

WEDNESDAY MORNING, NOV. 15, 1865.

A DISTILLERY is building at La Grande.

Gov. LYON has arrived in Boise City from the East.

WEALTH, like beauty, is generally disparaged and eagerly sought, while poverty is highly praised and carefully avoided by all.

THE lack of a cemetery for a town in Indiana, is mentioned as a grave defect. The pun is as old as Shakespeare's time.

THE "Indelicate Drama" is the polite name of the filthy class of plays which keeps the stage in several leading theatres in New York.

THE Stockton Herald says that our "National debt has now evidently reached its highest figures." This is not quite so evident as might be thought.

THE fog on the Willamette River some days of last week was so thick, that in crossing Rock Island Rapids, men had to feel the channel with poles—the pilot being unable to see the water.

A New York Judge lately announced that rich criminals were as worthy of punishment as poor ones. This may be true, but in general, men will say that it is "flat blasphemy."

A MAN died on board the steamer General Grant, between Monticello and Portland, on the 11th inst. His name could not be ascertained.

GOV. PICKERING, of Washington Territory, has returned to Olympia. He did not take passage with Mr. Mercer and the seven hundred unprotected females, as had been reported.

A SHOOTING affair occurred some two weeks since, at Warm Springs, near Idaho City, between Col. Columbus Simms and a man named Cole. Col. Simms was wounded in the arm.

ROBBERY.—A packer deposited \$3 500 with the keeper of a public house in Umatilla, a day or two since, and when he called for it, the landlord informed him that it was missing.

THE Orizaba took down, on her last trip, \$499,000 in treasure, which was placed on her treasure list, and nearly as much more in private hands.

THE Morning Call speaks of one of its contemporaries as so attached to everything connected with the colored race, that it is daily expected he will publish his paper on colored paper.

WALLA WALLA STATESMAN.—The first number of the Walla Walla Statesman issued under the management of Mr. Newell, has been received at this office. It promises well for a career of local and general usefulness.

WE learn that representations of the state of affairs in Eastern Oregon have been forwarded to the War Department, with a view to prevent the mustering out of the volunteers in service, until such time as the security of the frontier will warrant it.

GEORGE BIDDLEMAN, who was sent from Grand Ronde to the Insane Asylum, at Portland, escaped, and is now in Grand Ronde. He says the keepers at the Asylum employed him in digging potatoes, and he thought he had better dig them for wages at home than work at the Asylum for nothing. He is said to be perfectly sane.

MONSTER NUGGET.—A piece of gold weighing fourteen and a half pounds, avoirdupois, has been found on Deadwood Gulch, a tributary of Snow-shoe Gulch, in the Blackfoot mines. The claims from which this monster nugget was extracted, are about six miles distant from Blackfoot City, and between there and Helena, close to the summit of the Rocky Mountains.

THE STREETS.—The unfinished condition of the streets at the crossing of Union and Third streets, is a subject of some complaint. At that point there is a jump-off that endangers persons traveling about at night. In one case, a lady sprained her ankle by stepping off this place, and a gentleman fell down and nearly ruined himself there. A bill of costs and damages may be saved by having the place made passable.

## THE BRANCH MINT.

The Idaho Statesman of the 7th inst., copies in large part, an article from this paper, on the subject of the Branch Mint, and claims that the arguments in favor of establishing it at this point, convenient to the mines, applies with more force to Boise City than the Dalles. The Statesman takes the novel ground that about all the gold from the Columbia Basin comes from the mines within a hundred miles of Boise City. It allows that half a million a year, or some such trifle, comes out of the John Day mines, and about as much more from other tributaries of the Columbia, north of Boise River. That journal also assumes that the relative gold and silver productions of the several sections of the Columbia Basin will remain in the future as they are at present.

To disabuse our cotemporary of this idea, is an easy task. It will, doubtless, be information to him to read the following computation, which we can show from the state of facts, is nearly correct:

Product of John Day Mines.....	\$ 1,500,000
" Warren's Diggings.....	750,000
" Elk City.....	250,000
" Florence.....	200,000
" Oro Fino.....	600,000
" Clearwater Station.....	200,000
" Bars of Salmon, Snake and Clearwater.....	300,000
" Clark's Creek and Mormon Basin.....	150,000
" Colville, Pen d'Oreille & Kootenai.....	1,000,000
" The Montana trade.....	1,000,000
" Auburn.....	500,000
Total.....	6,450,000

