was showing her about, said to him in an undertone: "Dear me! those are the most vicious, horrible looking women I ever saw in my life! What are they put in here for?" The man replied: "They are here because I am here—they are my wife and daughters, madam!" But madam was traveling off as fast as she could.

### A Scrub Woman's Romance.

Some years before the war, a woman engaged as a scrubber in New York, married a mechanic named Thompson. Both worked hard, and in time the mechanic became a contractor, and finally took the job of building the marble palace of A. T. Stewart. The war came, prices advanced, the contract ruined the contractor, and he died insane. His wife who, from a scrub woman had become possessed of her carriage, and had her servants in livery at command, found herself dependent upon her own exertions once more; and it came to pass that last week Mayor Wickham re-engaged her services as a scrub woman for the city offices.

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## GLEANINGS.

Some of our young ladies should try to spell their mothers at the wash tub.

It is a sad spectacle to see people squandering money, and know that you can't help them do it.

"Boston" Corbett, who killed John Wilkes Booth, is at present a hat maker in a Cleveland manufactory.

In life it is difficult to say who do you the most mischief—enemies with the worst intentions, or friends with the best.

Most arts require long study and application; but the most useful art of all, that of pleasing, requires only the desire.

A Yankee editor has had his pistol stolen. He advertises to give the thief the contents, and no questions asked, if he will return it.

The Glasgow Times ventures to pun on the Beecher business, and says that while Theodore was tried and found wanting, Elizabeth was also found a little wanting.

In an article on a recent fair in that city, the editor of a Mason paper says a brother editor took a valuable premium—but an unkind policeman made him put it right back where he took it from.

The trade in "blooded dogs" is an item of no little amount. The value of these, principally pointers, brought to this country from England during the last two years is stated to be \$100,000.

The man who raised a cabbage head has done more good than all the metaphysicians in the world, said a stump orator at a meeting. Then, said a wag, your mother ought to have had a premium.

Philadelphia has 60,000 less families than New York, and nearly 50,000 more houses. New York has a house for every fifteen inhabitants, and Philadelphia has one for every six.

In Switzerland, a milkmaid who is a good singer gets more salary than others, for, under the influence of music cows yield more milk. An Orange County farmer is trying to hire Patti and Nilsson to sing around his pump.

The inhabitants of China walk over bridges built two thousand years ago, and have fifty thousand square miles around Shanghai, which are called the Garden of China, and which has been tilled by countless generations.

About thirty indictments were found against Tweed. He was tried on one of them, and will tackle the second at once upon his release by the court of appeals. There seems to be no reason why he should not get through the list within the next ninety years.

A newspaper correspondent calls attention to the great convenience that would follow if farmers would generally have their names painted on the gates at the entrance to their premises. Strangers, often have much difficulty in finding the residences of persons of whom they are in search.

The Philadelphia Bulletin recently contained a column on the third term question, in which it is declared that some time after the third term project was mentioned a communication was sent to President Grant threatening his assassination. The letter demanded that the President publicly deny his intention of running for a third term, and it is said this threat has kept Grant's lips sealed on the question.

When Napoleon the Great died at St. Helena an English physician took charge of the heart, depositing it in a silver basin filled with water. Two tapers burned near it, but the custodian felt nervously anxious while watching it through the night, and did not sleep. In the silence of midnight he heard a rustling sound, then a plunge into the water, and a rebound on the floor—all occurring with the quickness of thought. He sprang from his bed to see an enormous rat dragging the precious relic to his hole. A moment more and the heart which had been too vast in its ambition to be satisfied with the sovereignty of continental Europe, would have met a most degraded fate.



SATURDAY, JUNE 5, 1875.

THE CURSE OF THE COUNTRY.

