

LETTER FROM POWDER RIVER.

POWDER RIVER VALLEY, September 8th, 1865. FRIEND NEWELL.—I have been silent for some time past as my sphere of observation has been limited, but for the past few days I have been in the saddle and visited most of the mines in this vicinity.

An Auburn business seems to be completely paralyzed, there are still however, some few claims paying well, and the balance not paying wages, and many stopped entirely as they will not pay for water at the present high prices, and many of the old pioneers are moving down to Baker City, which is located at the south-east end of Powder River Valley, in close proximity to Colonel Ruckel's quartz mill, and is fast becoming populated with a good, quiet and industrious class of people.

Through the kindness of the superintendent of Colonel Ruckel's mill, I had a good view of the interior, and saw them in the process of cleaning up a small sum of one hundred tons crushing, which netted 35 pounds of amalgum of the finest quality of gold that I ever saw. A small quantity of 25 tons of picked quartz, crushed in one of the batting, Mr. B. informed me yielded \$108 75 per ton, and from a close examination of the Rockfellow Lode now owned entirely by J. S. Ruckel, it proves to be one of the richest and most substantial lodes in Oregon.

The Eagle Creek Ditch is now completed, and some few of the gulch claims are doing well, but the greater amount of wealth in this district are in the quartz mines which are extensive and very rich. I saw Capt. L. Clifflin, who is one of the parties interested in the main lode, a few days since, and he informs me that they have just had 8 tons of the Eagle Creek quartz crushed at the Powder River quartz mill, yielding \$39 per ton, and as he says, proves a fair specimen of the rock.

The weather had been quite cool lately, the mountain tops are covered with snow, and the farmers are anticipating an early winter. The stock through the Valley look fine, and the farmers have large crops of grain and plenty of hay. Fine fat beef is now selling at 12 1/2 cts. per pound retail, flour \$14 per hundred, oats 3 cts. per pound, potatoes 4 cts. per pound.

The Pocahontas quartz mines have not done much lately, but the owners are now talking of getting out several hundred tons of quartz this winter for the Powder River mill. Generally speaking the people are very slow in this part of the country, and it needs enterprising capitalists to develop the richness of these mines, or future generations will reap the benefit. Yours, RAMON.

PROMISING MINE.—Mr. S. V. Knox, Agent for the Eureka Gold and Silver Tunnel Company, one of the most promising mining claims in the Owyhee country, is now at the Dalles for the purpose of disposing of shares. The tunnel has been run in a depth of two hundred feet, and in that distance has struck seven rich ledges. No assessment will be levied on the stock for twelve months, and before that time it is expected that the Tunnel will pay a dividend. The shares are sold at \$3 each.

A REMARKABLE JACK.—At the late County Fair, Col. Jas. Falton, living on Ten Mile Creek, exhibited a jack, foaled in this county, aged 10 1/2 months, and measuring 13 1/2 hands high. It is rarely that the full grown animal attains this size, and altogether the jack in question may be regarded as an evidence that this climate is favorable to the highest development of animal life.

SALE OF FURNITURE.—This (Tuesday) morning, at 10 o'clock, Payne & Co. will sell the household furniture in the white cottage, next door to the Printing Office. A chance for bargain.

THE MONROE DOCTRINE.

From our Eastern files we learn facts relative to affairs on the Mexican border, says the S. F. Call, which indicate that our Government has no intention of allowing the nationality of Mexico to be sacrificed to the rapacity of the Galle cock of France. It appears that at least eighty thousand soldiers of the United States have been sent to the Rio Grande. As that force is about equal to the total number of voters in Texas, it is not at all likely that it has been sent to that section for the express purpose of keeping Texas rebels in awe and subjection. These troops have not, either, been sent to the borders with the simple idea of making a holiday display of muskets, or for the purpose of spreading eagle glory. That such a large force has been forwarded to the borders of the Rio Grande is an evidence that our Government has under consideration matters looking to affairs beyond our immediate national boundaries, and warrants us in believing that it is the intention of the Administration, sooner or later, to serve a notice to quit on Maximilian. The operations of France in Mexico, from first to last, have been an insult to American feelings and a menace against American nationality. Owing to our internal troubles it has been heretofore almost impossible for the National Administration to resent the great insult offered to the United States by Napoleon in his attempt to enthroned a European monarch on American soil. Yet because we could not resent the insult a year or two ago, is no reason why we should not avenge it now, if those who perpetrated it in the first instance continue to shove it at us with the bragadocia air which has thus far characterized French operations in Mexico. Our Government is long suffering and forbearing toward its enemies; yet events hitherto have proved that when it does put forth its hand it strikes heavily; they also prove that the American Eagle never threatens without it has made up its mind to act. We therefore reasonably interpret the action of the Government in massing large forces on the Mexican border, as the manifestation of a determination to prevent Napoleon from making Mexico virtually a French colony.

