Looking around now at this peaceful town which never learned the secret of cityhood, that seems just the calibre of occupations to be expected.
The only danger from the local Chimacums seemed to be that they would burn the town down while drunk.
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A man was arrested on the street today for being drunk and disorderly. The operation being quite a novel one here, most of our citizens were on hand to witness it.

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"in the jest of the time, "a Dutch lawsuit" -- fistfight (use with Pt T years?)
For all its everlasting expectation, Port Townsend did not drowse like a nesting hen.
The town was reasonably inventive about sin (quote on Indian buying liquor thru floor of saloon, and burning of dance hall scow)
Swan's total of jobs: like pats and pans set all over a leaky house
but to catch the infall for use.
S's career in ironmongery (scrapping the Ella Francis)
Pt. Townsend--
in 1st description of it, say that the downtown was built in 1890's boom;
then refer to it again in final days of book, in describing Swan's last years.
Port Townsend...distant as a drifting schooner (use with 1st BT day)
Off Marrowstone Island, fishing vessels face us prow on with their bows nosed high, they seem to look up at us like inquisitive seals.
Port Townsend. Sited atop the upper northwest end of the nation like a nest riding the farthest-out limb of a tree, PT sums up in itself much of the frontier experience. Its remarkable geography has been blessing and curse.
note in Swan Hawaiian letter file, evidently left by someone researching. It says Col. Patrick Henry Winston, rel of Patric Henry and once a US DA under Pres Harrison, came west about 1886, bought a lot in Pt.T during boom; wanted to recoup, had lost his fed job, during bust; buttonholed by the real est agent who had sold him the lot and asked what he thought of Pt T now:

"Suh, when I first came here, this town was inhabited by 3 classes of people--Indians, sailors, and sons of bitches. Now that I've come back, I find that the Indians have all died, and the sailors have sailed away."