

CAPTURED BY REDSKINS.

Christina Geisel, now Christina Edson, emigrated in the early years from the Atlantic States to the shore of the Pacific, and with her husband, John Grisel, and their little family settled on the Pacific coast, near the mouth of the Rogue river, in Oregon. Their house was upon the then traveled trail leading from the coast of California into Oregon. They were comfortably fixed when they settled there at that time. John Geisel mined the fine gold dust on the ocean beach and this, together with his stock upon the prairies, and what was received by the passing travelers for lodgings, constituted their meals and livelihood. A friendly Indian was employed about the premises in occasional services. The village of the Indian tribe of the "Too-too-nas" was eight miles distant up the Rogue river. Very little apprehension existed among the settlers as to any hostile intent on the part of the Indians. Ben Wright, the Indian agent in the vicinity, and known in the Pacific States as a daring Indian-fighter, gave positive assurance that no danger existed.

On the night of Feb. 22, 1856, the settlers for some miles around attended a ball at Rogue river, in observance of Washington's birthday. The Indians, expecting to find the country comparatively defenseless, owing to the assemblage at the ball, concluded upon a general massacre of the whites who remained at home. Owing to the illness of one of the children, none of the Geisel family attended the ball.

About midnight Mr. Geisel was awakened by a rap upon the door, and by hearing their Indian servant saying that he desired to obtain something to eat. Upon this the door was opened, and immediately several stalwart Indians rushed in and commenced their attack with long drawn knives and tomahawks, upon Mr. Geisel. Mrs. Geisel left her three-weeks-old infant in bed, and though quite feeble, rushed to her husband's rescue. In the conflict she received a severe wound. Her husband was soon overcome, and fell dead in her presence. She was securely bound, and with her infant and a seven-year-old daughter, was forced without. There she witnessed her three boys taken from their little beds in an adjoining room, and while piteously begging for life, they were, one by one, slaughtered in her presence.

After rifling the house of all such articles as they desired they applied the torch to it, and compelled their captives to witness its destruction with the burning of the bodies of the slain. Mrs. Geisel, barefooted, and clad in her thin gown, and with her two children, was then marched to the camp of the Too-too-nas, and while en route witnessed the burning of many houses and the massacre of her neighbors. Great indignities were inflicted upon the captives by the Indians in the village of the hostiles. They were kept prisoners under strict watch for two weeks, when they were exchanged or ransomed by the white people who were forced at the mouth of the Rogue river.

During her captivity Mrs. Geisel took careful notes and sketches of what she observed. She discovered that several allied tribes were constructing very strong fortifications from which they proposed making raids upon all the surrounding country in California and Oregon, and thus complete the destruction already begun. Mrs. Geisel discovered a concealed approach through the mountain gorges into this fortification and village by which, if it could be assailed in that direction by sufficient force, defense would be without avail. She also learned from conversations among the Indians in their own language, which she interpreted, that great preparations were in progress for a raid on the people of the town of Port Orford, thirty miles distant, where they expressed great confidence of exterminating the men and children and making captives of the women. The time was fixed for their departure and surprise. This information she disclosed to the settlers in the fort immediately upon her ransom, and they sent forward to Port Orford a swift-traveling messenger to inform the people of their approaching danger. Port Orford was at once placed in a condition of defense, and when the Indians appeared before it they were repulsed and returned to their camp on Rogue river.

Soldiers and volunteers were soon on the ground, and, availing themselves of the information communicated by Mrs. Geisel, they made a sudden assault upon the Indian fortifications by way of the approaches discovered by the captive woman, and after a closely contested battle they completely routed and killed many of the Indian warriors. The defeat so dispirited them that they never rallied again, and were afterward the most peaceable Indians on the Pacific coast. The Rogue river war, which extended over a large portion of southern Oregon, was substantially ended at this place. It is a part of the written history of the Pacific coast States and Territories.

Came a Day Ahead of Time.

A good story comes from a Birmingham, Conn., photographer. A lady sat for pictures. The next day she returned for the proof, which was given her in an envelope on which was printed, "Return after five days to photographer, Birmingham, Conn."

The lady kept the proof much longer than persons usually do, particularly as she said she was in a big hurry for the pictures. On the fourth day she came to the studio, bringing the proof, and apologized to the artist for coming back "one day ahead of time," but she said she had business in town and could not come again. It took the artist a day to understand what she meant.

THE DEVIL'S DANCE.

A Cheerful Spectacle Which Enlivens Life in Africa.

A fantastic orgie was witnessed at the town of Loongi, the capital of Bulum, west coast of Africa, by a party of officers from the West India regiment quartered at Sierra Leone. The people of Loongi are Mahomedans, but the dancing devil himself is a relic of a not long departed paganism, and so also probably is the dance itself. It takes place in the courtyard of the chief's premises, which is entered through a circular hut. The scene which presents itself to any one coming suddenly out of the darkness into the noise and glare is decidedly uncanny. In the center of a circle which fills the courtyard, the devil with an orthodox tail, a great crocodile's head, and long grass, looking like hair, depending from his body and legs, and swaying as he moves, leaps, beating time with his feet to the beat of the drums; while the women, two deep, wail a chant and strike their palms together in slow, rhythmical measure, those in the front row bowing down between each beat. The young men in long robes and caps wail with the women. Both are under vows, the dance being one of their rites. They look dazed to begin with, but gradually work themselves into a frenzy; and the black faces, the monotonous, wailing cry, the thrumming of the drums, the rattle of the clackers, and the beat of the devil's feet as he springs up, crouches down, and swings about, make a scene to shock the quiet moon and stars and gladden Gehenna. North of Sierra Leone Africa is Mahomedan, south pagan, and the southern people have this devil.

