

Daily Mountaineer

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THE BITTER ROOT VALLEY, HELL-GATE RONDE, AND THE TRADE OF THE COLUMBIA RIVER.

There are settled in the Bitter Root Valley and Hellgate Ronde, about six hundred civilized human beings, allowing that there has been a small accession to the population this fall. The agricultural lands designated by these two names, ought more properly to be called Bitter Root Valley, alone, as there is no division between them—Hellgate Ronde being simply the lower part of the alluvial lands extending along the Bitter Root River, sometimes called by the names Missoula and St. Mary's. These lands extend from the direction of Big Hole "divide" towards the north, with a slight westerly direction, for about eighty miles along the river, and have an average width of from four to seven miles. Probably one-third of the lands included in the river valley are susceptible of a high state of improvement. The stock-range, out on the rolling grounds, is only equalled by that north of the Columbia River from this place, and is not surpassed in any country. For its northern location and considerable elevation above the level of the sea, the climate is mild, being but little colder than Walla Walla Valley, with, however, a somewhat longer winter.

The supply of the Montana flour-market will be largely drawn from this section, and under the stimulus of continued high prices, the arable lands must soon be entirely occupied for settlement. The trade of this agricultural district, may for the present prove less remunerative than that of the mines, but it will endure after the mines are exhausted, and will become more valuable as the other trade declines.

The particular immediate necessity of the Bitter Root country is a good supply of agricultural implements. The scarcity of these and superior seed-wheat and oats was, last year, a serious drawback to the prosperity of the farmers. The grasshopper plague was another, and the ravages committed by them deprived the producers of one-third of their crops.

The Oregon woolen goods, and, in general, the supplies from this side are in great request among the settlers, and the idea of trading with the importers of the Pacific slope is looked upon with much favor. In this trade the steamboat building at Pen d'Oreille Lake will find sufficient employment, and through it the merchants will gather a large portion of the gold products of Montana, with as much profit and more safety than if they supplied the mines directly from our own fields. It is very reasonable to anticipate that in three years from the present the Bitter Root Valley and the Jocko country, which comes under the same range of probabilities and conditions, will contain a productive population of five thousand souls; to which may be added nearly one thousand Flathead and Pen d'Oreille Indians, whose trade will be nearly or quite as valuable as that of the whites, as to population. It is also possible to divert a considerable portion of the fur trade, which is an important element in the Montana trade, to this side. This will appear the more feasible, when we consider that the furs largely seek a market in China, and if brought down the Columbia will be carried directly towards the point of consumption; while, by the route down the Missouri River, they find the way to market by a circuitous and very expensive means of transportation.

The route adapted to the supply of that country from this side, is not yet definitely fixed. For the present, the Pen d'Oreille Lake road is in favor. Next year the Mullan Road will pretty certainly be opened, and will take a large share of the summer travel, while the Southern Nez Perces Trail, by Elk City, will always be used to supply all the upper portion of the Bitter Root Valley in those articles which can be packed on mules and horses. For purposes of mail and express communication, and winter travel, the struggle will be between the Pen d'Oreille and Mullan routes.

In grasping the trade to this country, it is best to depend on private enterprise and exertion in opening up the routes, and on the practical men to decide which they prefer to use for trade or travel. Sooner or later all such questions resolve themselves, without argument. By one of the routes we have named, we are sure there will be an immense trade for all time to come.

CIRCUIT COURT PROCEEDINGS.

