

Chief Murides in far form being discouraged by the Russian success; for four days after the battle near Rataschi, 4000 Tschetshens passed the Torok, carried the outposts and bore off considerable booty into the mountains. Daniel, at the head of 2000 of those troops sent by Schamy, made an inroad into Cauchasia, where he has been fighting the Russians of the Kouben. Masour Bey had taken up arms against Russia, and marches with him a portion of the Abases.—Schamy is exhibiting wonderful energy, and is preaching a holy war against the Emperor Nicholas as far as Erzeroum. Notwithstanding the most favorable bulletins issued from St. Petersburg, it is evident that the state of affairs in Circassia at this time is anything but favorable to Russia.—[N. Y. Sun.



THE SPECTATOR.

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¶ We have delayed the publication of the paper till the latest moment, in order to lay before our readers all that we could of the recent melancholy intelligence and the consequence thereof. We are *en route* for the Dalles with Captain Lee and his excellent command and trust to be able to keep our readers fully apprised of the transpiration of events.

¶ Some communications have been necessarily deferred till our next, in consequence of the press of other more important matter.

¶ We understand that a petition to the Legislature for the erection of a breakwater, at the head of the rapids above the city, is now circulating for signatures.

Legislature.—The House of Representatives has been organized by the election of Robert Newell of Champeog as Speaker; C. M. Cook, Clerk; J. E. Loyle, Engrossing Clerk, and William Holmes, Sergeant at Arms. The Governor's Message was received on Wednesday morning; it is a very excellent document and we shall take pleasure in spreading it before our readers as soon as we shall receive a copy.—A special Message from the Governor, (with accompanying documents,) in relation to the recent outrages committed by the Indians at Waillatpu received by the House, on the same afternoon, we subjoin.

¶ A Bill passed the Legislature this morning, authorizing the Governor to issue his proclamation for raising 500 men by volunteer enlistment for the purpose of chastising the Indians engaged in the recent horrid massacre at Waillatpu.

It is supposed that the Governor will issue his proclamation immediately upon his return from Vancouver for which place he started at 10 o'clock this morning in company with the commissioners appointed to negotiate a loan for the prosecution of the war.

¶ Upon the reception of the special message on Wednesday afternoon, the House immediately passed the following resolution submitted by Judge Nesmith, of Polk.

Resolved, That the Governor be and is hereby authorized and required to raise a company of riflemen, not to exceed 50 men, rank and file, and despatch them forthwith to occupy the Mission Station at the Dalles, on the Columbia river, and retain said station until they can be reinforced or other measures taken by the Government.

The Governor called the citizens together in the evening and after the statement of the objects of the meeting and some forcible and earnest remarks from Judge Nesmith, Messrs. Lee, Barlow, and others, the enrollment of the First Company of Oregon Riflemen commenced. The following named brave gentlemen constitute this company:

Joseph B. Frooter, J. S. Rinearson, Tho. Purves, H. A. G. Lee, J. Magone, A. J. Thomas, George Westby, Benj. Bratton, Samuel K. Barlow, Wm. Berry, John Bolton, George More, Henry W. Coe, William Dickman, Edward Robson, Andrew Wise, D. Avonson, C. Richardson, J. E. Rom, Isaac Walgamott, S. A. Jackson, Jacob Witchey, John Fleming, J. H. McMullen, John C. Danford, W. M. Carpenter, Lucius Marsh, Jno. G. Gibson, B. B. Rogers, Joel McKee, H. Lavalley, C. W. Savage, J. W. Morgan, J. H. Bowditch, O. Tupper, Jacob Johnson, E. S. Tupper, Stephen Cummings, C. H. Devender, A. C. Lisle, John Elmer, Geo. W. Weston.

The company was organized by the election of Henry A. G. Lee, Captain; J. Magone, 1st Lieutenant; J. E. Rom, 2d Lieutenant; J. S. Rinearson, Orderly Sergeant; Stephen Cummings, J. H. McMullen, C. W. Savage, and Wm. Berry, Sergeants; C. H. Devender, Company's Commissary; W. M. Carpenter, Surgeon. At 9 o'clock on the afternoon of Thursday the company assembled at the City Hotel, where they were presented with an appropriate flag, by Judge Nesmith, in behalf of the ladies of Oregon City, as an appropriate address. Captain Lee, on the part of the company, made an exceedingly happy reply upon receiving the beautiful token of the patriotism of the lovely donors.

In two hours after, the command had started, amid the firing of cannon and the cheers of assembled citizens. It speaks well for our city that in less than twenty-four hours this detachment was raised and had started for the scene of action.

¶ We understand, from gentlemen from the Mouth of the river, that our pilot Mr. Reeve, after taking the bark Toulon safely out to sea, could not, unfortunately, be landed, and has consequently continued on with that vessel either to the Islands or California. It appears that when immediately on the bar, the pilot's boat with its crew, which was towing astern of the Toulon nearly swamped. The wind was exceedingly strong though favorable and the flood tide was setting in rapidly; the bark had all her canvas spread and was making very swift progress, when Mr. Reeve seeing the danger of his crew gave the orders to cut loose and follow after him as well as they were able. By the time the little craft was bailed out and in sailing trim, the Toulon had disappeared, according to the statement of the crew, who after continuing on for a short distance returned. Our pilot may possibly be enabled to get back either in the Cowlitz or Henry, which vessels we look for by the last of January. This circumstance, however much to be regretted we are disposed to regard as only the "fortune of war," and nothing more. Pilots from our Atlantic ports are frequently taken all the way to Europe in consequence of inability to get back to port.

