WE MUST HAVE A WAGON ROAD TO

NAVIGABLE WATER.

We call attention to the third letter of Alex. Watts Esq., relative to the Rogue River road enterprise. It seems that a new route has been discovered, nearly a thousand feet lower than the Crescent City route, and presenting fewer obstacles than either of those heretofore mentioned. By this route it is said navigable water may be reached at Ellensburg from the settlements in Josephine county, by a road not over 50 miles in length. No one with an intelligent appreciation of the situation in Rogue River valley, can for a moment doubt that the opening of a short er and better route than we now possess to navigable water, would give new life to agricultural operations and indeed to business generally of our valley. The cost of opening a road fifty or sixty miles long through a country like that indicated in Mr. Watts' letter, when properly distributed out among our people, would be aburden they would scarcely feel while the benefits would be important and permanent. This is an enterprise in which we have long taken a deep interest, and we hope its champions will "agitate, agitate" until steps are taken to at least thoroughly examine into its practicability. We are informed that the people on the Ellensburg side, among them Mr. Hume the wealthy salmon fisher, are thoroughly aroused on the subject, and are ready to assist liberally to carry out the enterprise. This is an enterprise of no little consequence to the people of Southern Oregon, and we expect to refer to it again many times in the future.

It is said that a formidable rival to American beef in Europe has been found in American fruit. Indeed, in a comparatively short time this new industry has grown into gigantic proportions. Since last October it is said England has taken 296,000 barrels of fruit from this country, and it is estimated that she will take 15,000 per week bereafter. This new industry will no doubt eventually have an effect even on our side of the continent where fruit can be raised in such abundance. that we think it not out of place to feed it to the hogs and cattle, and in such perfection that our country has grown deserredly famous as the "land of red apples." The Pall Mall Budget says that "the foreign demand for American fruit is now so great that Europe and Australia, will take nearly all the fruit. fresh and dried, (dried peaches excepted,) which the United States can land in their markets in good condition. The working classes of Germany and the working men and miners of Australia are the chief customers for American dried fruit abroad, but the poor people of England and Russia buy to a limited extent. As long as dried apples can be exported from New York at five or even seven cents a pound, the working men of Europe and Australia will buy all that can be spared The business of exporting fruit is one that has chiefly been built up since 1865. In the eleven months ending July 1, the fruit exported amounted in value to \$2,831,000.

THE FRUIT MARKET.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

the fact that a terrible famine is raging in India. In the southern portions of the country where the struggle is greatest, it is thought there is a probability of a sixth of the population or 6,000 000 of people actually dying of starvation. The distance to be traveled between the productive portains of India and the country now actually darkened by the shadow of death is so great that relief is considered utterly impossible. Alaudoned by their mothers were left perish by the way-side. For the unkable pain of starvation often gles all the finer sensibilities-the lse of self-preservation, even tak-

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RAVAGES OF not less than 500.-It is reported that of starvation in 000 have already died India. One gentlemat making a short ies lying in the journey counted 29 bod road, it being the oust to leave the dead unbu. they lie down to die.

THE POEM.

When Joaquin Miller was invited to furnish a Centennial poem for the Portland celebration he declined very gracefully, saying among other good 500 miles, I will now fulfill my obliga- rection like the ruins of Babylon or anthings that no other State in the whole tion. After passing through Weisser, cient Baalbec Once where the canyon sisterhood is better able to furnish her Payette and Boise vallies, and making own poetry than Oregon. It seemed a short sejourn in Boise C ty, I left the represent him.

industry" in literature, and would like to give our readers occasionally, a poem back on Longfellow.

FARMING IN LAKE.

The country is scarcely informed of THE BIG DITCH. Gen. E L. Applegate who returned on Tuesday last from Gov. Thompson's big ditch on Applegate, reports the Gov. driving ahead with that indomitable energy which always characterizes his labors. Being a very successful organizer, he has his little army of 400 men, representing nearly all the nation alities, so disposed along the line of the ditch, as to make them most effective ready some fearful instances of suffer- All the camps are supplied with black ng are recorded as having occurred in smith shops and all the necessary apne streets of Madras, where infants, pliances, and there is a saw mill in near proximity to the ditch, capable of cutting 13,000 feet of lumber in a day Already many miles of the ditch have been completed and Gov. Thompson confidently expects to finish the entire work early in October. The ditch is seven feet wide at the top, three feet deep, about 4 feet wide at the bottom and for a considerable part of the way is actually cut into the solid rock, thus forming a work that will last for ages Thompson's head quarters is described as a very exciting place. The rattle and bang of machinery, the ringing of steel on the solid rock and the almost constant roar of blasting powder won almost convince an old soldier that was once more upon the field of battle. Millions of treasure yet lie untouched in the soil of Southern Oregon, such men as Gov. Thompson who have native wealth of their chosen land, are the men we long have needed in South-

> m everywhere ing to escape ran onto a bayonet, and verse gorge the rock was pierced and ried wherever now he is a "good Indian"-over on the chiseled by the hand of Time into arother shore.