These figures represent the present annual production of these mines, and are, in point of fact, somewhat below the real amounts. These very considerable sums are the produce of districts which only need population to indefinitely increase the yield of gold and silver. In Boise and Owyhee, the quartz interest is being rapidly developed, and in the districts enumerated, that branch of mining industry is entirely dormant. In some places, such as the Florence silver district and the silver lode of the upper Columbia, discoveries have been made which are not in any respect inferior to Owyhee. As yet, the amount of prospecting has not been sufficient to demonstrate the location of the best mines of the Columbia River Basin, and there are still vast sections of country, far away from Boise and Owyhee, which may, and reasonably do, contain mines of no less value than those which our cotemporary appears to think are the only ones which produce any gold of account. We would further call the attention of the Statesman to the fact that, but for the factious opposition of other localities, the Branch Mint at this place would now be nearly completed. We feel authorized in asserting, that if the past were to do over again, this opposition would never be offered, as the common injury arising from this state of facts is now apparent to all. The Statesman can aid a work which will be a common benefit; it may even be able to frustrate its accomplishment, but it may be sure that Boise City will never derive any advantage from such a course of conduct; for it is quite certain that the Branch Mint cannot be located there, in the face of the mining developments in other parts of the country.

OPERATIONS AGAINST INDIANS.—Captains Scott and Williams, commanding the forces in Harney Lake Valley, had made arrangements, at our late advice, to move jointly against the Indians in that district. Their action has doubtless been precipitated by fears that they will be recalled before being able to do anything of importance against the "hell-hounds of savage warfare" who infest the Eastern section of the State. Being instigated by a military ardor, more uncommon than is generally supposed, they desire to strike at least one effective blow at the savages, before casting aside the implements of war. We hear from many sources that the Volunteers, under the command of these gentlemen are burning with anxiety to bring the Indians to a decisive fight. The result would be still more decisive in case of a general engagement, if the mountains around Harney Lake Valley were covered with snow, so that the Indians could not escape from the valley, in case of defeat.

In the U. S. District Court, A. M. Burns was convicted in the matter of "omitting to mention four cases of opium in the manifest of the steamer Pacific, on her voyage from Victoria to Portland, in February, 1865," and fined the value of the opium, \$5,545.

## WALLA WALLA NEWS.—We condense from

the Statesman, of the 10th inst., the following: A little boy, the son of Wm. Moody, was run over by a wagon and severely hurt, on the 2d inst. He is out of danger.

Rae's new mills are turning out about sixty barrels of flour a day, of excellent quality.

Wells, Fargo & Co., brought down at one trip three thousand pounds of treasure from Boise and Owyhee. Fifteen hundred pounds of it was silver from the Poorman Lode.

A man named Wheelock attempted to commit suicide at Walla Walla, last week, by taking laudanum. A physician was called, in time to save his life.

The necessity of a speedy completion of the branch mint is urged by the Statesman, and it is allowed that the original intent of Congress, in making an appropriation for that purpose, should be carried into effect.

The news from the mines on the upper Columbia is very encouraging. As much as \$2,500 had been taken out by one man, and some \$25,000, in all, had been brought down to Colville. Capt. L. White's steamer is nearly ready to launch. This boat can run to within sixty miles of the mines. From thence, canoes can be used.

News from Blackfoot is to the effect that there are abundant supplies in the Montana mines. Some very rich discoveries in quartz have been made.

The project of establishing a woollen factory at Walla Walla is mooted, and must receive favorable consideration.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—On the 7th inst., a man named Smith was killed near Miller's Ranch on Burnt River. He had passed the ranch and was ascending the hill between Burnt and Snake rivers, driving a horse team, and from some cause unknown the horses ran away—taking off the road into a ravine overgrown with sage-brush of great size. It is thought that running over the brush was the cause of the wagon upsetting, and Smith was thrown underneath it and had his neck broken. Some time afterwards, some persons passing saw the wagon and horses off of the road, and on examination found Smith lying under the wagon. Smith lived on Powder River, six miles above Baker City, and leaves a wife and several children. He was a man highly respected for his social qualities and integrity. At the time of the accident, he was on his way to Owyhee with a load of farm produce.

A CIRCLE of the Fenian Brotherhood has been organized at Walla Walla.

H. G. CIRCLE OF F. B. will meet on SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 18, at 7 1/2 o'clock, at the building in rear of E. P. Fitz Gerald's Store. By order, Nov. 14. [no15-4] J. DOHERTY, Sec'y.

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 hand—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 30 per cent. Mr. B. has also a lot of Periscopic Glass Spectacles that perform wonders. n41f.

## To the Tax-payers of Wasco County.

SHERIFF AND TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE. Wasco County, Oregon, Nov. 14, 1865. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the time for paying State and County taxes for the year 1865 will expire on FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1ST, 1865. All taxes remaining unpaid on personal property after that date will be collected the same as on execution. CHAS. WHITE, Sheriff and Tax Collector, Wasco Co., Oregon. Dalles City, Nov. 14, 1865. [no15-2wd] H. H. GAZES. E. E. HART.

