

Full Particulars About the Fire Which Consumed Bragg, Folsom & Co's Mill

Mr. C. A. Bragg, of the above firm, was in town yesterday, receiving the expression of profound and sincere sympathy from his numerous old Carson friends, but nothing daunted by his heavy loss and full of restless energy to build himself up again upon the ashes of his suddenly destroyed estate. He has recounted to us the details of the sad loss, which we reproduce for the benefit of our readers who we know will be glad to learn all the particulars of the catastrophe on account of their interest in the sufferers.

The fire occurred on Thursday, July 31, at Camp 18. The first alarm was given at 12:15 p. m. by the whistle of the locomotive of the westward bound train. The mill was in splendid working order and had sawed up fifty logs during the forenoon, and the calculation for the afternoon was to turn out fifty-five thousand feet of boards. No thought of fire was entertained. At noon the signal whistle of the mill was blown for dinner and the men went away to their meal, the head sawyer and the engineer remaining after the other men had gone. Some seven or eight minutes later he had occasion to leave his office and go over to the boarding house. While there he heard the alarm whistle of the locomotive and putting his head out of the door to see what was the matter, he beheld the flames and jumping into the yard cried out: "Boys, the mill's afire!" The roof of the mill was burning in a spot of some ten feet square on the south side. He rushed to the spot, followed by the men from the mill. Young Allen Bragg, at the head of several of the mill hands, mounted to the roof and secured the hose but the fire gained upon them so rapidly under the pressure of a strong east wind that they and the water tank containing 2,300 gallons of water, and all the water works were surrounded by a circle of flames and they were forced to retire hastily to save their lives. Penetrating the roof the flames went through the interior of the mill like a flash of powder. Five minutes afterward the whole building was a mass of roaring fire, and given up for a total loss. A telegram was sent to Truckee to communicate the alarm. Within twenty-seven minutes after the dispatch reached its destination the Samson, with three tanks of water, had reached the scene of the conflagration. In the meantime a division had been made in the lumber piled up in the yard where it was thought the flames might be arrested. The Samson played upon the burning lumber until the tanks that she had brought along were empty. She returned to the nearest water station for a second supply, but upon her return the fire had leaped across the clearing that had been made and was burning as furiously as ever. She went to work again, however, and so reduced the flames that buckets could be used with effect close at hand. A pile of slabs beyond the smouldering lumber was thus saved. There were a million and a half feet of lumber in the mill yard, of which they managed to save only from ten to twelve thousand feet that had been hurried aside to make the diversion in the burning pile. There were eight thousand five hundred dollars worth cut and piled on an order from the Crown Point mine, and five thousand dollars worth of this amount was dimensioning stuff, ready for shipment and awaiting transportation. The loss in lumber consumed is \$30,000. The mill was worth \$25,000 and the owners would not have taken that amount for it. The engine and boilers are not spoiled, but with some considerable repairs may be made to answer for another mill. The rims of the heavy cast iron pulleys in some places were bent and utterly destroyed. The shafting is crooked but a portion of it may be straightened and used again. The planer is a total wreck; shingle machine also. Such a crushing disaster would overwhelm most men, but Bragg, Folsom & Co. are not to be kept down. They are clearing up the ruins, and have a force of men already in the woods cutting timber to rebuild. They will have another mill—no ill luck befalling them—in forty days, and in thirty, if possible, at an immediate cost of \$10,000. Good fortune to them in their sturdy enterprise!

FINER STOCK.—We took a turn yesterday through Winnie & David's horse repository. They were full they said and glad of it, because their horses have been worked hard and need rest. Their six large gray horses are a fine sight and when hitched some day to that huge carriage of elegant make with nine pleaser-seekers in it, they shall trot with stiff tails and heads erect along Carson street towards the higher levels of atmosphere, the loufers and shade-seekers generally will be excusable if they gaze and give vent to the slang complimentary of early days. These enterprising gentlemen have lately added to their stock a pair of five American bays, and a beautiful gray mare, five years of age, and sired by Lodi. Long may they keep doing the same thing.

ALSO PERSONAL.—Brother Bean, late of the Virginia Chronicle, dropped in on the 10:30 train last evening. He has come to see the boys—as juror in the U. S. Court.

SODA, ETC.—We had an interesting conversation, yesterday, with Mr. Jas. Duffy, just returned from his soda springs, situated at Ragtown, twenty miles east of Wadsworth. He says he has two pumps, miners' big mouthed pumps, sunk on the ground in an artificial reservoir sixty feet square. This reservoir is filled to a certain depth with soda which bubbles up from springs underneath as fast as it is taken out. The pumps are employed to cast out the soda as it deepens in the artificial reservoir into a number of naturally formed reservoirs which cover between seven and eight acres of ground. The strongly impregnated water comes up warm but cools off in the "natural" reservoirs where it grows hard and is taken out with pick and shovel. Mr. Duffy says he has one thousand tons of crude soda piled up there now. He has four men at work who could get out twenty tons a day if pushed. He is shipping the soda in its crude state, constantly, to San Francisco where it is made into sal soda, carbonate of soda, and caustic soda, at his own manufactory, where five tons of the manufactured stuff are turned out daily. He works his springs three months in the year. He says he gets all the soda he wants during that time; and that the springs are more than inexhaustible. "They beat inexhaustible," he says, "for the more you take away, the more you can get."