FROM IDAHO.

MALHEUR AGENCY, Sept. 8, 1877.

EDITOR TIDINGS: -- Just returned from

an efficial rip in Western Idaho of over

had breathed in from the Oregon head chief of the Piutes, who had telemountains, felt confident that there graphed from that point enquiring my were bards enough left behind to do whereabouts. Leaving Snake river at ment of its flight. But the bird was justice to the Centennial. We must Mundery's Ferry, I struck into the confess that this display of magnanim- range of hills skirting the valley of the ity on the part of Joaquin made us feel Snake. Passing through this range I far more kindly toward the author of noticed a gradual, but perceptible the "Tall Alcalde." We felt that like change from bassalt and volcanic scoria where it opened into a narrow valley us, he had appreciated the beauties of and by noon found myself riding Sam. Simpson's "Ad Willamettam;" through a trap and granite formation. had sympathized with us in the tragic An occasional pine and fir was seen as fate of "Mississip," had realized that I climbed higher up the mountain and might almost expect to see the shades good merchantable wheel, and are prepared half a score of Oregon writers bad they greeted the eye like old friends. of some ancient and unrecorded race shown themselves the possessors of Evening found me in S lver City, away genuine poetic fire. No doubt he knew, up on the head waters of the Jordan, like us, the eccentric and generous walled in by a rim of steep and rugged horses' hoofs; not even the note of a hearted Locy, who wrote so seldom yet granite peaks seeming almost inaccess so well, and whose tragic fate furnish | ible, but which I found threaded and ed Belle W. Cooke with a fit subject for seamed in every direction with the most perhaps her finest effort. So we were expensive and substantial wagon roads less disposed to believe C. H. the sel- High above them all is "War Eagle" fish, unsympathetic being many would mountain, the site of some of the richest silver mines yet discovered in Idaho. In the language of a talented contrib. Here are located the 'Poor-man," the following that stream about five miles utor, we believe in "patronizing home "Monarch," the "Silver Cord," the I struck through a country knee deep "Empire," the 'Golden Chariot," the "Ida Elenore,"-the latter two famous drop of water, it was sickening in its fresh from the brain of some gifted Or- as being the scene of a desperate battle egonian, and that we may carry out fought underground by contending leaving the Matheur and passing a high this scheme successfully we would in owners, in 1868, and in which Marion ange of rocky hale to the north fork voke the assistance of the Oregon poets. Moore was killed. All except the "Gol. on which the Agency is a treated, my In default of such aid this week how- den Chariot" and the "Empire" are beautiful little valley, and the clean ever, we have been compelled to full idle now. Strinkage in stocks, mis white quarters, after a somewhat tiremanagement and litigation are the some ride and a 24 hours diet of bread averred causes, and although, like and bacon, hoping to hear from home many other mining towns, Silver City but to find that all my letters had been forwarded to Silver City. A day or two quette who had just returned from the ple ching firmly to the belief that old ont out, just as exercise. I have ridden And other goods exceedingly low. Lake country left in our office some "War Eagle" and its spurs are still 970 miles since I left your valley and fine specimens of grain and vegetables, pregnant with bodies of the richest expect by the time I return, to be used grown on the farm of Mr. J T Fulker | gold and silver ores. I hope so, for son in Langell valley, Lake county, certainly the enterprise that will build It seems that a tremendous gold and consisting of well matured wheat, a a little city where the granite and the silver bonanza has just been struck in ruta-bega almost a foot in diameter, clouds meet, is deserving of more than the Virginia mining district in Coloraonions four inches in diameter, pota- passing success. The town itself is not do. It is stated that some of the ore toes eight or ten inches long and of ap- pleasing. The extremely rugged na taken out assays over \$15 000 per ton propriate thickness and a beet that ture of the ground precludes the possi- An assay of about one thousand pounds beats all. The idea that the hardier bility of taste or order and the place shows \$1 154 in silver and \$1 841 in vegetables cannot be grown in great has a jumb ed and irregular look. Time gold. There is immense excitement perfection in Lake is long since ex | was when its streets were a noisy Babel over the discovery. proded. Indeed, in many localities the filled with busy men; when loads and tenderer ones, as corn, beans and cu loads of bullion were sent from it to cumbers can be produced in abun- the mints, and now among the ten or The dreadful cattle plague is again dance. The evidences are every year twelve mills that have been erected, disturbing the English public, and im accumulating to prove that in spite of but two are running. I judge that "Sil- portation of cattle from the continent all adverse circumstances, Lake will ver" contains 1 200 or 1 500 inhabitants is to be prohibited. All agricultural yet become quite a farming country probably one fourth of this number be- fairs are to be suspended for this sea-There are of course, vast upland dis ing the ubiquitous Coince. On my son. It is said that this disease is so tricts, which are too dry for culti- arrival I found that Winnemucca had infectious that it is even carried in the vation, but which will always be valua- tired of waiting and had gone down on clothing of men who slaughter the catble for pastoral purposes, but there are Boulder Creek about fifteen miles distile infected Tois plague frequently many thousands of acres to-be reclaim. Leaving the city after a pleasant sweeps over the old countries with fear ed both through drainage and irriga- night's rest I found the old chief and ful results and it would seem that no tion upon which, grain, domêstic grass- received a quite formal introduction effectual remedy has ever been discoves and most of the bardier vegetables from E-gan, a Piute chief who had ac- ered to check its ravages. We of the may be successfully cultivated, besides companied me from Malheur. Winner grand pastures of America have much a vast acreage fit for cultivation with- mucca was gorgeously arrayed in a reason to rejoice in the freedom of our Fancy Goods, Ladies and Gents out either irrigation or drainage. A military suit with huge equiettes-a cattle from the ravages of this fearful few years ago we considered the sage present from Gen. Schofield, and eye disease. country little more than a desert but ing my dusty, travel-statled garments we have learned through actual exper- from head to foot, he turned to E-gan ience that vast portions of it will ad- making a remark in Plute which I am mit of quite a dense population, and we confident meant that I was the dirtiest, confidently believe that the time will worst dressed plenipotentiary he had come, when the people of Like will be ever met. I made up in assumed digready to knock at the doors of com- nity, however, all that was lacking in merce, not with their beef, butter, appearance, gained every point and and cheese alone, but with their wheat parted with the old chief on the best of and other agricultural products as well terms He will return with his people to Malheur and thus relieve Western Idaho of an intolerable nai-auce, as his wandering bands have annoyel settlers by pilfering and scattering herds of cattle very seriously. Returning to Silver City I passed down Jordan gulch over an excellent wagon road as far as old Camp Lyon and then struck as nearly straight as possible through the mountains for Malheur. From Camp Lyon to the Agency the country is tearfully rough, and absolutely worthless, as the hills are "iron clad" and whenever farmshing grass, too rocky for pasturage Before reaching the Owyhee I passed through the most beautiful and remarkable canyon that I have ever seen during many years of moun tain travel. From the summit of a high spur between the Owyhee and onof its tributaries, a gorge has been cloven through the mountain fully eight miles away down to the banks of the river. At first sight the view is magnificent, and I doubt if there is anything among the "bad lands" of the Yellowstone more wildly picturesque. Descending a balf mile or more by an Indian trail so steep that it was ons ife to ride, I found myself in the bottom of the canyon, surrounded by a scene of almost indescribable beauty and grandenr. Fretted and torn and reit by the wear of ages, into every imagin able shape, the friable sandstone rose sky ward hundreds of feet in delicate the means, who labor for the very love pinnacles, or hing in constellated batof exertion and enterprise, and who thements over the narrow pass. Here take a pride in the development of the a group of spires rose in the sunlight like the gilded minarets of a lurkish mosque, and one could almost fancy the Muzzien calling the faithful to Crazy Horse was captured and in try. prayer. I here where cut by a trans-