STILL ON THE RAMPAGE.—The red devils have of late been renewing their innocent pastimes of murder and robbery in the vicinity of Jordan creek. Two of the settlers were attacked, one killed and the other had his mule killed under him. That was last Tuesday. Seventeen horses were stolen from Cow creek about the same time, and sundry other depredations of lesser note have lately been committed. The troops out there keep the Indians on the move pretty lively but cannot entirely prevent small parties of them creeping upon isolated parties or running off stock in some cases. Captain Kelly's company has not yet arrived, but are now daily expected. When they do get scattered along the route of travel the chances of an attack will be much reduced, as there will be men enough to protect the more important points and keep an efficient scouting party in the field at the same time.—Idaho Statesman.

NEW QUARTZ DISCOVERIES.—We learn that some excitement exists at Idaho City in regards to new and rich discoveries of quartz 15 miles beyond the Payette. The leads, five or six in number are described as being plainly traceable for five miles in extent, and of extraordinary thickness. Some specimens of the rock brought from there gave a remarkable good prospect.

The Mountaineer and the Idaho Trade.

The Dalles Mountaineer never tires in expatiating on the numberless advantages of that city over all other towns in the facilities for transportation and travel. The Chico road produces a rigidity of nerve, indicative of doubt about the long continuance of the trade by way of the Columbia, and of the permanence of the great city—the Dalles, itself. Many are the schemes broached by that industrious and ingenious journal, for the retention of the trade on the Canyon City road. It remarks:

"For the information of shippers, we state that late advices from Umatilla report a great quantity of merchandise piled up on the beach awaiting transportation. The few trains now there have advanced their rates and refuse to take freight for less than 10 cents, payable in coin. On the other hand, at the Dalles, there is an abundance of teams that will gladly contract to deliver freight at Boise, at from 8 to 9 cents, payable in coin. This fact, taken in connection with the price charged from Dalles to Umatilla—\$15 per ton—shows at a glance which of the two points holds out the greatest inducements to shippers. Of course, this condition of affairs is steadily kept from the knowledge of owners of quartz mills. Arrived at Portland, freighters are at once recommended to ship by way of Umatilla, and ignorant of the country, they follow the advice thus given. At the Dalles, when too late, the shipper discovers his mistake, but all that then remains for him is to denounce those who misled him.

On the direct route to the mines, with an excellent road by way of Canyon City, and the difference in freight in our favor, we are really surprised that goods continue to be shipped by out-of-the-way places. Misrepresentation has in part brought about the condition of affairs of which we complain, but the principal reason has been our inaction and failure to make the most of our natural advantages. When will the people of the Dalles wake-up to their interests?"

In continuation of this project of directing the trade from its natural and legitimate course, via Owyhee, the Mountaineer goes into steamboat navigation. It says:

"It is beyond a doubt that with the coming spring, we shall have a steamboat on the Upper Snake, which will ply between Old's Ferry and a point beyond Boise City, reducing the land travel from one hundred and fifty to two hundred miles. Already we have a stage line to Canyon City, which makes the trip through from the Dalles in 20 hours. From that point the stage line can be extended to Old's Ferry, and thence the steamer will land passengers in Boise City in eight or ten hours. When these arrangements are completed, the entire land travel by way of the Columbia River will be made inside of two days. When the Chico road beats this, it will be time enough to talk about its being the only route to the mines."

If this were done, it would be a very good stroke of policy, and would do much, doubtless, toward the desired result. To be successful however, it should not be long deferred.

No CHURCHES.—The church-going community, if any there be, are badly off at present in this place. With the exception of the Catholic churches at several points in this county, there is no church of any kind now open for religious services. The building originally erected for that purpose in Idaho city still stands, being occupied as a Court room, but no Minister of the Gospel has proclaimed "glad" or any other kind of tidings from its pulpit for several months. There is no Protestant church in the Boise Basin.—Idaho World.

AUCTION SALE. WE WILL SELL ON WEDNESDAY MORNING Sept. 20th, at 10 o'clock, at Moody's Banking House, TWO HOUSES—one situated on Main street, opposite Thacher & Co's—the other on Second street, above Federal—with fencing around the lot. At the same time we will sell the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, &c., of W. C. Moody. [see 19-20] PAYNE & CO.