¶ The following extract of a letter received from Mr. McLane, formerly editor of the "Platte Argus," who has many friends in Oregon we gladly publish:

"The St. Louis Union, which took the place of the Reporter after Mr. Penn's death, is published by L. Pickering & Co. Lusk still publishes the Inquirer, but is no longer State Printer, having been displaced to make room for Hampton L. Boon & Ben. Hickman, who publish a paper called the Metropolitan. You know the gentlemen. The whigs, aided by John C. Calhoun and his tail, prevented the passage of the Oregon territorial bill at the last session of Congress. Calhoun is a crooked stick. He is now renewing the game he attempted under General Jackson's administration, and will as signally fail. Tell our friends in Oregon to be of good cheer—to stand fast, and turn neither to the right or left, from the noble purpose of making their beautiful country one of the great family of sovereign States. By this course, they will defeat the aim of those who, by throwing obstacles in the way, expect to irritate you, and gain their object by inducing you to set up for yourselves. I feel confident that the next Congress will do its duty in this respect; indeed, I know it will, if the Democratic voice of the nation is heard in its councils. "Oregon" and "graduation" will be the leading measures of the next session, unless the old federal cemeteries are opened for a whig hobby.

"The 'war' is still progressing, and I think near its conclusion. I have dates from Vera Cruz to April 6. At that time, General Scott was in full possession of the city and castle. General Twiggs, with 2000 picked men, had started for the city of Mexico, and Scott would follow in a few days after, with the main army. They will probably reach the city without serious opposition. A revolution was progressing in the city of Mexico. The priest party, versus the government—the first named, refusing longer to furnish the 'ready' Santa Anna was said to be near Jalapa. His present object not known. His army mostly disbanded after his defeat by Gen. Taylor, near Buena Vista. Taylor has full possession of the country from Saltillo to the Rio Grande. Our arms are triumphant in New Mexico. The crowning act there, was the late capture of Chihuahua by Col. Doniphan.

"I am proud to say, that Democracy is in the ascendant. The Independent Treasury and low tariffs, are working admirably. Gold is literally flowing up the Mississippi. Hemp brings \$90 per ton in St. Louis; wheat 80 cents per bushel; corn 55 cents, and other produce in like proportion. Mr. Polk's administration is deservedly popular with all except those who would rather see the country go to the d—l, than prosper under Democratic measures. Remember me to all my old friends. I wish I could join you; but if this cannot be, I shall always pray for the welfare of the people of Oregon. Your friend,

"ALLEN M'LANE.

"Mr. JOHN FLEMING."

OREGON CITY, DEC. 8, 1847.

GENTLEMEN—It is my painful duty to lay the inclosed communication before your Honorable Body. They will give you the particulars of the horrible massacre committed by the Cayuse Indians on the residents at Waillatpu. This is one of the most distressing circumstances that has occurred in our Territory, and one that calls for immediate and prompt action. I am aware to meet this case funds will be required, and suggest the propriety of applying to the Hon. Hudson's Bay Company and the Merchants of this place for a loan to carry out whatever plan you may fix upon. I have no doubt but the expenses attending this affair will be promptly met by the United States Government.

The wives and children of the murdered persons, Rev. Mr. Spaulding and family, and all others who may be in the upper country, should at once be proffered assistance, and an escort to convey them to a place of safety.

I have the honor to remain, Gentlemen,
Your obt. servant,

GEO. ABERNETHY.

To the Hon. Legislative }
Assembly of Oregon. }

FORT VANCOUVER, 7th Dec. 1847.

GEO. ABERNETHY, ESQ.

Sir—Having received intelligence last night, by special express, from Walla Walla of the destruction of the Missionary settlement at Waillatpu, by the Cayuse Indians of that place; we hasten to communicate the particulars of that dreadful event, one of the most atrocious which darkens the annals of Indian crime.

Our lamented friend Dr. Whitman, his amiable and accomplished lady, with nine other persons have fallen victims to the fury of these remorseless savages, who appear to have been instigated to this appalling crime by a horrible suspicion which had taken possession of their superstitious minds, in consequence of the number of deaths from dysentery and measles, that Dr. Whitman was silently working the destruction of their tribe by administering poisonous drugs under the semblance of salutary medicines.

With a goodness of heart and benevolence truly his own, Dr. Whitman had been laboring incessantly since the appearance of the measles and dysentery among his Indian converts, to relieve their sufferings, and such has been the reward of his generous labors.

A copy of Mr. McBean's letter herewith, will give you all the particulars, known to us, of this indelibly painful event.