In the June number of the Overland Monthly there appears an article from the pen of C. F. Hutchins, entitled "How Many do Two and Two Make?" from which we derive the following: "But do the friends of the drifting policy consider the evils which their plan inflicts upon the country? Look at this single fact: As matters are at present constituted, a whole nation, numbering 39,000,000, is left at the mercy of 500 gold gamblers in New York city! It is incalculable the loss to which the country is subjected when these gentlemen, for their amusement or profit, put up the price of gold even one per cent. Every well-ordered government on the face of the earth punishes gambling as a misdemeanor, if not a crime; and so the common nimble-fingered gentry in our towns and cities are periodically visited with the extreme penalty of the laws. Yet our paternal government suffers the whole business of the country to be put in daily jeopardy by the tricks of the gamblers in Wall street, and has ceased the effort to provide any remedy against their disreputable stratagems. Nor will any remedy prove efficacious short of making greenbacks equal in value to gold. That will put an end to one of the most mischievous and hurtful occupations that is prosecuted in our land. Another evil that is quite as serious is the opportunity which is afforded to the capitalists unduly to increase their hoards of wealth. The United States is a paradise, not only for gamblers—if so be they make their headquarters in Wall street, and speculate in those values which touch most vitally the business of the country—but for bankers as well. It is a well-known fact that the national banking institutions are annually dividing enormous profits among the stockholders, and this, too, while other interests are staggering under loads that may almost be said to be unprecedented. If ever in the history of the world laws were framed expressly, as it would seem to make the rich richer and the poor poorer, we find an illustration of this policy in the present laws touching financial interests in this year of grace, 1875, and in this boasted country of ours."

FOR THE CENTENNIAL.

Hon. James G. Swan having received his commission from the Department of the Interior as a Special Agent to make a collection of articles illustrative of Indian life, to be exhibited in Philadelphia the coming centennial of 1876, goes north on the U. S. Revenue steamer Walcott for a cruise of three months, orders having been received by telegraph from the Secretary of the Treasury to Capt. Scammon, of the Walcott, to receive the Judge on board, and to afford him every facility during the proposed cruise. And as Capt. Scammon and his officers take a lively interest in this work, the cruise will undoubtedly produce valuable results.

Arrangements have also been made with Hon. J. P. Powell, Commissioner of Indian Affairs for British Columbia, and with William Charles, Esq., Chief Factor of the Hudson Bay Company, to have collections made during the summer among the Indians of British Columbia, and already Mr. Charles has sent instructions to agents on Queen Charlotte's Island, and by the time the Walcott returns there will be a large amount of material in Victoria to be added to the collection made by the Walcott.

It is very probable by the time the Walcott returns that Commissioner Powell will have arranged to make a cruise to Queen Charlotte Island either in the steamer Sir James Douglass, or the Myrmidon, in which event the Judge will accompany Dr. Powell. We predict that the collections made during this summer by these gentlemen will constitute a marked feature in the exposition of the Centennial in 1876.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

The Oregonian speaks with pardonable exultation of the proud achievement of one of its home-built ships, named the Western Shore. She made the voyage from San Francisco to Liverpool in 104 days, while the Three Brothers was 130 days in performing the same voyage in her notable race with the British King. The same feature is observable with vessels composing the Puget Sound lumber fleet. Those of them built on the Sound possess superior sailing qualities to others, as is evidenced by a record of trips to and from Southern ports. Thus another argument is furnished in favor of ship-building on this coast.

On the first of this month all United States prisoners in this Territory were to be taken and hereafter kept in the penitentiary on McNeil Island, near Steilacoom. The new quarters are both commodious and comfortable. Orders have been received for the admission of all U. S. prisoners in Oregon, sentenced after June 1st, into this penitentiary; the prisoners of that State already in prison to serve their time at Salem.

Capt. Hopkins, of Walla Walla, is reported to have received the appointment of U. S. Marshal of this Territory. The Captain was in the volunteer service all through the war of the rebellion, and is by education and habits fitted to discharge the duties of the office.

WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

Mr. J. E. Putnam, of Walla Walla, has been appointed Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue for the Second Division.

The Industrial Association Directors have decided to hold the next annual fair for a week beginning on October 18. A pavilion will be built and the fair held on the ground near Olympia, if possible.

The Grand Lodge of Good Templars, for Oregon and this Territory, will convene at Portland on the 8th.

Every steamer and sailing vessel now arriving from San Francisco, brings immigrants to Puget Sound.

In the case of Alex. S. Hughes et al. vs. Josiah Gellerson et al., at Seattle, Judge Lewis gave his decision that no person has right to obstruct or divert the water of a river from flowing in its natural channel, or to turn all the water of a river into one of two channels; but if a breach is made so that the water escapes out of one of such channels into the other, such breach may be repaired.

