

Daily Mountaineer.

FRIDAY MORNING, DEC. 15, 1865.

The New York Independent says that Judge Taney's memory is infamous. It is infamously said by that paper.

The diamond excitement at Owyhee is raging violently. It is reported that several have been found.

By careful computation, the Washington Star has found that for every column of news it has from Philadelphia it has to publish at least two columns of contradictions.

Mrs. LINCOLN has acknowledged the receipt of \$3,048, the contribution of the people of Rhode Island to the Lincoln Testimonial Fund.

The story that thumb-screws were applied to Dr. Mudd at the Dry Tortugas, to extort a confession of his accomplices in his attempt to escape is fully contradicted.

BLONDIN, the funambulist, is said to be a deserter from the French army. If he should return to his native land it is thought he might give the public a tight-rope performance somewhat different from the one at Niagara Falls.

HAGER, a Democrat, was elected at a special election to fill a senatorial vacancy in San Francisco, on the 25th of last month. The aggregate vote was under 7,000, and the Unionists ran two candidates. The Democracy could have beaten them if they had put up half-a-dozen.

The exact merits of the "ruction" between Colonel O'Mahoney and the Fenian Senate are not known to the public. An investigation would probably show that both are in the wrong, and neither was conscious of the exact causes which led to the difference.

The negroes in Texas are anxious to have spelling-books distributed among them. To do the colored people justice, they should not only be permitted to learn, but encouraged in doing so. It is a scandal to American civilization that so many whites and four millions of blacks are allowed to remain ignorant of letters.

PATRIOTIC.—Gen. Beauregard says that he would rather live in poverty and obscurity in the United States, than affluence and high official position in any other country. This is simply a paraphrase of a remark made by a rebel, two years ago, to this effect: "I would rather be a bob-tailed, yaller dog in Dixie's land than a Major-General in Abe Lincoln's army."

A COMBINATION was recently formed in New York among theatrical managers to take away their advertising and job work from the Herald. This combination is falling to pieces, as the proscribed paper made it so disagreeable for the actors that they advertised in that paper on their own account, which was a practical abandonment of the contest.

SOUTH BOISE NEWS.—A correspondent of the World writes from South Boise that Waddingham's 40-stamp mill will not be finished this winter. Waddingham has been running the 10-stamp mill purchased of Col. O'Neal, with excellent results.

The machinery of the Lander Company, which was brought overland from the States, is arriving. It consists of two batteries of five stamps each.

Since August last the Victor Company has taken out gold enough to pay the cost of all the machinery in use, and the running expenses.

The failure of the mill of the New York and Idaho Company on Red Warrior to pay is attributed to the officers. One of these gentlemen more particularly is getting numerous "bleatings" from all concerned.

Benson & Harris' mill, on Red Warrior, would start to running about the first of December. They have struck a lode of seven feet width, several hundred feet under ground, and the prospects are extremely favorable.

Rasey Biven & Co. have started a tunnel on Red Warrior which will intersect a number of rich lodes at great depth. Over 100 feet has been run, and the work is pushed right along.

THE TAXATION OR SALE OF THE GOLD AND SILVER MINES.

On the 8th of November, a convention of those holding mining interests in Colorado was held at Central City, and action of very great importance taken in regard to their relations to the General Government. The following preamble and resolutions indicate the spirit of the convention:

WHEREAS, Various propositions have recently been presented to Congress, foreshadowing a change in the policy of the Government, in regard to our mines, looking to the realization of immediate revenue rather than their rapid discovery and permanent and successful development, and

WHEREAS, There is great danger that such legislation may tend to cripple rather than to encourage our mining interests. Therefore,

Resolved, By this meeting of miners and other citizens of Colorado Territory,

1. That we respectfully protest against the application of any system of Tenantry to the operation of our mines.

2. That we respectfully ask Congress to pass a law, giving in fee simple, under proper regulations, at least one thousand lineal feet of each lode to such person as shall hereafter discover and develop the same.

3. That we ask that the miners' titles to the mines already discovered, as at present held by them, be confirmed by Congress.

4. That we ask for the establishment of a Mining Bureau in the Interior Department of the Government, and that Geological Surveys of our mineral regions may be provided for.

A memorial to Congress was drafted, which sets forth the facts in regard to the mines and the mining tenures in very strong language, and treats the questions connected thereto with considerable originality of thought. The best point made is this: All other productive employments can collect in part or in whole, their taxes by increased prices for their productions, but the miner alone has his to pay without any possibility of recovery by increase of the value of his products. It is also very justly and truthfully represented that a tax on bullion, without any consideration as to whether it was profitably extracted, would tend to stop those mining enterprises which are barely making their way; and thus, many projects of vast prospective importance would be stopped before they could reach the degree of development requisite to render them profitable to the operators.

