

THURSDAY MORNING, NOV. 16, 1865.

SOME alarm is felt at the East on account of the large amount of ammunition which is shipped for southern ports. The report is probably sensational.

MARTIN FARQUHAR TUPPER is the best abused literary man in existence. He says "Vi-Tupper-ation" is a word invented for his special benefit.

The people of Virginia City, Nevada, are becoming very modest. When a ballet-girl danced with rather too much abandon, they hissed her.

GOLD WEST OF HELLGATE.—Good prospects for gold placers have been found on the western water-shed of Bitter Root Valley, at a point west of Frenchtown. It is a district totally unexplored heretofore.

RETURNED.—Dr. W. B. Mitchell returned to this city by yesterday's boat, after an absence of several weeks in California. We are pleased to learn that the Doctor's health has been much improved by his trip.

THE BALLOT.—Lizzie Reed has started a paper in Iowa which advocates the right of women to vote. We think that white women have a better right to vote than negroes, and if there is to be any increase of the franchise principle, we go for the white women.

QUARTZ IN THE COEUR D'ALENE MOUNTAINS.—The quartz discoveries on the Coeur d'Alene River are attracting increased attention. No gold is visible in the rock, but when crushed it yields largely of "four gold." The Mammoth Lode is the favorite—assaying as much as \$1,100 a ton. The Coeur d'Alene and Blazing Star lodes are also highly valued. In all, some six or eight have been located.

FOR PEN D'OREILLE LAKE.—The machinery for the steamer to be placed on the Pen d'Oreille Lake arrived in this city on the steamer from below, on the evening of the 14th inst. The intention is to forward it to Wallula or Umatilla, and from thence haul it overland a distance of about two hundred and fifty miles, to the foot of Pen d'Oreille Lake.

McCORMICK'S ALMANAC.—McCormick's Almanac for Oregon and the adjacent Territories, for the year 1866, has been received at this office. It contains, as usual, a large amount of interesting matter, and much information of great value to persons engaged in business in all sections of the country. This almanac has now reached its twelfth year of publication.

ELK HORN MINE AND MILL.—The Elkhorn Lode and Mill is situated on Elk Creek, about ten miles above Idaho City. Lately, the company which has been working rock from the lode, with a five-stamp mill, has been doing an exceedingly good business. As much as 350 and 400 ounces a week is a common yield, and the metal runs as high as \$13 and \$15 an ounce. The Elkhorn is one of many rich lodes lying along the slopes of the mountains of Grimes', Moore's and Elk creeks.

DROWNED.—A telegram to the Oregonian, dated Canyonville, November 13, says, today about noon, as Mr. A. Riddle, with his brother's wife and young babe, were attempting to cross the Umpqua near Oak Grove, fourteen miles north of this place, the buggy capsized, drowning Mrs. Riddle and child; the heavy rains within the last thirty-six hours having raised the river so it was impossible to ford. The bodies have not yet been recovered.

GOLD DISCOVERY IN MONTANA.—New placer mines have been discovered on a tributary of Big Blackfoot, about fifty miles above its junction with the the Hellgate River, in the dividing ridge between the Big Blackfoot and Hellgate rivers. The exact locality may be fixed on the map, by tracing a line due north from the mouth of Flint Creek, a tributary of Hellgate, towards the Big Blackfoot—half way between the two rivers the gulches are located, in which very rich prospects have been obtained. As much as five dollars a pan has been taken out. A gentleman of our acquaintance, who is just down from Blackfoot, assures us that the discovery is not exceeded in importance by any yet made in Montana. It will take time, however, to make this new district productive, as the diggings are pretty deep.

THE REASON WHY.

The San Francisco Call publishes the following in its issue of the 4th inst:

An Idaho correspondent of one of our contemporaries writes that a large number of parties in that Territory—a majority of them—obtain the machinery for their quartz and other mills from Chicago, freighting them overland. The quality of the machinery procured in Chicago Illinois, is not so good as that procured in San Francisco, but the cost of freight from the former city is so much cheaper than from the latter, that it becomes a matter of great saving for the Idaho miners to make their purchases on the shores of Lake Michigan instead of on the shores of the Pacific. The distance from Chicago to Idaho is fully fifteen hundred miles, while from San Francisco it is less than seven hundred. Yet freight can be transported over the former long and tedious route much cheaper than it can be over the latter short one.

It is indeed true that much of the machinery in use in the Boise mines has been brought from the Atlantic side, and, also, many other articles of use in the mines. The reason may be briefly stated: San Francisco has been endeavoring to build up the traffic by the Chico route (which is shown by experience to be impracticable), and has neglected to avail herself of the splendid natural advantages of the route by the Columbia River. There are several things connected this competition from the West that need explanation. Freight is cheap from the Iowa and Missouri frontiers, because the stock used in transportation is almost doubled in value as soon as it reaches the Idaho mines. This is accounted for by the fact that draft horses, cattle and mules are very scarce in this country, and so are cows and beef cattle. It is a fine grazing country, and California stock-growers will double the value of their animals by bringing a considerable portion of them here. The price of those which remain in California would be enhanced by this distribution. We merely make suggestions, and do not enter into particulars, which are obvious to interested parties.