We condense the following account of a homicide in King Co., from the Intelligencer: "A shocking tragedy took place near Gellerson's logging-camp on the upper White river, on the 26th ult., resulting in the killing of Mr. Josiah Gellerson and the severe wounding of Mr. John Langston, by David Hughes, a youth of 18, and son of Dr. A. S. Hughes. Mr. Gellerson was a native of Maine, and leaves a wife three sons and two daughters. Mrs. Gellerson is supposed to be now on her way from the East. A bitter disappointment awaits her, after crossing the continent to meet the companion of her life, as she will find instead of joy and happiness in such a meeting only mourning."

The law office of Hon. J. J. McGilvra, at Seattle, was entered a week ago and a shot-gun, pistol and some \$30 taken.

A meeting of arbitrators to settle all matters between the heirs of Mr. Grennan, and the Utsalady Mill Co. will be held at Seattle on June 19th. Messrs. Collins and Bullene, of Seattle, and Robt. Hill, of Island Co., are the arbitrators. J. McNaught, represents the heirs.—Intelligencer.

The people of Olympia are preparing to have a good old-fashioned Fourth of July celebration this year. The Olympia papers say that an intimation has been given to them that the people of Steilacoom and lower Sound desire to join with them in celebrating.

LATEST NEWS

By Telegraph and Mail.

A telegram from Olympia, dated May 31, says: The railroad question is again being agitated here, with fair prospects of success. G. A. Fitch is here in the interest of Crew's prismoidal railroad, and a meeting of the directors of the Olympia and Tenino road will be held to-morrow to consider the practicability of the prismoidal system and adopt measures to complete the road at an early day.

The Sioux Indians have agreed to accept from Government \$25,000 in consideration of their relinquishing a large portion of their hunting ground in Nebraska. The Secretary is willing to concede them considerable territory some fifteen miles south of Nebraska river. The treaty was drawn up but Spotted Tail refused to sign it until they received the \$25,000. It was explained that the money couldn't be obtained until the treaty was signed, and the Indians were given a copy to take to their rooms to consider over.

Forest fires have again broken out in the mountains of Delaware and Sullivan counties, New York, doing much damage.

An elegant dinner was given to Gen. Sheridan at Chicago, on the 1st, by a number of his personal friends. After dinner he was surprised by the presentation of a superb silver tea-set.

The marriage of General Phil Sheridan to Miss Rucker, took place in Chicago on the 3d inst.

Hotels were all crowded in Cincinnati on the 1st, with delegates to the Republican State Convention being held in that city. It is thought that Gov. Hayes will be nominated for Governor.

Judge Melton, formerly Chief Justice of Massachusetts, died on the 29th ult.

In New York, on the 28th ult., Henry Rex, a private watchman, shot and killed John McKenna, a boy aged 14, for teasing him.

Rufus Ingalls, Assistant Quartermaster-General has been detailed to take Gen. Meigs's place who has been detached for special service in inspecting and reporting upon the organization of foreign armies. He will be absent over a year.

A late telegram from Phoenix, Arizona, says: Harvesting in this valley has now fairly begun, every thing indicating a rapid harvest, owing to the small amount of land seeded this year, caused by the high price of grain. Careful estimates give the year's crops at 3,000,000 pounds, against 5,500,000 last year. The probabilities are that low bidders on government contracts will lose this year.

The President has signed the commission of Thos. Simmons, of New York, to be assistant attorney general of the United States.

On the afternoon of the 28th ult., the Sioux Indians called at the Interior Department. In the absence of the President and Secretary the delegation was received by Assistant Secretary Cowan. The Indians complained bitterly of the inferior quality of clothing, food and tobacco, issued by agents. Commissioner Smith informed them that in future they would have better rations and blankets, and they withdrew.

A dispatch from Sioux City of the 28th ult., says some soldiers entered a camp at Gordon City, Neb., and burned 14 wagons, rations, supplies and arms, and destroyed everything belonging to the Black Hills Transportation Company, except some baggage. On the way to Fort Randall they made the men go on foot, some of them barefooted, their boots and clothing having been destroyed.

The London Herald says a series of terrible earthquake shocks occurred, beginning May 3d, in the province of Boursoora, Asia. Some 600 houses were destroyed, 160 lives lost and 187 persons injured.

A terrible fire occurred in Tilton, N. H., on May 27th.

The President issued an order to close the various departments of government on Decoration day.