CIRCUIT COURT.—Judges Sawyer and Hillyer.—Ellen Downey vs. Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York. Defendant granted twenty days to plead after the filing of a new complaint. Frederick Formhals vs. D. W. Bushnell et al. dismissed at cost of complainant. W. S. Hobart vs. David Benie et al. continued for the term. W. S. Chapman vs. William Welch et al. continued for the term. Nevada Land & Mining Co. vs. J. L. Carnaghan et al. demurrer continued until next law day, no counsel appearing. W. H. Duren, assignee vs. W. H. Blikenroder et al. decree ordered pursuant to stipulation. W. H. Duren, assignee vs. W. S. McCormick, same order. United States vs. H. G. Parker et al. continued for the term. August Engelhardt vs. David Bonie, dismissed by consent of counsel. Piche West Extension Mining Co. vs. W. H. Clark et al. continued for the term. C. C. Coolidge vs. F. Birdsall et al. continued for the term. Same plaintiff vs. John M. Cone same order. Same plaintiff vs. A. J. Terrel et al. same order. Union Mill & Mining Co. vs. W. H. Smith et al. decree ordered pursuant to stipulation. John M. Gee vs. Union Pacific R. R. cause remanded to State Court. John McGee and wife vs. U. P. R. R. same order. Adjourment till 10 o'clock this morning.

DISTRICT COURT.—JUDGE HARRIS.—The following business was, yesterday, transacted in the District Court: Sharon vs. Sweeney et al.; set for trial September 1. Williams vs. Blasdel; continued for the term. Walton vs. Driesbach; set for trial September 4. Longbaugh vs. V. & T. R. Co.; demurrer withdrawn five days, five days allowed to answer; case set for trial September 3. Madegan vs. Hogan; hearing of demurrer set for September 4. Sides vs. Hobart et al.; motion for injunction continued to the 7th instant. Haven vs. Haven; set for August 7. In the matter of the estate and guardianship of Louise Pickett et al., minors, next of kin and all persons interested in said estate, ordered to appear and show cause on September 5 why an order of sale should not be granted. Court adjourned till 10 o'clock Thursday.

BILLS ALLOWED.—The following bills were yesterday allowed by the Board of County Commissioners: James Sackett, cleaning privy, \$33; John G. Fox, stationery, \$42 35; Rice & Peters, insurance, \$272 40; A. W. Pray, lumber, \$105 20; B. H. Mader, road work, \$156 22; Robinson & Michels, printing, \$9 75; Thos. Sprague, road work, \$17; Henry Lobo, road work, \$28; Stadtmuller & Co., merchandise, \$38 20; S. T. Swift, Sheriff's fees, \$167 25; C. A. Witherell, Justice's fees, \$25 25; Robinson & Michels, printing, \$40 50; J. W. Waters, medical services, \$3 75; J. P. Meder, merchandise, \$10 15; A. D. Treadway, board, \$35 43; E. Widmor, board, \$35 43; W. A. Penrod, junior, \$30; Mason & Chamberlin, merchandise, \$43 10; H. S. Mason, cash advanced, \$70 50. Bills of Alex. Lepout and R. B. McMahon rejected.

PROFESSIONAL.—We call attention to the card of Dr. W. F. Shepard in this morning's APPEAL. The Doctor is a graduate, in the first instance, of Bowdoin College, Maine, from which institution he has received the degrees of A. B. and A. M. He graduated in allopathy, and afterwards fortified himself with a diploma from the homoeopathic college in Philadelphia, at the hospital of which college he was for a time resident physician. The Doctor is a man of education and culture and we are glad to enroll his name on our already somewhat extended list of M. D's.

ENLARGEMENT.—Winston's attractive place of resort for those of the sportful turn has been opened up on a large scale. His rear apartment, by the removal of several partitions, is now one room between fifty and sixty feet deep and of the same width as ever. It is cool and airy, and you can make all the money you want in there, if you have luck. The best cigars and liquors on hand, and a polite, attentive man at the bar.

THE SOLDIER BOYS.—Our militia-loving citizens will have an opportunity of getting a glimpse of the famous Washington Guard, if they will be at the station this morning at 10 o'clock, as the company will pass through Carson at that time on their way to the Bowers Mansion, it being the occasion of their first annual picnic. This company is composed of some of the leading men of Storey county, and is under the command of Mr. John Sprston, well and favorably known to many of our people. This is probably the most gorgeously uniformed company on the coast, having adopted the style of the English artillery scarlet coats, bearskin ponchos, etc. The company will be accompanied by its own band, uniformed after the style of Prussian military bands, i. e. white broadcloth coats, gold trimming, black pants and red caps. A general invitation is extended to our citizens to attend the picnic and participate in the festivities.

