

Daily Mountaineer.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOV. 17, 1865.

There is some talk of organizing an Oregon Fur Company.

The Statesman says that on the 11th inst. Mount Jefferson was seen emitting clouds of smoke.

MILITARY.—Company "E," Capt. McCown, First Oregon Infantry, arrived at Fort Dalles from Colville, yesterday evening.

A PACKER known as "Champagne Jack" was killed on the Owyhee River, a few days since, by Indians.

CHANGE.—The *Agriculturist* will hereafter be published by Waite & Schwatka, under the title of the *Agriculturist and Plowman*.

In Watsonville, California, part of the people celebrate Sunday by the Spanish sport of bull-fighting.

Dr. JOSEPH E. WORCESTER, the eminent lexicographer, died on the 27th of October, aged eighty years.

JEFF. THOMPSON wittily remarks that "the only persons in the South who are in favor of fighting now, are those who did not do any when they had a chance."

A gentleman, an officer of the Oregon Infantry, was robbed of \$900 on the night of the 15th inst., on board one of the river steamers, while lying at Umatilla.

A LONDON antiquarian boasts that he has Hogarth's paint box. If he had Hogarth's "knowledge box," it would be something to be proud of.

ENGLISH capitalists are investing money in the Colorado quartz mines. There is a better field for their enterprise in Oregon, Idaho and Washington Territories.

The death of a Chinaman in California is noted as "an unfortunate circumstance, by which the State loses \$4 a month foreign miner's tax."

D. R. ASHLEY, the Union candidate, has been elected to Congress from Nevada, by a handsome majority, over Mitchell—the promising young man.

By the appointment of Gen. Miller as Collector of the port of San Francisco, Mr. Johnson has carried consternation among the stay-at-home patriots who live by office-holding. The rule hereafter is, that to the fighters belong the spoils of office.

ROBERT WADDINGHAM, who was convicted of "rolling" and robbing a man at Walla Walla last Spring, and who was sentenced to ninety-nine years imprisonment, has been pardoned. His conviction was somewhat due to the Vigilante pressure, and there was some doubt of his guilt.

BRIAN YOUNG says that when "our wives become old, it would be wrong to turn them out on the tender mercies of an unfeeling world." He might have added that it was nearly or quite as bad to immure eighty-seven women, all in their youthful days, and subject them to the caprices of one old brute.

A ROBBERY was recently committed at Wood's Theater, Chicago. The suspicious of the detectives fell upon two swell-dressed gentlemen who formed part and parcel of the audience. They were arrested, taken into a private room, and turned out to be (must we believe it?) two clergymen in disguise!

GEN. SUTTER has gone to Europe. He has been absent from the old world thirty-one years, and from the Atlantic side for twenty-six. He will stay East for the next two years. Gen. Sutter enjoys a monthly pension of \$250 from the State of California, which he has richly earned by distributing a princely fortune in charity to immigrants, and works of beneficence in a general way.

THE TRIAL OF DAVIS.—It is surmised that Chief Justice Chase refused to try Jeff. Davis at Richmond from motives of consistency; he having taken the ground that no United States courts exist in any of the seceding States. Mr. Johnson has announced that preparations for Davis' trial in Richmond will shortly be completed. He maintains, in this connection, that the seceding States were never out of the Union, and that the law was only suspended during the rebellion.

HELENA, MONTANA TERRITORY.

Helena, Montana Territory, is a town which is rapidly rising into importance, as a depot for mining supplies, and also on account of the richness of the mines surrounding it. It contains above three hundred houses of various kinds—from the log hut of the pioneer to the well-appointed hotel, which would be accounted comfortable in any place—and has a population of more than three thousand people. The location of Helena on the map may be determined, by finding the point of intersection of the parallel of 46° 20' north and the meridian of 34° 40' west from Washington. It is situated on a tributary of the Big Prickly Pear river, called Last Chance or Grizzly Gulch, which pitches down out of a spur of the Rocky Mountains, and empties into the main stream. To the north, are the diggings on Silver Creek, Peagan Gulch and Cañon Creek; to the west, seven miles, is Nelson's Gulch, celebrated for its big nuggets, and in the same direction are the diggings on the head of Ten Mile Creek, those of Greenhorn Creek and St. Louis Gulch. It is fourteen miles from town, due east, to the Missouri River, and the road thither runs over a high, gravelly plain. The hills back of town are timbered, without underbrush, but the hills are generally bald until they reach a greater elevation than the town itself has. Looking east, the hills across the Missouri appear to be only an hour's ride away, and indeed are scarcely more, and in those hills are located Confederate, Montana, White's and many other gulches. Towards the north-east, the bottom lands of the Big Prickly Pear are verdant, for a mile in width, with waving grass, and are now dotted with settler's cabins and divided by strings of fences. In the same direction, seventeen miles, the Bear Tooth mountains stand like sentinels watching the gorge where the aggregated waters of the Upper Missouri have burst through retaining Mountain barriers and strewn the bed of that river with masses of rock, bars of sand and placers of "flour-gold." This cænon was called "Gate of the Mountains" by Lewis & Clarke, and still bears the name. The Bear's Tooth Mountains are not of great height, but are remarkable for singularity of shape—resembling the incisors of the animal from which they are named. The higher lands along the Prickly Pear, and in fact all along the eastern base of the Rocky Mountains, are covered with the prickly cactus of many varieties. A general idea of the scenic outline of the country may be derived from a knowledge of these features: The damp lands are covered with green grass, the creeks are lightly fringed with willows, the slopes are brown, gravelly prairies, the hills are clothed with stunted, open timber, and the higher peaks and spurs are frequently broken and craggy. It is one hundred and thirty-five miles north from Helena to Fort Benton, forty miles north-west to Blackfoot City, and one hundred and thirty-five miles south to Virginia City. The mines at Helena were discovered in 1864, and are yet in their infancy.