Jones, convicted of forgery, was sentenced to seven years in State's prison; three other indictments against Jones were dismissed, the prisoner having been already sentenced to State's prison. State vs. Trickle—larceny—plea of guilty entered, and upon statement of the circumstances, the prisoner was sentenced to one year's imprisonment in the penitentiary, and the property stolen ordered to be returned to the owner, Alby. State vs. Hewitt—selling liquor—plead guilty, and fined \$60 and costs. Stringer vs. Heller—slander—held, that the words charged not being actionable in themselves, and no special damage being done there was no cause of action; judgment for defendant. Silvia vs. Tompkins—damages—trial by jury; verdict for defendant; motion for new trial interposed. Hake vs. Neyce—motion to dismiss appeal—held that judgment given upon a demurrer is such an one as may be appealed from; no certificate of an attorney, setting forth errors needed in an appeal from County or Justice's court. Drew vs. Dalles City—continued for testimony. Miller vs. Neyce—withdrawn at plaintiff's cost. Ray vs. Ray—divorce—continued for testimony. Lange vs. Lange—divorce—continued for testimony. Besserer vs. Besserer—divorce—decree at plaintiff's costs Shipman vs. Shipman—divorce—decree for desertion, name changed, at defendant's costs. Fulton vs. Logan—continued for hearing at chambers, January 15, 1866. Lowsdale vs. Ankeny et al—continued on report of referee, for hearing Feb. 1st, 1866. Salvator Maltese, Richard Brookhouse, and Francis Fitzgerald were admitted as citizens of the United States.

SECRETARY McCULLOCH ON THE PRESIDENT. In a recent speech at Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Secretary of the Treasury made some remarks in regard to the character of the President, which we copy:

Trying and difficult as is his situation, Mr. Johnson is master of it. He possesses, in an eminent degree, the qualities that fit him for the presidency at the present time. A southern man, thoroughly acquainted with the effects of slavery upon society, he knows how to deal with southern men in their present circumstances. Ardently attached to Tennessee, the love which he bears to his State is entirely subordinate to that which he bears to the Union. Jealous of state rights, he is equally jealous of the rights of the general government. A radical and uncompromising enemy of nullification, secession and every form of disloyalty, he is equally an enemy to every measure which, in his judgment, are calculated, by depriving the States of their just rights under the Constitution, to convert the general government into a despotism. Raised in slave States, and until recently a slave-holder, he has never had any love for slavery, and has always been the opponent of the aristocracy that was based upon it. By nature and by education, he is just the man for the great work of re-establishing the federal authority over the recent rebellious States. And he has taken hold of the work with a devotion, an energy and prudence that promises the best results. He is a man, also, of excellent judgment and great singleness of purpose. Honest himself, he expects honesty in others. Although long in public life, and a leading politician of his own school, he is in no sense a partisan. Unassuming in manners, he is yet self-possessed and dignified. He listens to the advice of those in whose judgment he has confidence, but acts upon his own convictions, and generally according to his first impressions. With great decision of character, he is never hasty in action. Stern and unyielding in his adherence to principle and duty, he is a man of kindly and gentle emotions. Having by his own indomitable energy fought his way up from a low to a high estate, he is in hearty sympathy with those who are treading the same upward path. He is, in a word, a clear-headed, upright, energetic, self-relying statesman; a dignified, courteous and kind-hearted gentleman. His administration will be characterized by all the force and energy and independence of Jackson's, with very little of its partisan character.

ALARM ON THE COAST OF IRELAND.—While the Fenian excitement was at its highest in Ireland, the appearance of steamers in several of the western harbors of the Kingdom, driven in by stress of weather, caused a panic among the government people of the most absurd character. This encouraged the Fenians to believe that Col. O'Mahony was about to loose the dogs of war and go into the fight in earnest. When the truth became known, the despondency of the revolutionists was very great, and the elation of the authorities unbounded. During the panic many of the Fenians committed themselves by imprudent observations and actions and it really turned out a benefit to the government, by showing the officers of the crown where the disaffected characters were to be found.

MARRIED.

In Dalles City, by Rev. T. Condon, Mr. Wm. B. Bunt to Miss Helen K. Young, of Portland. Compliments received.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. G. 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.

COAL OIL. A FEW GALLONS OF DEVON'S COAL OIL For Sale at ABRAHAMSON & KOHLBERG'S.

FOUND. AN IVORY TWO-FOOT RULE. The owner can have the same by applying at this office and paying for this advertisement.

BLACK LIST. JOHN TOLLS, a teamster, has paid me Fourteen Dollars in GREENBACKS, AT PAR, for goods purchased of me last January, at Coin Rates. Business men will do well to be careful how they trust such men. J. JUKER.

SANTA CLAUS Has arrived with a large stock of Christmas & New Year Presents

- Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions, Walking Dolls, Musical Instrument, Rubber Dolls, Guns & Drums, Albums, Pocket Cutlery, Candles, Tobacco, Fruits, Cigars, and a large stock of DRESSED BABIES.

