

Mining Company Formed.

We are informed that a company has just been formed in this city for the working of the newly discovered gold mine near Vancouver, they having bought out Mr. Geo. J. Tooley, upon whose land the mine is located.

Laying Track.

The railroad company had out a force of men to-day laying track to connect by means of the ferryboat the west side road with the east side, so as to enable them to bring over some flat cars tomorrow, to be used in the extension of the west side road.

Attention!

The following military commissions have been issued from the office of the Secretary of State by direction of his excellency, Gov. Thayer: Dr. J. B. Lindsay, surgeon on staff Brig. Gen. James H. Turner, with rank of Major; Howard Anderson and A. H. Starkweather, aide-de-camps to Gen. Turner, with rank of Captains; W. W. Whitworth, Captain; Thos. Howard, First Lieutenant; E. Prine, Second Lieutenant; Co. D, and J. W. Saulsbury, Captain; S. G. Lightfoot, First Lieutenant; H. H. Elliott, Second Lieutenant; Co. E, second regiment, third brigade, Oregon State militia, all of Umatilla county.

Steamer Launched.

The new steamer built at Mr. Hammond's yard for the Stikkeen river has been launched. She was christened the Cassiar, the appellation floating from her mast head. She was elaborately decorated with bunting and a merry throng crowded her deck as she shot out into the water like an arrow across a bow. A prettier launch we have never witnessed. The new steamer is 132 length of keel, 28 foot beam, and is most thoroughly and substantially constructed. She is now lying at Mad-dock's wharf ready to receive her new engine, constructed by Mr. Nation, it being 6 foot stroke, 16 inch bore and will carry 120 pounds of steam.—Seattle Tribune.

Hood River.

A correspondent of the Mountaineer writes as follows: Dr. Adams' drug store was entered last Friday night by a person or persons who succeeded in robbing the money drawer of \$50 in coin, a gold finger ring, and a revolver. It appears that the parties understood their business, and must have been well acquainted about the premises, as they made their exit through a window, and in order to accomplish their purpose with safety they obtained some blankets from the barn, which they spread about the window as a means to keep their footsteps from being heard. Mr. E. L. Smith lost a valuable horse a few days ago, by being ckoked with a rope while running at large.

Boarding Prisoners.

The following amounts were paid for board of prisoners from January 1, 1878, to March 1st, 1879:

1878-January.....	\$281 00
February.....	192 50
March.....	151 50
April.....	189 00
May.....	142 00
June.....	111 50
July.....	82 50
August.....	191 00
September.....	236 00
October.....	560 50
November.....	389 50
December.....	366 80
1879-January.....	375 00
February.....	283 50
Total for fourteen months.....	\$3,560 50

Under the new ordinance, and at the rate contracted for by Messrs. Lewiston & Fretland, the total expense would not have exceeded \$1,500. The City Council have lopped off a grievous expense to the city in this item, for which its members deserve great credit.

More Indian Troubles.

From Mr. E. C. Officer, of Grant county, we learn that a party of Indians belonging to the Malheur reservation, burned the herder's camp of Joseph Robinson, Josephus Heptenstall and Mr. Ingalls on the Malheur river. Two herders, Sam Snook and Jas. T. Thorp, while from camp, came upon the nocturnal tracks of two Indians and followed them up until they satisfied themselves that there was a large party of them in that neighborhood. They struck out for the agency. In a few days after Mr. Snook returned to his camp in company with a number of other men, and found it destroyed by fire. Mr. Snook says that the band consisted of about thirty buck Indians. Mr. Officer thinks there are at least seventy-five buck Indians with their families living in the Malheur country.—Mountaineer.

An Incident.

It was on Tuesday morning, says the Mountaineer, an hour or two before the funeral services of Mrs. Heaster Williams. An aged Indian known as "Old Billy" came to the window and stood looking in for a few moments, and turned away. Some one observing him, asked if he might be permitted to come in. He was invited into the room, and came and stood by the coffin. He gazed a few moments upon the lifeless form, when the tears gathered in his eyes and trickled down his wrinkled face. Weeping and brushing his tears with his hands, he silently left the room, as one who mourned the loss of a very dear friend. He had often been employed by Mrs. Williams to saw wood and for other small jobs, and her proverbial kindness to all around her had set its seal upon the heart of the old Indian, and won this tribute of affection to her memory.

