

MR. BOWLES' LETTERS ON OREGON.

Mr. Bowles, who was one of the party that came with Mr. Colfax to visit this part of the country, has written an account of his experiences to the Springfield (Mass.) *Republican*, which, while too lengthy for re-publication, is of sufficient local interest to justify a passing notice. Mr. Bowles' style is devoid of the egotism which characterized Mr. Ludlow's magazine article, on Oregon, and of that assumption of metropolitan superiority which is so marked a feature of Mr. Richardson's letters on the same subject. He also deserves the thanks of our people for omitting those impertinent reflections about persons and things, which form, too often, the principal staple of the letters of itinerant newspaper men. Mr. Bowles' particular fault is that he appears to feel under a special obligation to say something very grand about the mountain scenery of our country, and in so doing, is often rather obscure, if not unintelligible and incoherent.

In speaking of the waters of the Columbia, after they have broken through the Cascades range, he says that the river is "foaming with hot sweat." Now, if Mr. Bowles had bathed in the river at the Lower Cascades, he would have not written anything of the kind. On the contrary, if he had said anything about the sweat on the foam, it would have been to speak of it as particularly "cold sweat." Mr. Bowles is in general very happy in his estimate of the resources of the country, and his manner of presenting them to the people at the East, excepting the fact that he sees no use in building a Mint on the Columbia, where three times as much gold and silver would be offered for coinage as at Philadelphia. We must also protest against his attempt to strike off several thousand feet from the height of Mount Hood. If we are to have any choice about the manner in which we are to be treated, let the eastern people take the Mint away, but do not underrate our scenery, or cut the crests of our mountains down with one sweep of a trenchant pen. We must also put in a slight protest against Mr. Bowles' interference in the rivalry between the Canyon City road and those running from Umatilla to Boise and Owyhee, as it will be seen by the subjoined extract, that his representations on that point are probably due to those "influences" which are sometimes referred to by our cotemporary at the "landing." We are very sorry that we cannot spare space to give Mr. Bowles' letter a more extended review. We copy a paragraph which is of local interest:

The navigation of the Columbia is now in the hands of a strong and energetic company, who not only have the capacity to improve all its present opportunities, but the foresight to seek out and create new ones. They are indeed making new paths in the wilderness, and show more comprehension of the situation and purpose to develop it than any set of men I have yet met on the Pacific coast. Organized in 1861, with property worth \$175,000, they have now, with eighteen or twenty first-class steamboats, the two railroads around the Cascades and the Dalles, and their appointments, warehouses at all the principal towns on the river, including one 935 feet long at Celilo, and real estate in preparation for future growth, a total property of rising two millions dollars, all earned from their business. Besides this great increase of wealth from their own enterprise, they have paid to themselves in dividends \$332,750. By wagon roads from the Dalles, from Umatilla and from Wallula, the river and their boats have formed and still form the quickest and cheapest route for travel or freight to the rich mines of Boise and Owyhee in Idaho, as well as to those in eastern Oregon. Boise City is 260 miles from Umatilla, and Owyhee 290 miles. The roads from the other points are longer and poorer. So large have been the trade and travel in this direction in the last few years that the Oregon steam navigation has carried to the upper Columbia 60,320 tons in the last four years, beginning with 6,000 tons in 1862 and rising to nearly 22,000 tons in 1864. In the same time, their boats have carried up and down on the river nearly 100,000 passengers, increasing from 10,000 in 1861 to 36,000 in 1864.

The *Charleston News* says, "If the negro fails, he will fall draped with every interest, hope and prospect of the land." Out here a similar catastrophe is predicted if he rises. The only way to prevent it appears to be to let the colored gentleman alone.

LETTER FROM OWYHEE.

RUBY CITY, I. T., Oct. 31, 1865.