A telegram from Boston of the 27th ult., states that on the evening previous a terrific explosion occurred at J. D. Dow's drugstore on Washington street. At the time there were known to be about twenty-two persons in the building, all of whom were more or less seriously injured. The first intimation of the disaster was a deep rumbling sound similar to the report of an earthquake. Almost simultaneously the walls of the building burst outward in every direction, falling in one confused mass, and presented a scene of wreck seldom witnessed. The debris at once took fire. Two dead bodies were taken out, and three others extricated and sent to the city hospital.

St. Louis dispatches chronicle the murder of a German farmer named Pfare, near that city on the 26th ult., and the ravishing of his wife, by an unknown negro, who had escaped detection.

Under date of Washington, May 27th, we have accounts of the return of the surveying party which had been sent out by government to locate the line of the proposed ship canal across the isthmus of Panama. The expedition was subjected to numerous hardships and dangers, but met with no loss of life among officers or men. The early estimate of \$56,000,000 for the work is not sufficient. The Napipi Atrato route is the shortest, but will require over five miles of tunneling.

The Secretary of the Treasury decided on the 27th that imported sheepskins, dressed with the wool on, must pay 25 per cent duty ad valorem.

By a falling of the scaffolding at the Central (Ohio) Insane Asylum on the 27th ult., four men were killed and two seriously injured.

A Terrible Conflagration.

One of the most terrible disasters in history occurred near Springfield, Mass., on May 27, in the burning of the French Catholic Church at South Holyoke, during evening service, involving the death of about twenty-five men, women and children. The exercises had nearly closed and a vesper service was being sung, when the flame from a candle caught the drapery around the statue of the Virgin Mary, and streamed up and caught the building. Immediately a panic ensued and the people rushed for the doors. There was but one entrance to the gallery. On the staircase leading from the gallery the people were packed in a solid mass struggling to clear themselves as the flames reached that direction, and the way soon became blocked rendering exit impossible. Many jumped over the sides of the gallery on the crowd beneath and were trampled to death. The priest's exertions to keep order were fruitless. The screams of the living and moans of the dying made a deafening tumult above the orders of the pastor, who worked most heroically and was instrumental in saving many lives. One family of four were in the church and all killed. Many were pulled out by the arms and feet so badly burned that they lived but a few hours. Some were taken out with scarcely any flesh remaining on their bones.

Several who were too badly burned to be moved were put under the effects of morphia and passed away without a struggle. A man with two small children in his arms jumped from one of the windows and all escaped unhurt. One of the most touching cases was that of two little girls aged 12 who rushed for an entrance to the church while the fire was at its height to find their father and mother. They could only be restrained by an officer who held them in his arms. The priest's mother was terribly burned. The church was built in 1870, entirely of pine.

The latest revised figures of the disaster are: dead, 71; fatally burned, 22; otherwise burned and wounded, 27. Of the 71 dead 55 were females and 16 males.

Lost in the Woods.

Mrs. Morton, living near Elma, Chehalis Co., one day last week, had her attention attracted by a disturbance among the hogs, and upon going out to see found a large bear was after them. She took the gun, and in company with her little girl went out to try and kill the animal. She followed it into the woods so far that when she wished to return home she could not find the way, and was lost in the woods for five days and nights. On Sunday, Mr. Simmons having some business there went to the house, and finding the doors open and no one about the premises, became alarmed. He went into the woods and hallooed and was answered by the lost ones; he went to them and found them in a starving condition, Mrs. Morton being hardly able to walk. The husband was working in a logging camp in Thurston County.—Transcript.

ADVENTISTS AGAIN DISAPPOINTED.—The Adventists of Chicago, after making their own interpretation of the Book of Daniel, fixed upon a day for the end of things here below, and the coming of the Son of Man. They gathered to the number of nearly 200 at their place of worship, where the ceremonies of feet-washing and eating the paschal lamb were observed. These over, the company waited the coming of midnight, their hour of triumph. It came and went, and with it the hopes of the deluded band. Slowly and sadly they

wrapped the mantles of earth about them and quietly stole away, let us hope, to learn that the kingdom of Heaven cometh not with observation.

FROM THE CAPE.—Our correspondent, "R." writing under date of Neah Bay, May 25th, says: The weather off Cape Flattery has been very rough the past two months, and the sealing season very poor, the Indians not getting half so many as last year. Last week eight canoes from here were missing, but finally got back safe. One canoe from Quillehuyte was lost and two Indians. There is great lamentation among the tribe, and the Indians are afraid to go out far, so the trader here considers the sealing done for the season.