All those wishing to make a cheap and handsome Present will please give us a call. There is also a lady in attendance. Miss Vogt, who will be ever ready to attend to the wants of her lady patrons.

Call and see the Curiosities At [d17h] VOGT'S TOY STORE.

AN IMPORTANT PROCLAMATION!!

A GENERAL INVITATION IS EXTENDED to all the ladies and gentlemen to call at the Jewelry Store of William Birnbaum, and examine his Stock, before the Holidays.

Christmas & Holiday Presents.

In order to close the entire business against the first day of January, the undersigned offers for sale his handsome and valuable stock of

- WATCHES, DIAMONDS, JEWELRY, CLOCKS, FANCY GOODS & CUTLERY, and all other goods in his line, suitable for Holiday Presents. BELOW FIRST COST. The Goods will be warranted as First Class articles or the money will be refunded after purchased. Ladies and Gentlemen give the above notice your earliest attention, and call soon at the store of WM. BIRNBAUM, Main Street, next door to the Post Office.

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 ball, will please give their names to the Committee of Arrangements. No invitations will be issued.

- RECEPTION COMMITTEE: A. W. Buchanan, G. A. Liebe, G. W. Waldron, J. Halloran, L. Whittmore, L. Chapin, F. Wyckman, FLOOR MANAGERS:

HOLIDAY GIFTS!!

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J. JUKER

HAS JUST RECEIVED AND DISPLAYED AT HIS OLD VARIETY STORE,

MAIN STREET, OPPOSITE THE UMATILLA HOUSE, A Large and Extensive assortment of

FANCY GOODS, TOYS, &C.,

Suitable to make Christmas and New Years Presents to Ladies, Gentlemen or Children. J. JUKER has something for all, and respectfully invites his friends and the public generally, to call and examine his Varieties. d17m

74. WM. BROWN WARNER, M. D. OFFICE—74 SECOND STREET, between Washington and Court.

OFFICE HOURS—9 to 12 A. M.; 2 to 4 P. M.; and 6 to 10, P. M.

SKATES! SKATES!! An Invoice of SKATES Just received by J. GOETZ & CO., Washington Street, near French & Gillman.

IRAAK 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., my66f Cor. Main and Washington streets, Dalles.

Oregon Steam Navigation Co. WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON AND AFTER MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15th 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, Commanding, Will leave DALLES, DAILY (Sundays excepted) at 6 o'clock, A. M., connecting, by the CASCADE RAILROAD, with the steamer

"NEW WORLD" or "CASCADES,"

CAPT. J. WOLF, Commanding, for Portland. W. B. BRADFORD, Dalles, Nov. 13, 1865. [n12if] Agent O. S. N. Co.

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, Boots & Shoes, Hats & Caps, &c., &c., &c., &c.

AT SAN FRANCISCO COST,

Without Freight and Exp'ts. 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. setf.

REMOVAL.

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

J. GOETZ & CO., TOBACCONISTS,

Have removed to Rudio's New Stone Building, Washington Street, near French & Gillman'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 PA. CY GOODS, &c., &c.

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. n283m

J. W. GURLEY, DENTIST,

Main St., Dalles, Oregon. WOULD RESPECTFULLY INFORM the citizens of this place and vicinity, that having returned from a professional tour through the mines, he has again resumed the practice of DENTISTRY, in the room formerly occupied by him, in the building occupied by Wood & Butler, Photograph Artists, and adjoining Waldron Bros' Drug Store. He takes this method of extending thanks, for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to him, and solicits a continuance of the same.

LIST OF PRICES.

- Entire Denture on Gold Base..... \$180 to \$225 " Upper Denture, Gold Base..... 90 " 120 " Denture, Vulcanite Base..... 70 " 125 " Upper Denture, Vulcanite Base..... 35 " 65 Gold Fillings inserted from one dollar upward. Children's Teeth extracted free of charge. sel34f

Dissolution Notice.

THE FIRM OF J. W. MILLER & CO. have this day disposed of their entire 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. 23d, 1865. n231f