Floating Coffin.

We notice that the "interior press" are still driving nails into that old floating coffin in Portland known as the Oregonian. Only six or seven copies of that overland sheet (daily) comes to this office now. The mountain is rolling down. Let the point spit every editor in this State that stands up and toadies to this monopoly concern. Monopolies must be crushed. Free schools and a free press are inherent rights to which monopolists must succumb. Let the ball roll; Oregon will soon be redeemed.—Junction Republican.

Further from Alaska.

From the Captain of the Wolcott.

The following letter from the commander of the revenue cutter Wolcott, to the Seattle Tribune, is published in the Standard from advance sheets, and the contrast between English and American policy is instructive as to the results obtained by the two governments in dealing with Indians. The Englishman has little or no trouble, and his idea is, when Indians are behaving ill, to "clean them out and talk afterwards." The way to bring the Indians of Alaska, or any other bad Indians, to time, is to give them the alternative between destruction and obedience. A decided show of force, tempered with a prompt use of it, would do more than more good than talk or threats or promises. They must be made to behave, or made to suffer for it if they do not:

U. S. REVENUE MARINE STR. WOLCOTT, SITKA, Mar. 10, 3 P. M., 1879.

The last minute before the steamer leaves Capt. Thorn has promised to wait and carry this letter. To-morrow morning the Wolcott leaves here to go up Poril Straits to visit the tribes in that neighborhood. A detachment of men from the Osprey go with us in case they should be needed. Our force will be strong, and I have no fears that there will be occasion to resort to arms. I command the expedition. In the absence of any higher authority, I am appealed to for everything, and I assure you my duties are arduous. The Englishman is impatient, and at every provocation wants to fight. If he was left to his own inclination, we would have had a fight long since. I don't know but that his notions are best after all—"clean them out and talk afterwards." I expect to be gone from here five or six days. I will visit the chief tribes in the neighborhood, and do all I can to conciliate good feeling. The Osprey will remain here until our return, and I hope by that time some vessel will have arrived to relieve us. I have a good pilot and interpreter to accompany me, and the cruise I feel will be propitious.

Gold in Clarke Co., W. T.

The Vancouver Independent gives the following: It has been known by some persons ever since the exciting mining times of 1857, that there was more or less gold existing in the small streams running through Clarke county to the Columbia, but in the anxiety to make big hauls the miners all went to the mountains, abandoning the lower fields where gold was known to exist. Last October, Hein Kulper, an old miner, and J. O. Smith, both residents of this city, went out to prospect Burat Bridge creek, which empties into Vancouver Lake, two and a half miles north and west of this city. They finally set some sluice boxes on the land belonging to M. Winler, Esq., and when the rain would let them, worked off and on for a month, just long enough to clean up a couple of times and demonstrate that there was pay in the dirt. They labored under some difficulties, as the fall was slight, the weather bad, and the tailing had to be shoveled out, but they made about three dollars a day to the man. This set owners of land on creek bottom to thinking, and among them George Tooley went to prospecting on the piece of ground nearest to the head of the lake, below all the others. He soon demonstrated there was good pay in the bottom, and continued at work running a ditch to get water. When Portland parties heard of the discovery they came over to look after it. For several week negotiations for the purchase of the property by these Portland parties have been going on, and last week a bargain was concluded, the Portland men agreeing to pay \$10,000 for Tooley's property and putting down \$600 forfeit to secure the purchase. They also purchased T. J. Wilson's land above the Tooley farm, for \$2,200. Tooley still retains the piece above the road where he resides, which is as rich in gold as any other part of the bottom. Whether any mining operations are to be carried on this season by the Portland parties we have no information. Although the existence of these paying diggings have been known here all winter, no public mention has been made of it for the reason that it would do no good to create an excitement that would fill the county with a lot of needy adventurers who could do nothing on their own account, as every available foot of mining ground was held by farmers and land owners, without whose consent no mining could be done. Now the field will be developed, and it is certain to pay well, without bringing along with it the evils of a mining excitement. One or two old miners from the upper country have signified their intention of prospecting the country nearer the mountains this season, and they will find, as Vancouver men have found before them, a show in many places, and perhaps good mining ground.

Moses and Homily.

ARRIVAL OF THE INDIAN CHIEFS

Chief Moses' Nephew Jim and Warrior Halena, or Little Wolf, Accompany Them—More to Come—Abraham Lincoln, the Interpreter—Moses Put on a Clean Shirt and Resembles Henry Ward Beecher.