The buoy picked up by the pilots in the Straits belongs to the Columbia river, and the Shubrick will take it down on her next cruise up this way. This makes the second buoy picked up in this vicinity from the Columbia, which is evidence of the strong northerly current setting along the coast.

Sometime ago the steamer Pacific lost part of her deck-load of apples on the Columbia river bar, seven boxes of which were afterward picked up, in good order, and eaten by some of the Western Union Telegraph men wintering on Queen Charlotte Island.

The schooner Cygnet will soon leave for the north, sea otter hunting. The captain is very sanguine of a good season, he having been up there last year prospecting, and knows just where to go.

The wreck of the Pelicano awaits the torch to burn it and expose the many copper bolts that compose part of its fastenings. But if this weather continues Greek fire would not do it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE. MAJOR J. J. H. VAN BOKKELLEN is appointed by me Clerk of the Probate Court. He will also attend to all business pertaining to my office during my absence to Alaska. JAMES G. SWAN, Probate Judge, Port Townsend, June 5, 1875.

Good Templars' Hall. GRAND CONCERT!

Mr. FRANK GILDER, The celebrated AMERICAN PIANIST, has the honor to announce a Grand Vocal and Instrumental Concert on THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 10th, 1875.

The following eminent artists will appear: MADAME EUGENE BARBOCK, the celebrated Tenor and Violinist, formerly of the Paropa Rosa Opera Troupe. MISS BLANCHE GALTON, the celebrated Contralto, formerly of the renowned Galton Opera Troupe. MR. THOS. WHIFFEN, the eminent English Tenor and Violinist, formerly of the Paropa Rosa Opera Troupe.

And FRANK GILDER, the great American Pianist, acknowledged to be one of the most brilliant performers of the age.

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Mr. Frank Gilder will perform on his own magnificent Steinway Grand Piano, from Grey's Music Store; T. G. Lowe & Co., agents, Olympia.

HURRAH FOR THE Fourth of July, 1875. WILLIAM H. LEARNED OF THE VARIETY STORE, Has just received a fine assortment of Fire Works, Fire Crackers and Flags for the Fourth of July.

Also, keeps constantly on hand a good assortment of Foreign and Domestic Fruits, Candies, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Goods, Cigars, Tobacco, &c. Orders from abroad promptly attended to.

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Partnership Dissolved. The Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned has been dissolved by mutual consent. All debts due to and from said firm must be settled. J. VAN WORMER, CHARLES BENSON, Port Townsend, May 31, 1875.

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BOAT LOST

ON THE NIGHT OF MONDAY 17th instant, supposed to have stolen, 15-Foot Clinker Built Boat White outside, green to water line blue streak on gunwale, fresh paint on inside, bottom board and stern not painted. An old sail, mast, and also taken.

A reasonable reward will be given return to Mr. Jones, Boat-builder, by whom also any information received.

Picked Up.

OFF CAPE FLATTERY A NEW CAN Buoy, kettle bottom, conical shape, black and white stripes, and about eight fathom of chain attached.

Apply to O. F. GERRISH, Port Townsend, May 13, 1875. 12-11

Sheriff's Sale.

Notice of Sale under Decree of Foreclosure SELVIGUS GARFIELD vs. HENRY L. SUTTOR.

IN PURSUANCE OF A DECREE IN THIS cause issued out of the District Court in and for the Third Judicial District of Washington Territory, holding term at Port Townsend, Jefferson County, W. T., I shall expose for sale, as the law directs, at the Court House door in the city of Port Townsend, Jefferson County, W. T., on Monday, June 14th, 1875, between the hours of 9 A. M. and 4 P. M., the premises described in said decree, as follows: That certain piece or parcel of land situated, lying and being in Jefferson County, W. T., and more particularly described on the plat of the United States Survey as the east half of the east half of the southeast quarter of section 26, township 29, north range 1 west of Willamette Meridian, containing forty (40) acres, together with all and singular the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining, to satisfy a foreclosure of mortgage amounting to six hundred and sixty-one dollars and eighty-six cents (\$661.86) in United States gold coin, and with interest at rate of one and a half per cent per annum in like gold coin from date of decree, and costs amounting to \$88.15 and accruing costs of sale and interest. The said foreclosure and decree of sale was recovered the 5th day of March, 1875. J. J. H. VAN BOKKELLEN, Sheriff of Jefferson County, W. T. C. M. BRADSHAW, Plaintiff's Attorney Dated at Port Townsend April 10, 1875.

