

### Winter on the Summit.

A Statesman reporter a day or two since fell in with a young man—Chas. Hunt—who had just come down from beyond the summit of the Cascades on the line of the Oregon Pacific railroad, where he had been since last October in charge of Contractor G. W. Hunt's supply camp. The camp is located about twelve miles east and four miles north of Fish Lake, in the vicinity of Black Butte and Three-fingered Jack, with Mt. Washington and the Three Sisters not far away. He found it a dreary, lonely hermitage, and says money could not hire him to again imprison himself away from mankind for such a long time. The snow did not fall in such profusion as on the previous winter, the greatest depth being eleven feet while in 1886-7 it reached a depth of nearly thirty feet in that same neighborhood. The roads through the mountain this year were passable at the middle of May, much earlier than is common, and were in very good order when he came down July 2d. The temperature on the mountains was not as disagreeable as might be expected, being quite mild, with the exception of a few weeks when it stored. Contractor Bennett has a large amount of stuff on the mountain yet, a few miles from Hunt's camp, which it will take him two months or so to get out. Mr. Hunt, who is a candid, reliable young man, told that about the beginning of December three men, who were working with one of Bennett's sub-contractors, started down the mountain on the Minto trail with one pack horse and he is afraid they perished. It had commenced snowing before they started and continued until there were four feet of in the mountains. He had made diligent inquiry of persons passing along the trail, and can find no one who saw them passing through. They were young men from British Columbia, and he thinks owned some property near the city of Westminster, but does not remember their names.

### Butchered by his Brother.

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About 4:30 this afternoon Lew and Wm. McVay, two brothers, started in a wagon for Ed. Thayer's ranch about four miles north of town, where they had been engaged to harvest. In the wagon was also Estel, the nine-year old boy of Geo. Maddux. The McVay brothers were somewhat under the influence of liquor, and when about one and a half miles below town began to quarrel. William has a wooden leg and was sitting in front driving. His brutal brother jumped from the wagon, and in a rage reached for the cripple and dragged him to the ground while he pulled a dirk out of his pocket and began stabbing the helpless man. The boy in fright ran to the nearest house and gave the alarm. Before assistance arrived Lew ran into a wheat field and has not yet been captured, although several officers are on his track. Wm. McVay is in a critical condition, as he was stabbed ten or twelve times about the head and body. The extent of his injuries are difficult to ascertain at this writing, but from the looks of the ugly gashes, especially those in the head, would seem as though the chances for recovery were against him. The horses and wagon belonged to Ed. Thayer and when the fight began ran away breaking the wagon severely and tearing the harness to pieces. After the cutting McVay lay by the side of the road in the hot sun for over an hour before being removed to a house, suffering and bleeding terribly.

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