

Snow has fallen very heavily at Walla Walla. It is at one time near two feet on a level.

There had been a light fall of snow in the Valley, on the 7th of December. The winter was mild.

On the low lands in the Nez Percés country the weather has been very moderate during the month.

POVERTY-STRIKEN *hombre* is the refined title of rendering the Poorman ledge, by New York speculators, at Owyhee.

Some obstreperous members of the Idaho Council went "out to stand." They were brought up all standing by the Sergeant-at-Arms, and brought back to their seats, when they went to work to perform their duties.

The Waddingham Gold and Silver Mining Company, at South Boise, has cleaned up \$200 at a single run of a ten stamp mill. This is about one half per cent. on the capital stock of \$600,000.

Six days of thawing weather have failed to make much impression on the ice and snow. At the present rate, these two evidences of the sovereignty of winter will appear about the middle June.

Express.—Wells, Fargo & Co. will run a weekly express to Walla Walla, until the river opens. Thomas & Co.'s stages have come on the line from the Dalles to that place, and will run through once a week during the freeze up.

The Central City Register says that Chief Justice B. F. Hall, late of Colorado, died at his home in Auburn, N. Y., a few weeks since. He is said to be from inordinate drinking. The Judge graduated in a good school for the law—Denver city.

THANKS.—Messrs Waldron & Co., present us on Christmas day with a beautifully bound volume, entitled "Great Truths by Great Authors," which is a most useful book of reference. Such gifts are always highly appreciated.

In England the courts have made a rule that a breach of promise of marriage cannot be proved unless the promise was in writing, and the document may be offered in testimony. This is important to the females who ought to know their rights, in order to be able to maintain them.

A SOCIAL HOUR.—We had the pleasure of spending a very social hour, in company with others, at the Mount Hood Saloon, on Christmas day. Mr. Frank M. Hunt, the proprietor, gave his friends an elegant supper, to which was done elegant justice. Wine flowed freely, and from the conversation that followed, one might exclaim—

"Blest be those feasts with simply plenty crowned,
Where all the ruddy banquets round
Laugh at the jest or pranks that ever fall,
Or sigh with pity at some fearful tale,
Or press the bashful stranger to his food,
And learn the luxury of going good."

IDAHO LEGISLATURE.—The following are the members for the House of Representatives for the 9th inst.: Speaker, Alex. Blakely, of Idaho County; Chief Clerk, Fred. W. Bell; Assistant Clerk, R. H. Lindsay; Sergeant-at-Arms, Wm. Stewart; Enrolling Clerk, J. Henry Baker; Engrossing Clerk, J. J. McConnel; Doorkeeper, J. Shay; Page, C. W. Le Burr. The Officers of the Council are: E. Bohannon, President; C. C. Dudley, Chief Clerk; Enrolling Clerk, H. B. Lane; Engrossing Clerk, Wm. King; Sergeant-at-Arms, B. M. Anderson; Doorkeeper, Cole; Page, R. Gillespie.

INDIAN RAID ON SNAKE RIVER.—The settlers on Snake river, says the Idaho Statesman of the 9th inst., have been the recipients of another visit from the poor red man. Messrs. Carty & Stanley, traders, were ranching their stock on the other side of the river between Washoe and Boise ferries, and had thirty-four head of horses run off last Sunday night. Eight men had gone in pursuit. A man by the name of Gordon was also captured and murdered on Willow Creek, about three miles beyond the Malheur. Gordon left Boise city about a month ago, driving a large team for McCleary. Owing to the presence of suspicious characters in that neighborhood, he was supposed to have been killed by white men—road agents.

MONTANA AFFAIRS.—We condense from the Montana Post of the 25th November:

On the 23d two men were found banging in Dry Gulch, near Helena. Their names are not given. A stage and express line is to be put on from Virginia City to Hellgate Roads. Parties are arrested in Montana and bound over for dealing "three card monte." Those who "buck" against it are also liable to punishment.

Teams from the Missouri frontier, continue to arrive with goods.

A fleet of twenty six Mackinaw boats (with five hundred returning miners) which started down the Yellow Stone River in September, has been heard from at Fort Sully, on the Missouri. The party descended the river eight hundred and thirty miles, according to Lewis and Clark's computation, and found that it was not fitted for steamboat navigation for more than two hundred miles from its mouth. Over six hundred miles is badly broken up by shoals and rapids.