The Weekly Argus,

LOCAL NEWS.

Meteorological Observations.

Port Townsend, June 5, 1875. The following is a report for the month of May: Maximum of barometer, 30.11; Minimum of barometer, 29.43; Maximum of thermometer, 60; Minimum of thermometer, 45; Rain fall during the month, 2.12 in. Number of days on which rain fell 20. L. NESSEL, Observer.

THE County Commissioners met on Thursday.

THE saw-mill project is not dead but—"sleepeth."

A California lion (stuffed) is on exhibition at the Cosmopolitan Hotel.

SERVICES in the M. E. Church on Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M.

WE are under obligations to the purchaser of the Los Angeles for late San Francisco papers.

SERVICES in St. Paul's Episcopal Church on Sunday, at 11 A. M. and 7 1/2 P. M.

THE stone is being prepared for the Presbyterian church building soon to be erected on the hill.

THE Gaylord Troupe gave entertainments in this city on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

NEW GOODS.—Our merchants have been in receipt of large quantities of assorted merchandise during the week.

CROPS.—Never in the history of this peninsula was there a better prospect for crops than at present.

THE str. Mastick passed round to Port Discovery on Wednesday night with a million feet of logs in tow.

MR. T. MERRY, former proprietor and editor of the Coos Bay News, favored us with a call this week.

THE Mary Glover, on her last trip up to Port Discovery, brought a new engine for the mill at that place.

THE match game of base-ball between the Active and Star Clubs of this city, last Saturday, resulted in favor of the former.

REV. DAVID SRES will preach at Oak Harbor school-house next Sunday (to-morrow) at 11 o'clock A. M., and in the evening at Coupeville, in Good Templar Hall, at 7 1/2 o'clock.

MR. THOS. BERGER, one of our fishermen, shipped 1,400 pounds of fresh halibut on Tuesday, via the North Pacific, for the Portland market.

THE Forest Queen made her last trip down from Port Ludlow to San Francisco in five days. The round trip from San Francisco, up and back, inclusive of loading at Port Ludlow, consumed but twenty-one days.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—All of our citizens interested in the celebration of our National Birth-day are requested to meet at the Court House this evening at 7 o'clock, to make arrangements. We hope to see a full house.

THE Gussie Telfair, which sailed from Portland on the 29th ult., arrived here on Monday night. She brought a quantity of Government stores and considerable merchandise. She returned via Orcas Island for lime.

THE steamer California touched here on Tuesday, on her way from Portland to Tacoma, loaded with stock and general merchandise. A number took passage on her at this point, for Fort Wrangle, among whom were several members of Gen. Howard's staff.

EXPORTS.—The value of the foreign exports from this customs district for the month of May was \$57,391. Vessels entered, 45, aggregating 18,375 tons; vessels cleared, 43, with 17,192 tons. Total, 88 vessels carrying 35,568 tons.

THE North Pacific on her last trip down this week got aground at Port Gamble detaining her a couple of hours. We learn that she is soon to be withdrawn, temporarily, for repairs, to be succeeded on the line by the Alida and Isabel, the former to run between Olympia and this port, where she will be intercepted by the latter from Victoria.

THE Walla Walla Spirit of the West says: "We are glad to learn that Mr. Thomas H. Brentz, who sometime ago, in consequence of a personal affair between himself and Judge Lewis, was debarred from practicing in chambers, has been fully restored to all his legal prerogatives by his Honor Judge Wingard."

PLEASANT REUNION.—Among the passengers by the Los Angeles, which arrived at this port on Tuesday, was a sister of Mr. Mills, of Chicimuc, all the way from Merry England, and whom he has not seen for twenty-eight years. She was accompanied by her husband and six children.

BIG SHELLS.—The North Pacific, on Tuesday last, brought over four immense shells of a species of oyster belonging to the "Tridacna," which are found in the Indian ocean, China seas and Islands of the South Pacific, and grows to an immense size. A pair of valves of the "Tridacna," weighing upwards of 500 pounds, and measuring above two feet across, are used as "benitiers" in the church of St. Sulpice, Paris. Capt. Cook states that the animal of this species sometimes weighs twenty pounds, and is good eating. These shells are really a curiosity. They belong to Mr. Thomas Stratton.