NEW LAND DISTRICT.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office has announced his intention of recommending a new Land District in Oregon, to accommodate the settlers east of the Cascades. There are vast tracts of lands in this eastern district which will afford homes for thousands of farmers and stock raisers. To the south of this place are the lands on Crooked River, and to the south-east are those of Harney Lake Valley, the Malheur and Owyhee. To the east are Grand Ronde, the great Wallowa Valley, and the farming and grazing lands of the northern slope of the Blue Mountains. This district should also include all the eastern section of Washington Territory and the western slope of the Bitter Root Mountains. It appears to be the practice of the General Government to make the boundaries of the land districts conform to those of the States and Territories. But there is good reason why the one east of the Cascades should be organized on a different principle. The advantage to settlers would be obvious.

MEANS OF DEFENSE.—The British naval inventors, despairing of building ships to cope with the American iron-clad *Dietator*, propose to take vessels of her description by boarding. The Americans retort by an invention, by which large shells are thrown out of the hold to explode on deck. This is called "deck-scraping." A recent experiment on wooden effigies, representing men, proved that the invention was an immense success.

THE WAY TO SELL QUARTZ.

It has become a common practice for men of a speculative turn to claim large quantities of "feet" in worthless quartz lodes, and after taking the necessary steps to secure title, rush off at once to New York, or some other eastern sea-port or place, and offer their "wild-cat" for sale. The most ordinary amount of common sense would indicate the propriety of purchasers coming out in person to see the property before buying. In many cases men have come out here for that purpose, and in several instances they have bought largely on the representations of wild-cat speculators. By dint of that good luck which is vulgarly supposed to follow fools, some of these buyers have got good interests by buying blind, and many more have got interests in veins of no known value.

Eastern buyers of quartz may guard themselves pretty well in such matters by coming in person, or sending trusty agents to the mines. In any quartz district where mills have been built, it is the fault of the owners of good ground if their interests are not developed, and a fair average of the rock ascertained. All owners of mills must be only too anxious to give fair trials to rock from the different lodes in the neighborhood.

It less reliance were placed in the representations of quartz speculators, and men could see for themselves what they are buying, the effect on the mining interests could not but be healthy. If the men who are so anxious to go to New York, would devote the same energy to opening their mines that they do to running about the country, the consequences would be highly satisfactory. To themselves the advantage is obvious—their mines would be opened—their facilities for exhibiting the richness of them increased, and the interests of both seller and buyer be promoted thereby. There need be no fear felt that purchasers will not come to see the mines. They will come all the sooner by not being importuned by the irresponsible persons who, too often, take it upon themselves to represent the interests of this country at the East. It is a question if it would not be a blessing if every person who goes East to sell quartz should fail. The result would be simply this—all who wanted any interest in our mines would come and see for themselves.

H. G. CIRCLE OF F. B. will meet on SATURDAY EVENING, NOV. 18, at 7½ o'clock, at the building in rear of E. P. Fitz Gerald's Store. By order. Nov. 14. [no15-4t] J. DOHERTY, Sec'y.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Thursday evening at 6½ 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 Win. 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 Periscope Glass Spectacles that perform wonders. natf.

WANTED. WASCO COUNTY ORDERS, at the Office of the Oregon Steam Navigation Company. Dalles, Nov. 17, 1865. W. B. BRADFORD, Ag't.

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. [no15-2wd]

MRS. L. WHITE'S NEW PHOTOGRAPH ROOMS. Washington Street.

HAVING NEWLY FITTED UP THE GALLERY over Degnar's Store, would respectfully announce to all those wishing Photographs, Cards de Visite, &c., that they will do well to give her a call. Particular attention paid to taking Ladies and Childrens Pictures. oc21st

For Sale at a Bargain. 150 FEET OF GROUND, fronting on Second Street, running back 120 feet, adjoining French & Guman, with FIVE DWELLING HOUSES and TWO STORES thereon. If the above property is not sold before the 20th inst., it will be sold at public auction, together with Furniture in one house. TITLE PERFECT. For particulars inquire of PAYNE & CO., Auctioneers. Dalles, Nov. 7, 1865-td

FOR SALE. A FIRST CLASS, SECOND HAND PIANO, can be had on reasonable terms. Inquire at this Office, or of oc21st A. W. FERGUSON.

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

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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., my61st 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, Ladies' Dresses, Children's 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. COHEN & BOHM, Dalles, Oct. 2, 1865. oc31st

Oregon Steam Navigation Co.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13th, until further notice,

The Passenger Train

to connect with steamers FOR UMATILLA & WALLULA

Will start from the R. R. DEPOT DALLES CITY, on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, at 4:30 A. M.

"ONEONTA" or "IDAHO,"

CAPT. J. MCNEULTY, Commander, Will leave DALLES, DAILY, (Sundays excepted) at 5 o'clock, A. M., connecting, by the CASCADE RAILROAD, with the steamer

"NEW WORLD" or "CASCADES,"

CAPT. J. WOLF, Commander, to Portland. W. B. BRADFORD, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. [no12st] Agent O. S. N. Co.

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 BREEZ LUNCH Every day and Evening. oc21st JOHN RINDLAUB.

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Watchmaker and Jeweler, MAIN STREET, DALLES, (NEXT DOOR TO THE ASSAY OFFICE.)

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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.

JOSEPH ELFELT,

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Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods. Fire-proof Stone Store, corner of Main and Court Streets. oc41st

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.

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. M. A. O. PAYNE, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. 141st

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

GATES & HAFT,

Attorneys & Counsellors at Law, DALLES, OREGON.