By the steamer Vancouver last Friday, arrived Major W. H. Boyle and Lieut. C. E. S. Wood in company with the above-named Indians. Major Boyle escorted them directly under his charge, fishing them to the store of Messrs. Fishel & Roberts, where they were fitted out in a fashionable style. The news of their arrival soon spread through the town, and a grand rush was made to find them, and when it was generally known that they were rigging themselves out at the store of Fishel & Roberts, that store was completely packed with anxious ones, determined to get a glimpse of the great chief who had created so much excitement east of the mountains. Owing to their return to Vancouver the same afternoon, and they being so busily engaged in their purchases, we were unable to gain much information from them, and therefore cannot give our readers as full a description as we would like to.

CHIEF MOSES.

Moses is chief of the Leslian tribe of Indians in the Yakima country, and also of all those renegade tribes in that section of country. He is a warrior of about the age of 60, though appears really to be one of about 45 or 50. He is about 5 feet and 10 inches in height, and weighs about 180 pounds, and is of a pale or yellowish complexion, and has an expression of intelligence beaming in his countenance. He does not wear his hair long as Indians ordinarily do, but just about down to his coat collar. He was the admired of them all, and in consequence could hardly find time and room to don his new rig, which partly consisted of a large broad-brim white hat, dark-colored pants and sack coat, white shirt, standing collar, with black silk necktie. After he had got everything on pertaining to his new outfit, he took a look at himself in the large mirror, and said in expressive words: "Nika has close! Heep namook look!" which of course everybody understood to mean, "All is satisfactory. I look fine." He then wiped his nose in his hand, and called for a pocket-handkerchief, which was at once handed him, and he stepped aside to make room for

CHIEF HOMILY.

Who appeared in his new suit similar to that of Moses, save the white shirt. Homily is a kind of sub-chief or chief of the Walla Walla tribe of Indians, and is aged about 50; wears his hair, which is faintly streaked with gray, very long, and weighs something near the weight of Moses, he is about 5 feet 7 inches in height, and has something of an intelligent look about him.

MOSES' NEPHEW.

This warrior is about 6 feet and 2 inches in height, and makes a fine large looking Indian. In selecting his suit he patterned greatly after his old uncle. **HALENA, OR LITTLE WOLF,** Is a kind of Medicine Man or sub-chief, but looks more like a runt of the low Siwash tribe, however, he had not yet got his rig on when we last saw him, and will perhaps greatly improve thereby.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

The interpreter for these parties, is a half-breed, but from just what section of the country we did not learn, in fact did not have the opportunity of conversing with him, he being kept so busy in the performance of his duties. **MAJOR CONROYER** Will shortly join this party at Vancouver with a few braves from the Umatilla county, when he and Major Boyle will at once proceed to Washington with their victims, which will likely be by the next steamer leaving here. **SOMIALLA,** Or the spiritualist and dreamer, could not be found at the time of the leaving of these from their home, however, he may yet be found and brought on.

Wheat is \$1 50 a bushel at Boise City. Considerable sickness prevails about Lebanon. An Odd Fellows' Hall is to be built at Jefferson. Lewisville, Polk county, has an anti-Chinese club. Clothes line thieves are prowling around Seattle. A retired printer is about to build a palatial mansion at Corvallis. Two new grain warehouses are to be built at Halsey this Spring. Bachelor Blowouts make long evenings endurable at Buena Vista. The Tacoma pest house has been robbed of bedding, stove pipe, etc. Independence wants a new bridge to connect the old with the new town. Montana and Idaho people want a mail route over the Mullen road, and they ought to have it. The sloop Magnet is very rapidly assuming the form and dress of a steamer. Indeed, she can no longer be classed as a sloop, and she will be a steamer in which all can share a pride with her owner J. W. Munson. Quite a gold excitement has been created in and about Lanconner by the arrival of a couple of men from the head waters of the Sagitt river with a large quantity of beautiful gold dust. The Vancouver Independent says: Cheap fare on the steamers plying between San Francisco and Portland is having the effect of stocking Oregon and our Territory with hordes of roughs that for years have been the terror of the good people of California.

State and Territorial.