EDITOR MOUNTAINEER:—The progress of mining enterprises in Owyhee is alike gratifying and surprising. Among the most notable I place the work on the Oro Fino and Morning Star lodes, both of which now have shafts sunk on them to the depth of about two hundred feet, bringing to light ever increasing proofs of their richness. On the Minnesota, owned by the New York and Owyhee Company, a shaft fifty feet deep has proven the vein to be three feet in width, and rock valued at \$600 a ton is being extracted. Men are being put to work on this lode as fast as room can be made for them. The prospects in the Baltic, Yellow Jacket, Dashaway, Allison, Empire, Whisky, Virginia and many others are very gratifying. But the owners in rich ground here appear to me to be taking a very unwise course, in bonding their property for sale. Common sense would appear to dictate that when a man has good quartz, he should at once proceed to take out rock; and if he has no mill, he should hire it crushed. Such, however, is not a common practice, and men appear to think that quartz is only valuable to sell. This evil will cure itself in time, because so much will be offered under bond that the eastern demand for mining property will be glutted.

THE WAR EAGLE MOUNTAIN.

To speak of War Eagle mountain is equivalent almost to saying the Owyhee mines. It is seamed with veins and spurs of gold and silver rock, running in quality from rich in the Empire lode, to richest in the Poorman lode. Like all other very rich mining localities, the ground is plastered about three deep with claims, to spring up hereafter in lawsuits, perhaps to end in homicide. It is a treat to stand upon the top of this mountain and look off towards the channel of Snake river, where that stream is seen winding its way through a desert of alkali plains and sage brush prairies—its waters reflecting a silvery sheen, and then to turn our thoughts to the ground we tread upon, where, far beneath our feet, the precious metals are lying in quantities sufficient to enrich a nation. It is enough to make a poor man feel rich.

THE MILLING INTEREST.

The Shoobar mill is crushing from the Oro Fino, and the Jackson mill is to take ore from the Trook & Jennings lode. Both these mills have been finished in the last week. The rest of the machinery for Grenzbach's mill has arrived, and it is expected that it will be finished in January. A ten-stamp mill from Humboldt is expected to arrive shortly.

THE CHICO ROUTE.

Nine teams came in town to-day, by the Chico route. They were loaded with flour, and were forty days on the road. The teamsters speak very highly of the road. The people on the Columbia certainly ought to be very much obliged to Capt. John Mullan for bringing the Chico route into disrepute, by his failure to connect on the stage line from thence to this place. On the contrary, Capt. Mullan is not popular at Chico. JAMES.

HERE is a specimen of the way autumn is "written up" in the New York papers: "In the fields, where the late corn ripens, and the grapes still fill their purple chalice with the sunbeams, these days are the crowning gift of lavish Nature. Among the hills they keep their shining procession, mutely wondering at the absence of the lovely urban visitors who fled as Summer waned, and thereby missed their beauty. Over the beaches they pass with noiseless feet, for the echo of the Summer's mad gaiety is in their ear, and the endless roar of the Ocean. Yet from their purple presence a glory streams over the sea and land, such as the vanished season knew not in her prime."

IDENTIFIED AT LAST.—The man killed at Walla Walla a week or ten days ago, was named La Mar. He had been living at Clark's Creek, a tributary of Burnt River. He was shot with sixteen pistol bullets, instead of six as before reported, and two charges of buckshot. Beyond doubt he was one of the Straw Ranch robbers. He lived by the revolver and double-barreled shotgun and died by the same; his manner of life was turbulent and bad, and the manner of his death was exceedingly "rough." His life was of but little use to mankind, but his death may serve to warn the like of him to turn from their ways.

If the extremely conservative Democracy have forgotten nothing, it cannot be said that they have learned a great deal from recent experiences, or they would not attempt to reverse the revolution in affairs which four years have made, but accept it, as the Johnson Democrats of New York have done.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Thursday evening at 6 1/2 o'clock, in Gates' Hall, corner of Second and Court Streets. Brothers in good standing are invited to attend. By order. N. G.