In regard to the sale of the mines by arbitrary divisions, the memorial shows its impracticability, by reason of the nature of quartz mines. Thus: a lode which is now being worked with a great dip, in any particular direction, is likely to pitch on to the land of another who had no merit in the discovery of the mine, but who bought lands on speculation, and waited for better men to develop them. Where there are no discoveries the sale of lands would produce little or no revenue, simply because nobody wants to buy a remote chance at a great price; and the value being according to lineal feet, with a certain thickness of vein, the usual subdivisions would fail to answer in the survey of lands. Sometimes, where lodes crossed each other, it would be impossible for the government to regulate ownership without flagrant injustice to individuals.

The government has encouraged the development of agricultural districts, by liberal donations of land to those who will improve them. The results are a substantial benefit to both the government and individuals. It would seem as if the mining population had an equitable claim on the government for the same generous treatment, and the result cannot but be similarly advantageous to all concerned.

ICE IN THE RIVER.—The steamer Idaho, for the Cascades, was compelled to abandon the downward trip yesterday on account of running ice in the Columbia. Unless there is a very great change in the temperature of the eastern side of the Columbia Basin, the river will close at once. The ice which blocks up the river is generally formed in the section between Priest's Rapids and the Little Dalles, near Colville, and it is the state of the weather in that direction which will determine how much longer the river is to remain open.

A photographer of Cleveland, Ohio, is about to explore the Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, for the purpose of taking views of its interior, by the aid of chemical lights.

There will be a meeting of Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. F., this evening, at 6 1/2 o'clock. A full attendance is requested. By order. N. G.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. F.— Meets every Friday 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.

AUCTION SALE.

I WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON SATURDAY, December 16th, at 10 o'clock, at the Store, No. 100 Main Street, a large assortment of Household Furniture consisting of Bedsteads, Cooking Stoves, Carpets, Gases, Pictures, Paintings, Tables, China, Crockery, Lamps, Candlesticks, Cutlery, 1 Mahogany Parlor Sofa, Chairs, Tables, 1 Rosewood Parlor set. I will also sell the contents of a Bar Room (removed for convenience of sale). These goods are all worthy the attention of purchasers. d152 JOHN WILLIAMS, Auctioneer.

FIREMEN'S BALL!

GIVEN BY JACKSON ENGINE COMPANY AT CHAPIN'S HALL, ON Monday Evening, December 25.

THE MEMBERS OF JACKSON ENGINE COMPANY would respectfully announce that they have decided to give a Grand Holiday Ball, and that they will spare no pains to make it the grandest affair of the season.

TICKETS, \$5 00.

To be had of members of the Company and at the door on the evening of the Ball. Parties desiring carriages to convey ladies to and from the hall, will please give their names to the Committee of Arrangements.

RECEPTION COMMITTEE: A. W. Buchanan, E. A. Liebe, G. W. Waldacn, J. Halloran, L. Chapin, H. Whittimore, F. Wyckman.

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ISAAC F. BLOCH, San Francisco. C. S. MILLER, Sig. 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., mydtf 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, to Portland. W. B. BRADFORD, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. [n12tf] Agent O. S. N. Co.

ORDINANCE No. 37.

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AN ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR POLICEMEN AND NIGHT WATCH, PASSED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF DALLES CITY, MAY 20, 1865. The People of Dalles City do ordain as follows: That Section Two of said Ordinance be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the following be instead thereof. SECTION 2. The Common Council shall appoint two or more policemen, who shall take and subscribe to an oath to well and faithfully perform the duties of Policemen and night watch, according to law and the best of their abilities, and which said number of Policemen may be increased from time to time, whenever in their judgment the peace and safety of the city may require such increase; and said Policemen shall be under the direction of the City Marshal in performing their respective duties, and he shall assign, from time to time, each of said policemen or night watch, their respective wards of the city, and shall report to the Common Council any violation or neglect of duty of any of said policemen or watchmen, and shall report to said Common Council all misconduct and incompetency of any of said police or watchmen, and if upon such report or said City Marshal, the charges are found to be correct and true, it shall be the duty of said Common Council to forthwith discharge such delinquents from service and appoint others in their place. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the 15th day of December, 1865. Passed the Common Council of Dalles City, December 8th, 1865. N. H. GATES, Mayor. Attest: F. S. HOLLAND, Recorder. de105t

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, Rich Poplins, Dress Coats, Clocks, Pants, Shawls, Embroideries, Dry Goods, Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes, Ac., Ac., Ac., Ac.

AT SAN FRANCISCO COST,

Without Freight and Expns. 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. del1f

REMOVAL.

J. GOETZ, Dalles. F. KOENIGSBERGER, 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 HAVANA and DOMESTIC SEGARS, VIRGINIA and WESTERN TOBACCO, FRENCH and SCOTCH SNUFF, MEERSCHAUM and other PIPES, PLAYING CARDS, SPORTING GOODS, INDIAN and FANCY GOODS, Ac., Ac. The trade supplied at LOWEST MARKET PRICES.

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

SKATES! SKATES!! An Invoice of SKATES

Just received by d5tf J. GOETZ & CO., Washington Street, near French & Gilman.