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PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS ON THE SETTLEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE COLUMBIA BASIN.

It will readily be perceived that, if a tithe of the vast amount of gold and silver which has been taken out of the mines of the Columbia Basin, in the last five years, had been invested in live-stock, and turned upon the grasses growing on the hills and valleys adjacent to them, this country would now be in prosperous circumstances. Money would be plenty, and the growth of manufacturing establishments would have fairly commenced. Many persons having made thousands of dollars in the mines, and lost or spent them in foolish speculations and still more foolish dissipations, could have placed themselves on the high road to fortune by investing the money which fortune threw in their way, in sheep, cattle and horses.

Taking the prosperous community of Walla Walla as a sample, we can see that by locating one hundred and sixty acres of choice lands, which cost nothing under the provisions of the Homestead Law, the settler gets hold of a property which in three or four years comes to be worth thousands of dollars. If he goes earnestly to work to improve the land which the liberality of the Government has given to him, he may at a trifling expense put out orchards and vineyards, produce nine-tenths of the provisions necessary for himself and family, and with even a limited start in live-stock, a few years sees him a man of wealth and leisure. Experience promises no such good fortune to the man who gives way to that unreasonable lust of gold, which is at once destructive of mind and body.

In the range of every man's acquaintance in this country, are many miners who have accumulated much money in the mines, who would now have been rich men by simply investing in this line of business. By so doing they would have taken hold of a certainty, and instead of following an exhausting and laborious employment, would be engaged in an occupation requiring only moderate exertion, and which is above all others, conducive to health and long life. This matter recommends itself particularly to the attention of men who are now engaged in mining operations, and making money thereby. When there are several persons engaged together, who propose to keep on mining for a number of years, they will see that by the investment of their earnings in live-stock, they have placed money so as to make the largest possible gains with the best of all securities. It will give rise to the reflection that, when they have thrown down the implements of mining at night, they have money placed in a speculation where it is growing when they are sleeping, or weather bound to their cabins.

The great lack of all mining communities is some safe place of investment. Millions of dollars have been squandered by mining adventures, simply because no promising enterprise presented itself for the outlay of their money. Suppose that there was a field of the kind we mention, and that it is brought to the knowledge of men who have been successful in the mines, they will at once have an incentive to economy, for this notion obtains a place in their minds as soon as a cumulation begins.

There is nothing more destructive to man, in a business point of view, than having in possession large sums of money for which he finds no proper employment. It always results in habit of extravagance, or the growth of a miserly principle in a man's nature, and either one is alike injurious in a moral point of view, and an injury to the community from the effects of the example. Any miner who looks beyond his present laborious and exhausting mode of life, to days of future ease and comfort, will find in the great central plain of the Columbia Basin a field for stock-raising operations unequalled on the habitable globe; containing advantages of climate, markets, manufacturing facilities and agricultural locations, which only need to be studied to be fully appreciated. The whole country is before him, and his choice is only limited to an unoccupied area of three times the size of the great State of New York. On the waters of the Palouse, on the Columbia above Priest's

Rapids, and particularly in the section north and west of the Columbia, he will find the most convenient and easily improved locations, and the finest climate. If he wishes to contrast the degree of comfort respectively enjoyed by the miner and farmer, he will do well to visit Walla Walla and observe the effects of five years of moderate exertion. In that place he will also have an opportunity to contrast the relative financial prospects of the farmer and miner, and this will convince him of the advantages of the method of life we recommend. After a practical lesson of this kind, most men will be anxious to secure similar chances in life, and they need not hunt far to find them.

THE POLICY OF FORBEARANCE.—Joseph Holt, who was Mr. Buchanan's Secretary of War, and is now chief of the Bureau of Military Justice, recently wrote a letter in reply to the aspersions of Montgomery Blair, upon his conduct while Secretary of War. Mr. Blair charged Judge Holt with making "an arrangement" with the rebels in relation to reinforcing and provisioning Fort Sumter. In reply he says:

I affirm most solemnly that I never made, or was in any manner a party to an "armistice with the rebel secretary." I never signed, or was in any way a party to an "agreement that no act of war would take place on the part of the United States during Mr. Buchanan's term;" nor do I believe that any such agreement with Davis, or anybody else, signed by the Secretary of the Navy, was authorized by Mr. Buchanan, or ever existed. I assert positively, that there never was a day, during the period referred to, when the President was not perfectly free to perform his duty, and his whole duty, in defense of the forts and other property of the United States, and to open fire from the forts whenever, in his judgment, their safety demanded it. There never was an hour when the guns of Sumter were "unmuzzled" by any "agreement" or compact on the part of the President or his Secretaries, or by their authority, or either of them. That the batteries around Sumter were not fired upon while in course of construction was because the President shrunk from the dread responsibility of inaugurating civil war, and deemed forbearance his duty; not because he was restrained by any agreement or understanding whatever. Looking at the glorious results of the war, and remembering how wondrously Providence has dealt with us in its progress, and how sublimely the firing upon, instead of from Fort Sumter, served to arouse, instruct and unite the nation, and to inflame its martial and patriotic spirit, we stand awe struck and mute, and that man would be bold indeed, who, in the presence of all that has occurred, should now venture to maintain that the policy of forbearance was not, at the moment, the true policy.

A TEAM loaded with paper and ink for the *Union Volante*, at Salt Lake City, was lately robbed, on the road from the Missouri River, and the men with the team, the draft animals, paper and ink, are all missing. The *Volante* is forced to arrive at the conclusion that the villainy was perpetrated by Mormon Danites.

LAUNCHED.—We have news from Co'ville that Capt. L. White had launched the steamer built at that place, and would proceed on his trip of exploration up the river, on or before the first of December. The boat was looked upon as a perfect success.

A CHANGE.—Friend Schutz has bought out Mr. Lauer's interest in the Jackson Saloon, and intends "running the machine" on his account. He will please accept the thanks of the printers for a copious supply of champagne.

APPROXIMATE.—Parties desirous of obtaining land and some furniture at a bargain, should attend the Auction to-morrow, at the residence of J. W. Miller, corner of Second and Federal street.

The returns from the special election in Grant county have been forwarded to the Secretary of State, and we have been unable to learn the result officially.

Jas. D. Axtew, (Dem.) has been elected Representative to the Idaho Legislature from Ada county, to fill a vacancy.

Jas. L. Orr, it is said, is elected Governor of South Carolina and not Wade Hampton, as a fifth report.

Dr. GUNBY returned to this city on Thursday last, after an absence of several weeks on a professional tour in the upper country.

QUINCY A. BROOKS has been duly qualified special agent of the P. O. Department, for Oregon, Idaho and Washington territories.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Thursday evening at 7 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.

Dissolution Notice.
THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between A. LAUER and E. SCHUTZ, under the name of Lauer & Schutz, in the Jackson Saloon, is this day dissolved by mutual consent, Mr. Lauer having sold out his interest to E. Schutz, who will continue the business on his own account. All debts due the late firm will be paid to E. Schutz, who will settle all liabilities.
A. LAUER.
E. SCHUTZ.
Dalles, Dec. 1st, 1865.

Thankful for past patronage, the undersigned would respectfully inform his friends that he will ever be found at the old stand ready to dispense his choice liquors to them.
E. SCHUTZ.

Desirable Property for Sale.
WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY December 5th, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the handsome PRIVATE RESIDENCE on Union Street, near Main, lately occupied by Wm. H. New II, Esq. The lot fronts 50 feet on Union Street by a depth of 120 feet, and is in all respects a most desirable location. If not sold previously at private sale, it will be sold at Public Auction, on the day above stated. Particulars to be had on application to JOHN WILLIAMS, Auctioneer, de23t 100 Main Street.

AUCTION!
I will sell at Public Auction, Monday, December 4, at 10 a. m. at the residence of J. W. MILLER, Esq., on SECOND STREET, near FEDERAL, all the Household and Kitchen Furniture on said premises consisting of Sofas, Chairs, Tables, Beds, Bedsteads, Bedding, China, Glass and Crockery, Curtains, Shades, Cutlery, Cooking and Parlor Stoves, Looking Glasses, Pictures, &c., &c. This sale will be worthy of the attention of all who desire a good outfit for housekeeping. Sale positive, as the owner is about to remove from the city. de13t JOHN WILLIAMS, Auctioneer.

SELLING OFF AT COST, FOR THIRTY DAYS LONGER!! LAST CHANCE!