ANOTHER BURGLARY.—And now comes the news of another burglary in our midst, this time the saloon of Wm. Newton, on last Sunday night. It was accomplished, as we understand, by cutting out a pane of glass through which opening the thief effected an entrance. He succeeded, however, in obtaining but a trifling amount of booty. Attempts to enter several other dwellings are also reported. This state of affairs needs a remedy, and an early application of summary justice would not be amiss. Our citizens should see to it that their premises are well secured and, moreover, "keep their powder dry."

THE famous American pianist, Frank Gilder, announces a grand concert to be given in this place Thursday, June 10th. He will be accompanied by Madame Babcock, a soprano of much popularity, Miss Blanche Galton, the celebrated contralto, Louisa Pyne, also a contralto of prominence, and Mr. Thos. Whiffen, the celebrated tenor singer and violinist. The programme is replete with musical gems, and the general verdict in connection with the concerts, wherever given, is that they are unexcelled by any yet given in this country.

THE BURGLAR CAUGHT.—On Sunday last Deputy Sheriff Appleton returned to this place from Port Discovery, bringing with him a man bearing the name of Thos. Jones, who proved, upon investigation, to be the individual that entered Mr. Korter's house Thursday night week, and of which mention was made in our last issue. He had been traced to the road which led to Port Discovery, and it was inferred that that would be his objective point, and pursuit was instituted accordingly. Before reaching Tukey's landing, and while passing Mr. Moll's house, the company was hailed by the owner and informed that during Friday night his house had been broken into and a shot-gun with other articles carried away. The sheriff now feeling pretty confident that he was on the right track pushed on to Port Discovery, and proceeded to the hotel, where he was not long in finding his man, whom he arrested. A search of his clothing resulted in bringing to the light several of the missing articles from the houses he had entered, and he was accordingly brought to the jail in this place and locked up for the night. Next day he was brought before Justice Learned, and after a hearing committed in default of bail to await the next term of the District Court. But hardly had he become domesticated in his quarters when he was again brought before the Justice on the charge of robbing Mr. Moll's house, of which was likewise found guilty and recommitted.

Ship-News Record.

Table with columns for ship name, date, and agent. Includes entries for Port Townsend, Cleared, and various ship names like Schr Letitia, Adams, Victoria, etc.

The Mary Glover arrived at Port Discovery same day. The Camilo Cavour, loading at Port Discovery will take on board about a million feet of lumber. The schooner General Harney, from Tacoma bound to San Juan with a cargo of cedar bolts and barrels, touched here the first of the week. The barkentine R. K. Ham and bark Dublin also put in here, outward bound, and lumber laden, early in the week. The bark Powhattan passed up Sound on Wednesday in tow of the Gollah. She will load at Port Gamble. The ship Bridgewater, bound to Utsalady for a cargo of spars, came into this port on Thursday.

It is expected that the Revenue Cutter Walcott will start on her cruise along the Northwest coast on Monday next.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

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DEATHS. SEAVEY.—In this town, on the 26th ult., Shelley Carlo, infant of William S. and Emily Seavey, aged 6 months and 25 days.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

\$25.00 REWARD.

THE ABOVE REWARD WILL be paid for information leading to the detection of the person that shot my ducks on Thursday morning, June 3d. T. TORGUSEN.

PROPOSALS.

For furnishing Rations and Ship Chandlery for U. S. Revenue Vessels. COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. Port Townsend, June 4, 1875. SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock noon of Monday, June 21st, 1875, for supplying Rations and Ship Chandlery for the use of crews and vessels of the United States Revenue Marine Service in this Collection District for the term of one year. Schedules of articles of Ship Chandlery to be bid for will be furnished on application to this office. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Ship Bridgewater.

NEITHER CAPTAIN SPALDING nor the vessel, will be responsible for any debts contracted by the officers or crew. WATERMAN & KATZ, Agents. Port Townsend, June 4, 1875.

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A VALUABLE PIECE OF Timber Land for Logging purposes, situated on Nootkuch River in Whatcom County, consisting of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 17, and the Lot numbered 12, and the north half of the northeast quarter of Section 20 in Township 10 north of Range 3 east, containing 148.65 acres. CHARLES VAN WORMER. Enquire at this office, or of JOHN VAN WORMER.

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