The new grist mill at Turner has commenced work. The Town Talk says the Salem post office received over 3,000 letters in one day. The California and Oregon Land Company have 40,000 acres of land in the Lakeview school district. Abe Thorp, in penitentiary for stealing from Wasco county, has been pardoned. Of course—who next? Mrs. Nelly Cory, of Coos county, Or., took the prize as the best lady skater at a skating carnival at Cleveland, Ohio. Eleven thousand head of cattle will be driven east from the Malheur country, as soon as weather and feed will warrant their starting. The Junction Republican says that place will improve a great deal the coming season. Already carpenters are at work on a new brewery.

The State Line Herald says Peter French, living in the vicinity of Stein mountain, has sold 12,000 head of cattle, which will be taken to the Platt early in the Spring. The purchaser also wants 150 saddle horses. The Chewaucan Ditch and Irrigating Company has organized. The object of this company is to reclaim certain tracts of desert lands lying between the Chewaucan river and Summer Lake. The water is to be taken from the Chewaucan. The Seattle Tribune says Mr. King, of Port Madison had been indicted by the grand jury for cutting timber on government lands. Struve and Leary appeared for the defendant and moved that the indictment be quashed, on the ground that there was no law to punish an offense of this kind, committed prior to 1878. The indictment was accordingly quashed and the defendant discharged.

Eph McFarland, an old printer, has a new mill at Klukitat. Mr. Brooks building a new flume for the Dalles water works. Crop prospects at this time are good for Clarke county, W. T. Charley Bray intends to organize a brass band at the Dalles. The Mountaineer learns that there are 620 school children in Dalles City. A beautiful monument is erected to the memory of the late H. J. Waldron, of the Dalles. Lebanon now has four saloons, and the people want some temperance crusaders to help them out. Col. Thomas Lang was at the Dalles and reported his sheep looking well. Other sheep men say the same. Judge Deady will lecture to-morrow evening at the Dalles in behalf of the Workingmen's Reading Room and Library. Subject—Trial by Jury. J. M. Bloomfield dug up a gold thimble in his garden at Vancouver the other day, but as the fair owner's name was in it he concluded it had not been planted.

The Astorian says Mr. A. H. Sales has purchased and refitted the sloop Morning Star, built her over and renamed her Lenetta. She made her first trip to the city yesterday. Several emigrants looking for homes arrived in Vancouver from Kansas on Saturday last. One of them, Mr. Roberts, was cleaned out by the Cheyenne Indians in their raid last Fall.

To the Sons of the Farmer.

Some may desire to go to the city because they will there have specially favorable opportunities to gather information—to become very intelligent. I do not deny that facilities for acquiring knowledge of certain kinds abound much more in towns than in rural districts. But you should understand that the country furnishes really better opportunities, in some respects, to the student than the city does. When once regularly engaged as a clerk in a mercantile house, or as a subordinate in any city business, your time for self-improvement, if not entirely wanting, is, at most, sadly limited. Your work is apt to need, and your employer to demand most, if not all your time.

It is better to attend school in the country than in town. The fewer and simpler the attractions around the school the more likely you will be to study faithfully and learn fast. I do not hesitate to say that the farm is a good place for gathering information and cultivating the mind. There, any literary work is more like recreation. I know what it is to plow all day and sit down and read by torch-light at night. The night—all the year round—in the farmer's home furnishes excellent opportunities for mental improvement. There are also many rainy days or other times of leisure which can be occupied in reading and study. As you have less company—less to divert your mind—in the country, you will there feel more interest in your books. They can charm you more because they have fewer and less potent rivals than in town. And you ought to learn much and have a well trained mind before you wander from the circle of indulgent friends to risk your fortune among strangers.

Valuable Property For Sale.

I offer for sale my home in Salem, one of the most desirable locations in that city, very comfortable dwelling house with one acre of ground attached, valuable fruit on the place, good stables, excellent well of living water, sunk deep in the bed-rock. Price \$2,500. Also sixty-three acres one mile and a half from town, one-fourth in plum and prune orchard containing 3,000 trees in good cultivation, one-fourth in wheat, ground newly grubbed. This is a valuable property, with a well of living water on it, fenced in three fields; calm and stable. From it there is one of the most beautiful views to be found in Oregon. Price \$50 an acre. Terms of payment can be made easy on both these pieces of property. Address, A. CLARK, Farmer Office, Portland. Or E. W. CRAIG, Farmer Office, Salem.

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