ches and columns, scarred and weath

erbeaten as if covered with crystalized ivy and resembling the ruins of some old cathedral; grander, more majestic than the mind of man ever conceived Towers and shattered walls, and broken pillars rose or were strewn in every diparrowed, the spires of sandstone rose thickly clustered away up into the sky. reminding one of "Subad's" valley of that Joaquin while abroad edifying the latter place on Aug. 26th, for Silver diamonds; and among the grotesque world with the inspiration which he City, to interview Wienemucca the images, just at this point, was a huge mass of rock actually resembling the Roc of that famous navigator, with half spread wings-crystalized in the momotioniess and the only diamonds I tound were those sparkling from a small spring, but better than precious stones among these barron and thirsty Will be under the management of Jabills. Half way through the pass, an immense dome was studded with bage isolated slabs of rock like the ing year, ending July 1st, 1878. tombstones of giants, and were one to travel through it by moonlight he passing in awful procession among the silent aisles. The oppressive silence the Mills, at \$18 00 per thousand pounds. was unbroken save by the clatter of our Cash. song bird was heard, and a pisiol snot went echoing and reverberating up and Mills. Address, down the canyon like the dropping, irregular fire of a skirmish line. Altogether it was a strange weird place, one that a person would sooner traverse by

day than by night even it untainted by the slightest superstition. Torning abruptly up the Owyhee, with alkili, barren, parched, without a atter desolation, and reached the Mal henr after a very hard day's ride. Tuen

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