MESSRS. COHN & BOHM would hereby inform their customers and the public at large, that they will continue to sell AT COST, for thirty days longer in order to give one a chance to make presents for the Holidays. We will sell the balance of our stock, consisting of Rich Black Silks, Gents' Cloaks, Beaver Coats, Dress Coats, Pants, Embroideries, Hats & Caps, &c., &c., &c., &c. Without Freight and Expenses. This will be the last chance to get bargains, prior to closing the concern. COHN & BOHM. N.B. All Bills must be paid by the First of January 1866. If not settled within that time, the same will be placed in legal hands. de11t

NOTICE
IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Co-partnership heretofore existing between E. C. HARDY, C. L. MITCHELL and F. W. THOMPSON, doing a mercantile business in this place, under the name of E. C. Hardy & Co., is this day dissolved by mutual consent, and hereafter the business of said firm will be conducted by E. C. Hardy, who alone is authorized to collect and settle the accounts of said firm.
E. C. HARDY.
C. L. MITCHELL.
F. W. THOMPSON
Snoo-wille, Grant Co., Oregon, Nov. 13, 1865. n29:1m

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! TOYS!
FOR TOYS AND FANCY GOODS
For the Holidays, we recommend all dealers in that line to the BASKET AND TOY EMPORIUM of THUMAUER & ZUIN, 320 and 322 Battery Street, San Francisco. n28:3m

Dissolution Notice
THE FIRM OF J. W. MILLER & CO. have this day disposed of the real estate stock in this city to Messrs. Bunnell & Miller, who will continue the business at the same stand. Mr. Thomas Miller is authorized to settle all liabilities and collect all debts due. All persons knowing themselves indebted will please come forward and settle and save costs. J. W. MILLER & Co. Dalles City, Nov. 23, 1865. n23:1f

SELLING OFF!! BELOW COST!!
The entire remaining stock of WATCHES, JEWELRY, CLOCKS, SILVER & PLATED WARE. Must be disposed of within the next thirty days, REGARDLESS OF COST. Call and examine the stock, buy your presents now, and forthwith, and it will be at a saving of at least FIFTY PER CENT.
At W. M. BIRNBAUM'S Jewelry Store, Main Street, next door to the Post Office. n25:1f

To the Tax-payer of Wasco County.
SHERIFF AND T. X. 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 persons' 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. (n-15-2:1)

AUCTION AND COMMISSION.
JOHN WILLIAMS, AUCTIONEER, No. 100, Main Street, Dalles City.
WILL ATTEND TO THE SELLING AT AUCTION of General Merchandise, Real Estate, Groceries, Horses, New and Second Hand Furniture, Stocks, &c., &c. Regular Sales Day—Saturday. Out-door and Special Sales attended to during part of the city.
Liberal Advances made on Consignments. n10:3m JOHN WILLIAMS, Auctioneer.
N. H. GATES, A. A. HART, GATES & HART, Attorneys & Counsellors at Law, DALLES, OREGON.

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B. M. DURELL & CO, Idaho City
MAJOR SPEER, Rocky Bar (South Boise)
DURELL & MOORE, Ruby and Silver Cities
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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., n:6:1f Cor. Main and Washington streets, Dalles.

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. THE STEAMERS "ONEONTA" or "IDAHO," CAPT. J. McNULTY, 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, for Portland. W. B. BRADFORD, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. [n:1:1f] Agent U. S. N. Co.

REMOVAL.

J. GOETZ, Dalles. F. KOKNIGSBERGER, San Francisco.

J. GOETZ & CO., TOBACCONISTS,

Have removed to Rudio's New Stone Building, Washington Street, near French & Gilman's, and have opened a well-assorted stock of HAYANA and DOME-TIG SEGARS, VIRGINIA and WESTERN TOBACCO, FRENCH and SCOTCH SNUFF, BIERECHAUM and other PIPES, PLAYING CARDS, SPORTING GOODS, INDIAN and FANCY GOODS, &c., &c. The trade supplied at LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

NOTICE.

F. S. HOLLAND is MY AUTHORIZED AGENT, and 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 pay costs, as he has orders to collect. F. A. O. PAYNE, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. 147f

DR. B. W. MITCHELL, OFFICE—WALDRON'S BUILDING. RESIDENCE—Corner of Third and Washington Street