## GATES & HART, Attorneys & Counsellors at Law, DALLES, OREGON.

NOTICE. F. S. HOLLAND IS MY AUTHORIZED AGENT to attend to collecting and settling up my business, during my absence. Those indebted to me or to Payne & Co. are requested to pay him immediately and save costs, as he has orders to collect. F. A. O. PAYNE. Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. 14-1

LOST IN DALLES CITY, the 13th day of November, 1865, a MEMORANDUM BOOK, containing notes drawn in favor of J. D. Ross. All persons are hereby forbidden to negotiate for said notes. The finder will be liberally rewarded by leaving the same at H. J. WELDRON'S. Nov. 13, 1865. 14-1wd\*

HOUSE AT AUCTION. WE WILL SELL THE HOUSE ON THE CORNER of Second and Federal Streets, at Auction, on Wednesday, November 15th, at 10 a. m. SALE PEREMPTORY. n11d PAYNE & C. Auctioneers.

ISAAC F. BLOCH, San Francisco. C. S. MILLER, SIO. SCHAWBACHER, Dalles. (2)

**Bloch, Miller & Co.,**  
WHOLESALE GROCERS,  
AND DEALERS IN  
Wines & Liquors,  
And Importers and Jobbers of  
**CLOTHING!**  
Boots & Shoes,  
Under Clothing,  
Blankets,  
etc., etc., etc.

**ASSAY OFFICE.**  
WE HAVE AN ASSAY OFFICE IN CONNECTION with our business, under the entire supervision of Mr. Miller. We make returns in bars in six hours. We guarantee all our Assays and pay the HIGHEST CASH PRICE for Bars. We also pay the Highest Cash Price for Gold Dust.  
BLOCH, MILLER & CO.,  
my6tf Cor. Main and Washington streets, Dalles.

**SELLING OFF AT COST, TO CLOSE BUSINESS!**

THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully inform their patrons and the public at large, that they will commence to sell this day, their large and handsome Stock of  
Clothing, Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Furnishing Goods, Hats & Caps, Ladies' Shoes, Boots & Shoes, Children's Shoes, Rubber Goods, Blankets, Hats, Salem Cloths, &c., &c., &c.  
**AT COST.**  
In order to retire from business, the above Stock must be sold within Sixty Days, and  
**STRICTLY AT COST!**  
All persons indebted to the firm will please call and settle their bills immediately, thereby saving all unnecessary future trouble.  
COHN & BOHM,  
Dalles, Oct. 2, 1865. oc31f.

## HOW TO SAVE MONEY!

CALL AT THE NEW  
**Family Grocery and Fruit Store,**  
Corner of Washington and Second Streets.  
THE UNDERSIGNED WISHES TO INFORM THE people of the Dalles, and the public generally, that he has a large and well selected stock of  
**FAMILY GROCERIES,**  
CANDIES, NUTS, &c.,  
Which he will sell Wholesale and Retail at Reduced Prices for CASH. Also, constantly on hand the choicest Article of FRESH BUTTER and EGGS. Also, every variety of FRUITS and VEGETABLES in their season. Persons from up the country, wishing quantities of Eggs and Fruit, by sending in their orders will receive the strictest attention, and have them filled at the Lowest Market Prices. [jyl1-tf] C. L. JEWELL.

## AT MRS. LEESER'S FRENCH MILLINERY STORE.

Opposite Cohn & Bohm's,  
YOU CAN FIND THE LATEST AND MOST FASHIONABLE GOODS, in the line of  
**BONNETS, HATS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, EMBROIDERY, Dress Trimmings, &c.**  
In order to make dress complete, it becomes necessary that a BONNET or HAT, handsomely Trimmed, should adorn the head.  
Give me an early call, and I will endeavor to suit everybody in TASTE and at REASONABLE PRICES. Particular attention paid to  
**Embroidery and Braiding Stamping.**

## NEW SALOON.

NEW STONE STORE, WASHINGTON STREET.  
THE UNDERSIGNED would respectfully announce that he will open a first class Saloon in French & Gilman's New Stone Building, THIS EVENING, and is prepared to serve customers with the best of  
**Wines, Liquors and Cigars.**  
ALSO, A

## FREE LUNCH

Every day and Evening. oc28tf. JOHN RINDLAUB.

## F. DEHM, Watchmaker and Jeweler,

MAIN STREET, DALLES,  
(NEXT DOOR TO THE ASSAY OFFICE).  
DEALER IN FINE WATCHES, JEWELRY, CLOCKS, Gold Pens, Silver and Plated Ware, Spectacles, Cutlery, &c.  
Particular attention paid to repairing fine Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, etc. All Watches repaired by me warranted for twelve months.  
N. B. All orders from the upper country, by Express or otherwise, promptly attended to. n11-4

## JOSEPH ELFELT,

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN  
**Fancy & Staple Dry Goods, CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, AND Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.**  
Fire-proof Stone Store, corner of Main and Court Streets. oc4-1f

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 Wintermeir & Munger. A. WINTERMEIR.

**FOR SALE.**  
A FIRST CLASS, SECOND-HAND PIANO, can be had on reasonable terms. Inquire at this Office, or of  
A. W. FERGUSON,  
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