As to the Columbia River trade, we propose to describe the disadvantageous manner in which it is conducted, and to point out the disastrous effect on the commercial interests of San Francisco.

Nearly every article of use in the Idaho mines is bought in San Francisco by mining traders, or is sent by San Franciscans to this country for sale. San Francisco consignments mostly go to Portland, because that is a point where ocean steamer navigation, for the present, ends. In order to reach Portland, goods are frequently compelled to pay lighterage from the mouth of the Willamette River, a distance of fourteen miles; and when sold, after paying for handling and warehousing at that point, they again come down out of the Willamette and go up the Columbia, coming to the Dalles, sometimes to be sent beyond by rail and steamer, and sometimes to be teamed overland from here to Boise and Owyhee.

On account of the difficulty of ascending the Willamette, the ocean steamers advanced their charges on freight to \$10 a ton, when the same freight can be brought for less, in the same ocean steamer, to the Cascades, a point sixty miles this side of that place. From Portland, freight pays \$15 a ton to the Dalles, and then is sent on to Umatilla, a landing on the river above, at \$15 more. It is carried past here because the road from hence to Boise is beset with hostile Indians, and it has been the policy of certain persons to keep this road from being opened. These operating on the imbecile, who for several years commanded the militia of this section, prevented any measures from being taken to have the direct road to Boise opened.

Thus, to advance the interests of individuals, the Call will see that goods sold at San Francisco are carried around the country until the charges have been made as great as possible, and then they are delivered to the owners. These are the facts, but a proper explanation that would give a full understanding of this trade, would require twenty times the space we can spare.

We further take the ground that the steamship companies charge for passage at rates which are gradually driving the travel off of their vessels. In time these companies will see the necessity of delivering their freight on the direct line of travel up the Columbia River, and when this is done, and not before, they may depend upon controlling the commerce of Oregon, Idaho and Washington Territories, for the benefit of San Francisco.

MAY BE EXPECTED.—The steamer *Continental* was to sail with the load of female emigrants, about the 20th of October, and if she sailed at that time, she may be reasonably expected to arrive at Stellacoom in from one hundred to one hundred and twenty days after her departure, which will place the time of their arrival somewhere between the first of February and the close of that month. Most of these poor women are recommended to the good offices of the people of this country, by the fact that their natural protectors have fallen in the civil war, and by far the larger portion, by the fact that they possess the intelligence and virtue to make themselves useful, and in many cases, ornamental members of society. It would be indeed strange, if all of them were irreproachable, but we hear from many sources the evidences that every precaution has been taken to prevent the intrusion of any person of improper character among these widows and orphans of war. We are informed that homes have been found for eighteen of these poor people in this city, and with proper exertion, as many more ought to be provided for here. Ladies who take an interest in the matter should address Hon. Elwood Evans, at Olympia, and the committees of ladies at various points on the Sound, on the subject of procuring the services of any of the immigrants. The most ordinary caution will be sure to secure some one of them, of whom their benefactors will never have cause to be ashamed. We trust that the people of Walla Walla, Lewiston, Grand Ronde, Wallula, Umatilla, and Canyon City will take some action in the matter at once. Until we provide for our white sisters, we shall insist that our colored friends at the South and East must keep their claims in abeyance.

SOUTHEASTERN IDAHO.—The Idaho Statesman, of the 9th inst., contains correspondence from Soda Springs on Bear River, announcing some important discoveries of quartz and placer mines. Silver ores, assaying from \$400 to \$700 a ton, have been found between City Rocks and Fort Hall, probably on the slope towards the waters of Snake River. The placer prospects were found in the mountains, about thirty-five miles from Soda Springs, and are represented as being in no way inferior in richness to those of Boise or Montana. Considerable quantities of the gold have been offered in trade at Soda Springs.

The steamer leaves Portland, on Saturday, for San Francisco.

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. [no16-4t] 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 or NEVER.—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 per cent. Mr. B. has also a lot of Periscopic Glass Spectacles that perform wonders. n4tf.

C. B. BROOKS, M. D. Office—At Dr. Craig's Drug Store. DALLES, OREGON.

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 THE 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. [no16-2wd]

ECLIPSE CHOP HOUSE, Main Street, corner of Court.

OLD MACK, THE PIONEER COOK, would respectfully inform the public that he has fitted up the above Chop House, and is prepared to serve up MEALS and LUNCH in the best style and at the shortest notice. BALLS and PARTIES furnished with suppers, in the best style and on the most reasonable terms. OYSTERS in every style. Private Rooms for Ladies. HOUSE OPEN ALL NIGHT.

N. H. GATES. E. H. HAFT.

GATES & HAFT, Attorneys & Counsellors at Law, DALLES, OREGON.

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. WALDRON'S. Nov. 13, 1865. 14-1wd*

ISAAC F. BLOCH, San Francisco. C. S. MILLER, Big. SCHAWBACHER, Dalles. **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, Furnishing Goods, Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes, Rubber Goods, Blankets, Dry Goods, Fancy Goods, Ladies' Shoes, Childs' Shoes, 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. oc3tf.

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, CANNIES, 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. [jv11-1f] 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. oc25tf. 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. au11-4*

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 & Manger. A. WINTERMEIR.

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. 14f