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The Acteon Trial.

FROM October 1835 to March 1836 was a period of anxiety and excitement for many of the inhabitants of north-eastern King's County : of anxiety for a few innocent persons awaiting a trial, charged with the capital crime of piracy : a season of excitement for all interested and knowing the circumstances of the loss of the ship "Acteon," stranded in St. Margaret's Cove along the Bear River shore, on the thirtieth day of October, 1835. Two years ago the writer heard of this occurrence, but then, only of the bare outlines of the story ; outlines in almost every particular, blurred and distorted by the contradictory statements of those encyclopedias of legendary lore,—the oldest inhabitants. Some of their statements were contradictory, but, so saying will not, I trust, be taken as a reflection on their mental powers or an attempt at belittling their ability as historians of the earlier days when they themselves were young. It is no discredit that they may have forgotten the details of such an incident; the storm and stress of pioneer life would have had ample time in the flight of more than sixty years to obliterate such a memory entirely from less impressionable minds.

To those best qualified to give to their posterity a reliable account—to those mostly closely interested—such a remembrance must have been more unpleasant than otherwise, and it is not reasonably to be wondered at that they