A commission, consisting of Gens. Sibley and Curtis, Col. E. B. Taylor, Rev. H. W. Reed, Mr. O. Guernsey, and Gov. Edmonds, of Dacotah, was at Fort Sully, with a view to treating with the Indians. Arrangements have been made with many bands, and a general pacification is looked for. The councils have been very interesting. They were held in a large tent inside the inclosure of Fort Sully. The chiefs and head men of each tribe—dressed in their council dresses, which consist generally of highly ornamented buffalo robes and head dresses to correspond—entered upon the business of the council with a good deal of ceremony, and conducted their part of it with great gravity and decorum. They spoke with great earnestness, using a good deal of gesticulation, and more deliberation than, with so much apparent excitement, one would deem possible. The council with the "Two-Kettle" band of Sioux, on account of the disagreement among themselves, was the most interesting and protracted. One of their speakers, an old man, called "Two Lances," made a speech of two hours duration, in which he enumerated with great force the reasons for their hostility to the whites. "You," said he "wish us to plant corn. God gave us the Heavens and the earth—the buffalo and the little stick. We use the little stick to kill the buffalo. We have always done it. We have planted corn, and when the frost did not destroy it, the white man generally did. We had rather hunt the buffalo, for that is sure. We do not like your building forts upon our lands. We do not like to see the little piles of earth that you throw up, for we know that roads will follow. They will frighten the buffalo, and the buffalo we live upon. Can't you see? You know this. You lie when you say you do not. We will be at peace, if you will let us alone. We show you our papers. There is not an arrow or a ball on them. They were given us by the big captain who swears, (meaning Gen. Harney,) the chief with grey beard. Tell our Great Father these things." In this strain this man continued, and gave the commission much trouble, but finally he came forward and signed the treaty by touching the pen six times—being once for each of the causes he had arrayed against the whites. One old chief who followed him, laughingly said: "Who is afraid to sign this paper? I will sign it with my feet and hands, both." And suiting the action to the word, he touched the pen, first with each foot and then with each hand. This—inasmuch as the ground upon which the feet stand is, with the Indian, an emblem of eternity—was deemed a very significant ceremony.

WALLA WALLA NEWS.—We condense from the Statesman of the 15th inst., the following: It is estimated that seven thousand barrels of Walla Walla flour has been sold, which was made from the last crop. The annexation movement is gaining strength. It is looked upon as somewhat singular that Gov. Gibbs did not give expression to his opinions on this subject in his late special message.

The propriety of lighting the streets of Walla Walla, is under discussion at that place. The sum of \$3,366 of school funds is to be distributed to thirteen schools in Walla Walla county. There are 1,037 children entitled to participation in the funds, which gives \$3 25 to each scholar.

LETTER FROM COL. COPPINGER. HEAD-QUARTERS FORT DALLES, OGN., December 24th, 1865.

SIR:—I desire to express through you, my sincere thanks to the members of the Fire Department for their active and energetic services, rendered at the fire which took place last evening at this post. I regret that the self-negation evinced in leaving the comforts of home, and toiling with the engine, hose and ladders through the deep snow up to the Fort, was nullified by the want of a water supply upon the spot. I have the honor to be, sir, With much respect, your ob't serv't, JOHN COPPINGER, Capt. 14th Inf., Bvt. Lt.-Col. U. S. A., Commanding Post. Geo. WALDRON, Esq., Acting Chief Engineer Fire Department, Dalles City.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, L. O. O. F.—Meets every Friday evening at 8 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.

LOST. ON CHRISTMAS DAY, A BLACK LACE VAIL. The finder will confer a favor by leaving the same at THIS OFFICE. d27:3*

TAXES! TAXES!! TAXES!!! Tax-Payers Take Notice! I WILL PROCEED TO COLLECT ALL TAXES remaining unpaid after the 2d DAY OF JANUARY, 1866, by levying and selling property the same as on execution, without regard to persons, as I am compelled by law to make my final settlement on the 1st day of February, 1866. CHARLES WHITE, Sheriff, d24w1. And Tax Collector of Wasco County.

BLACK LIST. JOHN TOLLS, a teamster, has paid me Fourteen Dollars in GREENBACKS, AT PAR, for goods purchased of me last January, at Coln Rates. Business men will do well to be careful how they trust such men. J. JUKER. d29:1

SANTA CLAUS Has arrived with a large stock of Christmas & New Year Presents MR. MAX VOGT BEGS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC that he has opened a Fancy Toy and Fruit Store, next door to Coln & Bohm's. He has just received a large stock of: Fancy Goods, Yankee Notions, Walking Dolls, Musical Instrument, Rubber Dolls, Guns & Drums, Albums, Candles, Pocket Cutlery, Fruits, Tobacco, 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 [d17:1] 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 purchase. 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.

HOLIDAY GIFTS!! HOLIDAY GIFTS!! HOLIDAY GIFTS!! HOLIDAY GIFTS!! 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. d1:1m 74. 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 d24f J. GOETZ & CO., Washington Street, near French & Gillman.

ISAAC F. BLOCH, San Francisco. C. S. MILLER, Big. SCHWABACHER, Dalles. [2]

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., my24f 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. [n124f] 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'n. 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. dcl 1/.

REMOVAL. J. GOETZ, Dalles. F. KOENIGSBERGER, 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, MERSCHAUM and other PIPES, PLAYING CARDS, SPORTING GOODS, INDIAN and FANCY 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. n28:3m

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, Photographer 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. n213:4f

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. n23:1f