When peace is declared between two native tribes, the peace devil, who is a fetish, comes leaping into the town; but if he stumbles or falls it is considered a bad omen, and he is put to death for his pains. His dress is sacred, but his person is of no consequence.

TWELVE DOLLARS A WEEK.

Hundreds of Applications for Positions at Those Figures.

A good many stories of misfortune and trouble were revealed unexpectedly by an advertisement which a prominent business man inserted in a recent New York paper for a clerk. The advertisement stated that a business man of experience was wanted to begin at a salary of \$12 a week. There were over 200 answers, and many of them were long letters from men who had formerly held positions of unquestionable importance and influence in the commercial world of New York. Some of them had been the heads of great dry goods houses, while other applications were signed by the names of firms that were once well-known throughout the country. They were all willing, and indeed anxious to get a position at the salary stated. One of them had been cashier in a New York bank, and once possessed a good deal of property, but he wrote that everything had gone against him for the past ten years, and that he was absolutely in need of the necessities of life. Among the answers were several letters from young men who had a collegiate education and a knowledge of several foreign languages.

A Porter Who Sees the Seamy Side.

"It was dat bald-headed ole man wid de yellor chin-whiskers," said the colored porter of the Pullman car with regretful cadence as he leaned against the water cooler and fanned his heated brow with a soiled towel.

"What was?" asked a sympathetic passenger.

"De ole wretch wot guv me fo' cents. He's gwine to git off at Ro'way, and I see'd him dallyin' wid seben quaters a few minutes ago and done gib him a half-dollar brush. 'Deed I did. Brushed his hat and coat and scratched nine mud spots off his ober-coat, and den he pulls out dem fo' cents and says he: 'Sorry, po'ter, I ain't got no more change.' I kin tell you," added the porter with a soul-weary look, "dey talk about de po'ters, but we all cert'nally sees de seamy side. Yo' git yo' hope 'way up and youse gwine shore nuff to get it squashed."

And then, says the New York Tribune, with the air of a man whose reward is not in this world, the saddened porter went back into the car and told a little man with red whiskers to stand up and be brushed.

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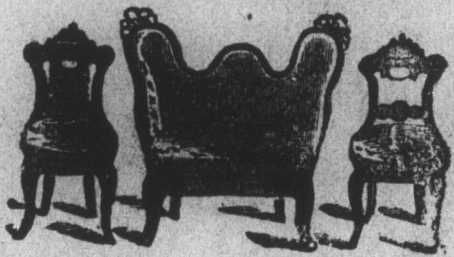
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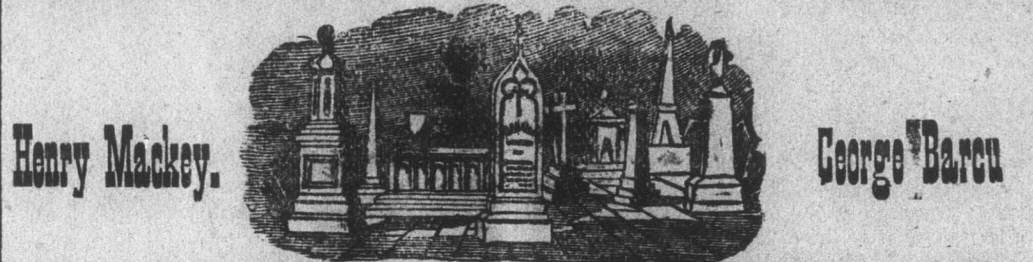
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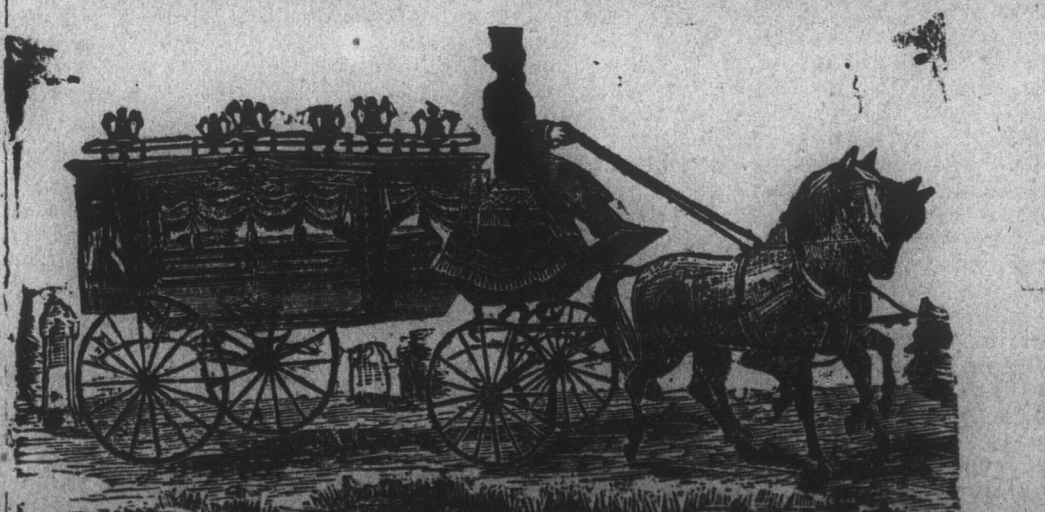
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