ENTERTAINMENT.—The members of the Young America Company came down from the flame with the Curry on Sunday afternoon. At the Curry Engine house they were entertained regally, under the auspices of Captain Mart Reese, with cheese, crackers, butter and a ten gallon keg of beer. The guests appreciated the hospitality of their entertainers and when the feast was over would fain have taken the street in front to give them three cheers and a tiger. Capt Mart felt bound to restrain their hilarity, however, and did so effectually and with his wonted urbanity by taking them into the pinnacle of the company's mission and pointing out to them the numerous church spires ascending in holy awe towards the heavens from the back streets; and delivered himself on the holiness and sanctity of the place they were in, in a manner to satisfy them with a less boisterous demonstration, within doors. The Captain tells us that the Young Americans behaved as gentlemen should from the time they came till they returned.

INJUNCTION.—The farmers of Washoe have united to institute a law suit against the proprietors of the Marlette flame enjoining them to desist from using the waters of Franktown creek. We are not acquainted with the law, neither are we posted in the merits of this case otherwise; but it seems unfortunate that the question of water rights had not been proposed and tested before the wood company had constructed their flume. The injunction has been put into effect and wood driving in the flume has been abandoned. The grange of ranchmen threaten to enjoin the Virginia and Gold Hill Water Company on the same grounds they employ against the wood company. It is not determined that they will, but it is probable.

THOSE STRAINS.—There is an objection to hurdy houses, not universal of course; for they would then cease in the land and "twine." Brother Cassidy's paper at Eureka rather commends these institutions and thinks their presence has a wholesome influence on them. May be so, but we are not disposed to discuss the merits of this "heavy" question—heavy in the sense of a hot plate which burns your hand and drops to the ground, too much for you to handle in that way. We only wished to say that the music heard about the Curry Engine house which enlivens the atmosphere and sets the people of the neighborhood to forming quadrilles and waltzing, probably issues from a dance house in rear of Rosenstock's.

NEWS FROM THE MILLS.—We learn from a gentleman who came into our midst from Empire, yesterday, that the water in the lately booming and still vine bordered Carson is very low. In consequence the mills definitely known about are running "short." The Mexican of 40 stamps has 16 going, and the Brunswick 20 out of 56. The Merrimac, Vivian, Santiago, and Eureka are running light. The Yellow Jacket (Morgan) Mill is moved by steam and is running "full" on Crown Point ore. The Brunswick and Mexican with their reduced water power are also at work on ore from the same mine.

U. S. MINT.—The Superintendent of the Carson Mint received, yesterday, two thousand nine hundred and fifty and one-half pounds of mixed bullion, gold and silver, sent in from mines on Comstock lode for melting and assay. On the same day the cashier of the Mint delivered to Wells, Fargo & Co., Carson, six unparted bars of gold and silver, worth \$17,000, to be sent through them direct to London, England, to the credit of the Crown Point mine, Gold Hill, Nevada.

ORDERS FROM THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.—It is ordered that the salary of the County Superintendent of Public Instruction be fixed at \$350 per annum, dating from July 1, 1873. (Salary was formerly \$250.) It was further ordered that the District Attorney investigate the matter of the right of Carson City, to the water flowing from the canyons west of the town and report at the next meeting of the Board. Also allowing Joseph Rosenstock to hold the store now occupied by him until October, 1874.

MARRIED.—Some of our readers may be acquainted with the people whose marriage notice we publish. They are unknown to us.

MARRIED.—In Columbus, Esmeralda county, N. v., July 7, 1873, by Rev. Dr. P. Hale, I. N. Farwell to Miss Mollie E. King, both of Columbus.

BORN.—In Carson City, August 3, 1873, to the wife of Henry Desler, a son.

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In Carson City, August 3, 1873, to the wife of Robert Pixley, a daughter.

At Lake Tahoe, August 3, 1873, to the wife of Captain A. W. Pray, a daughter.

BONE FELON.—Of all painful things can there be any so excruciatingly painful as bone felon? We know of none that flesh is heir to. As this malady is quite frequent, and this subject of much earnest consideration, we give the last recipe for its cure, which is given by that high authority, the London *Lancet*. "As soon as the disease is felt, put directly over the spot a fly blister, about the size of your thumb nail, and let it remain for six hours, at the expiration of which time, directly under the surface of the blister, may be seen the felon, which can instantly be taken out with the point of a needle or a lancet."

Farmers in Washoe Valley complain that the crops there are rather short this year, in consequence of the severe cold weather experienced early in the spring, and from a general scarcity of water.

REMOVED TO THEATER BLOCK.—R. Fryd Brooks' noted store for imported cigars, tobacco, books, stationery, musical instruments, cheap jewelry, toys, etc., removed to Theater Block, next door to Mat Ruckell's butcher shop, Carson City. Agency for all the California papers, Gold Hill News, Pictorials and Magazines.

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