BLACK FOOT EXPRESS. DWIGHT & BACON, Proprietors. THE PUBLIC ARE HEREBY INFORMED that we have concluded arrangements for the transaction of Express Business TO AND FROM

THE BLACK FOOT COUNTRY! and have commenced making regular trips from WALLA WALLA, via Lewiston, to VIRGINIA CITY, HELENA, OPHIR & BLACK FOOT CITY. All business entrusted to us will be attended to with promptness and dispatch. Particular attention paid to COLLECTIONS. Will leave on their second trip, starting from Walla Walla, October 3d; Lewiston, October 5th. [see 19-20]

E. E. HART, Attorney at Law, DALLES, OREGON. OFFICE on Second street, five doors east of Washington Market. [au21-4]

ISAAC F. BLOCH, San Francisco. C. S. MILLER, SIOU-SCHAWMACHER, Dalles. Bloch, Miller & Co., WHOLESALE GROCERS, AND DEALERS IN Wines & Liquors, And Importers and Jobbers of CLOTHING Boots & Shoes, Under Clothing, Blankets, etc., etc., etc.

ASSAY OFFICE. WE HAVE AN ASSAY OFFICE IN CONNECTION with our business, under the entire supervision of Mr. Miller. We make returns in Bars in six hours. We guarantee all our Assays and pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE for Bars. We also pay the Highest Cash Price for Gold Dust. BLOCH, MILLER & CO., my6tf Cor. Main and Washington streets, Dalles.

A. G. BRADFORD, IMPORTER AND JOBBER OF Wines & Liquors, FRONT STREET, Portland, Oregon. OFFERS FOR SALE A VERY LARGE ASSORTMENT of Brandies, Wines, Liquors, Case Goods, &c., &c., &c. The Trade is particularly invited to examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere. [au24-1f]

FOR THE EAST! THE SUBSCRIBER BEING ABOUT TO RETURN EAST, now offers his extensive stock of Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Cutlery, Lamps, SILVER and PLATED WARE, FIELD GLASSES, PISTOLS, CLOCKS and FANCY GOODS. At such prices as he is able to realize, regardless of cost. Parties wishing to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain any of the above named Goods, had better CALL EARLY, as no such opportunity will offer itself again. W. M. BIRNBAUM, NEXT DOOR TO THE P.O. OFFICE, Dalles, Oregon. [au24-1f]

J. W. GURLEY, DENTIST, Main St., Dalles, Oregon. WOULD RESPECTFULLY INFORM the citizens of this place and vicinity, that having returned from a professional tour through the mines, he has again resumed the practice of DENTISTRY, in the rooms formerly occupied by him, in the building occupied by Wood & Birtler, Photograph Artists, and adjoining Waldron Bros' Drug Store. He takes this method of extending thanks, for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, and solicits a continuance of the same. LIST OF PRICES. Entire Denture on Gold Base.....\$180 to \$225 " Upper Denture, Gold Base..... 90 " 125 " Denture, Vulcanite Base..... 70 " 125 " Upper Denture, Vulcanite Base..... 35 " 65 Gold Fillings inserted from one dollar upward. Children's Teeth extracted free of charge. [au23-1f]

GATES & CHAPIN, Wholesale & Retail Druggists, DEALERS IN PAINT GLASS, OILS, ALCOHOL AND VARNISHES. [au24-1f] MAIN STREET, Dalles.

GATES & CHAPIN, HAVE NOW IN STORE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT in the State of Perfumery, Pomades, Soaps, SPONGES, BOHEMIAN TOILET SETS, BRUSHES AND FANCY GOODS. Pure Wines and Brandies, for Medical Purposes, at GATES & CHAPIN'S. [au24-1f]

TAKE NOTICE. MILL-MEN & TRADERS! Lard & Kerosene Oils, BLUE STONE, ACIDS & QUICKSILVER, At San Francisco prices, with freight added, at [au24-1f] GATES & CHAPIN'S, Dalles.

Handsome Residence For Sale. THE HANDSOME RESIDENCE occupied by A. W. Buchanan, is offered for sale at a low figure. For a private residence, no more desirable locality could be desired. The grounds are ornamented with shrubbery, and the building, consisting of rooms, furnished in the best style, and embraces every convenience. To a gentleman desiring a retired and pleasant home, convenient to business, an opportunity is now presented that seldom offers. The House and Furniture will be sold together or separately, as the purchaser may desire. For further particulars, inquire at [au25-1f] WELLS, ARGG & CO'S EXPRESS OFFICE.

Notice. THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between James W. Gurley and John Williams, in the Lodging House business, at Dalles City, was dissolved on the 3d day of March, 1865. Persons having claims of any kind against the said firm of Gurley & Williams, are requested to present the same to the undersigned prior to the 1st day of October next, at the Empire Hotel, Dalles City. JOHN WILLIAMS, Sept. 15, 1865. [au26-1w]

100 BOXES NICE APPLES, For sale by [au25-1f] C. L. JEWELL.