Mr. Ogden with a strong party will leave this place as soon as possible for Walla Walla, to endeavor to prevent further evil; and we beg to suggest to you the propriety of taking instant measures for the protection of the Rev. Mr. Spaulding; who for the sake of his family, ought to abandon the Clear Water Mission without delay, and retire to a place of safety, as he cannot remain at that isolated station without imminent risk, in the present excited, and irritable state of the Indian population.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your most obedient servant,
JAMES DOUGLAS.

FORT NEZ PERCES, 30th Nov. 1847.

TO THE BOARD OF MANAGEMENT:

GENTLEMEN—It is my painful task to make you acquainted with a horrid massacre which took place yesterday at Waillatpu, about which I was first apprised early this morning by an American who had escaped, of the name of Hall, and who reached this half naked and covered with blood. As he started at the onset, the information I obtained was not satisfactory. He, however, assured me that the Doctor and another man were killed, but could not tell me the persons who did it, and how it originated.

I immediately determined on sending my interpreter and one man to Dr. Whitman's to find out the truth, and if possible to rescue Mr. Manson's two sons, and any of the survivors. It so happened that before the interpreter had proceeded half way, the two boys were met on their way hither escorted by Nicholas Finlay, it having been previously settled among the Indians that these boys should not be killed as also the American women and children. Pelouquit is the Chief who recommended this measure. I presume you are well acquainted that fever and dysentery has been raging here, and in this vicinity, in consequence of which a great number of Indians have been swept away,

but more especially at the Doctor's place where he attended upon the Indians. About 30 souls, of the Cayuse tribe died, one after another, who eventually believed the Doctor poisoned them, and in which opinion they were unfortunately confirmed by one of the Doctor's party. As far as I have been able to learn, this has been the sole cause of the dreadful butchery.

In order to satisfy any doubt on that point, it is reported that they requested the Doctor to administer medicine to three of their friends, two of whom were really sick, but the third only feigning illness, and that the three were corpses next morning. After they were buried, and while the Doctor's men were employed slaughtering an ox, the Indians came one by one to his house, with their arms concealed under their blankets, and being all assembled, commenced firing on those slaughtering the animal, and in a moment the Doctor's house was surrounded. The Doctor and a young lad brought up by himself, were shot in the house. His lady, Mr. Rogers and the children had taken refuge in the garret, but were dragged down and dispatched (excepting the children) outside, where their bodies were left exposed. It is reported that it was not their intention to kill Mr. Rogers, in consequence of an avowal to the following effect, which he is said to have made, and which nothing but a desire to save his life could have prompted him to do. He said "I was one evening lying down, and I overheard the Doctor telling Rev. Mr. Spaulding that it was best you should be all poisoned at once, but that the latter told him it was best to continue slowly and cautiously, and between this and spring not a soul would remain, when they would take possession of your lands, cattle, and horses."

These are only Indian reports, and no person can believe the Doctor capable of such an action, without being as ignorant and brutal as the Indians themselves. One of the murderers not having been made acquainted with the above understanding, shot Mr. Rogers.

It is well understood that eleven lives were lost and three wounded. It is also rumored they are to make an attack upon the Fort; let them come! if they will not listen to reason; though I have only five men at the establishment I am prepared to give them a warm reception; the gates are closed day and night, and bastions in readiness. In company with Mr. Manson's two sons was sent a young half breed Lad, brought up by Doctor Whitman—they are all here and have got over their fright. The ring-leaders in this horrid butchery, are Telouquit, his son, Big Belly, Tamsuchy, Esticus, Toumoulish, &c. I understand from the interpreter that they were making one common grave for the deceased.

The houses were stripped of every thing in the shape of property, but when they came to divide the spoil, they fell out among themselves, and all agreed to put back the property. I am happy to state the Walla Wallas had no hand in the whole business—they were all the Doctor's own people, (the Cayuses.) One American shot another and took the Indian's part, to save his own life.

Allow me to draw a veil over this dreadful affair which is too painful to dwell upon, and which I have explained conformably to information received, and with sympathizing feelings.

I remain, with much respect, Gentlemen,
Your most obt. hum. serv't.

WILLIAM McBEAN.

N. B. I have just learnt that the Cayuses are to be here to-morrow to kill Serpent Jaune the Walla Walla chief. W. McB.

NAMES OF THOSE WHO WERE KILLED.

- 1 Doctor Whitman
- 2 Mrs. Whitman,
- 3 Mr. Rogers,
- 4 Mr. Hofman,
- 5 Mr. Sanders, (Schoolmaster.)
- 6 Mr. Osborne, (Carpenter.)
- 7 Mr. Marsh,
- 8 Jno. Sagen, } Brothers—youths.
- 9 Fra. Sagan, }
- 10 Mr. Canfield, (Blacksmith.)
- 11 Mr. ———, (a Sailor.)

Besides three that were wounded, more or less, Messrs. Hall, Komble, and another whose name I cannot learn. W. McB.

FORT VANCOUVER, Nov. 4, 1847.

MR. GEO. ABERNETHY,

Dear Sir—A Frenchman from Walla Walla arrived at my place on last Saturday