Now on Nevada—Call at Wm. Birnbaum's Jewelry Store and examine his extensive stock of Watches, Diamonds, Jewelry, Silver Ware, Lamps, Cutlery and Fancy Goods, which he offers for sale in order to close business on account of ill health, at less than cost. There is no such large and well-selected stock this side of San Francisco, and the quality of the goods will speak for itself. Now is your time to buy presents cheap, and at a saving of 50 percent. Mr. B. has also a lot of Periscope Glass Spectacles that perform wonders. n4tf.

BIRTHS:

In this city, Nov. 8, to the wife of E. Dusenbery a son. At the Umatilla House, Nov. 8, the wife of E. W. Reynolds, of a daughter.

Final Settlement.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT of the estate of WILLIAM C. LAUGHLIN, deceased.—In the County Court of Wasco County, Oregon.—Notice is hereby given, that R. H. Wood, Administrator of the above estate, has filed his final account in the County Court of Wasco County, and prays for a final settlement of said estate. It is therefore ordered that said application be heard on Monday, the 11th day of December, A. D. 1865, at the Court House, in Dalles City, in said County, and that notice thereof be published in the Dalles Mountaineer. O. N. DENNY, County Judge. November 6, 1865. n104w

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Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, and to me directed, out of the Circuit Court for the County of Grant, State of Oregon, (for the foreclosure of a mortgage) in favor of John Grabo, Plaintiff, and against E. M. Townsend, Defendant, I have this day levied upon a certain tract or parcel of Real Property, situated and lying in Canyon City, Grant County, State of Oregon, bounded and described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of C. H. Miller's house, and running East thirty-three feet; thence South, thirty-five feet; thence West, thirty feet, more or less; thence North, thirty-five feet, to the point of commencing. I will proceed to sell the same in front of the Court House door, in Canyon City, Grant County, State of Oregon, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, between the hours of 12 o'clock, M. and 4 o'clock, P. M., on SATURDAY, the 9th day of DECEMBER, 1865, to satisfy the above Execution, amounting to One hundred and five (105) dollars, and for the further sum of twenty-eight 28-100 (28 50-100) dollars costs of this action, and accruing costs, with interest from the 28th day of October, 1865, at the rate of ten per cent per annum. M. P. BERRY, Sheriff. By Wm. W. Whipple, Deputy. Canyon City, November 6, 1865. n104w

Sheriff's Sale.

BY VIRTUE OF AN EXECUTION, and to me directed, out of the Circuit Court, County of Grant, State of Oregon (for the foreclosure of mortgage), in favor of L. W. Fitchelner, et al., Plaintiffs, and against John Johnson, et al., Defendants, I have this day levied upon a certain tract or parcel of ground, situated and lying in Canyon Street, Canyon City, County of Grant, State of Oregon, it being thirty-six (36) feet front, and sixty-two (62) feet deep, more or less, and bounded on the West by Canyon Street; on the South, by O'Rourke's ground; on the North, by M. Gallo's ground, together with all of the tenements and improvements thereon belonging. I will proceed to sell the same in front of the Court House door, in Canyon City, Grant County, State of Oregon, at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, in United States Gold Coin, between the hours of 12 o'clock, M. and 4 o'clock, P. M., on SATURDAY, the 9th day of DECEMBER, 1865, to satisfy the above Execution, amounting to Sixteen hundred and thirty-seven 50-100 (1,637 50-100) dollars, in United States Gold Coin, principal, and the further sum of thirty-six 70-100 (36 7-100) dollars, costs of this action, and accruing costs, with interest from the 28th day of October, 1865, at the rate of ten per cent per annum. M. P. BERRY, Sheriff. By Wm. W. Whipple, Deputy. Canyon City, November 6, 1865. n184w

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NOTICE. GEORGE LIEBE is my duly authorized agent during my absence in the Eastern States, to attend to the collection of all accounts due me, and also the late firm of Wintermeyer & Meager. A. WINFERMEIER.

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