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tUESDAY MORSING, JIX. 30, 1866.
Wita whisky at 818 a gallon, the minore of Montana ought to got very high every time they get drunk.
Some soldiers of the Sixth Infantry, at San Franciseo, have been detected in selling forged soldiero' discharges.
Voltarre aaid the eputation of Dinte will be continually greater, becanso there is nobody now that reads him.
Dubing the risit of the cholera in 1849, the common house flies died, and none wero to be scen after the epidemic had prevailed a short timo.

The amonnt of national paper cur. rency authorized by law to be cireulated is $\$ 1,083,452,283$. The amount in actual use is estimated at $\$ 460,000$, 000.

CoL. O'Mahoney ought to warn the Fenians, after the fushion of magazine editors, that "no contributions will be returned, unless accompanied by stamps to pay return-postage."
BY the new fire alatm rystem in New York no bells are rang, but each engino company is informed by telograph, in its own house, of the locality of the firo.
A staamsmip, the first of several, is now building at New York, to be hereafteremployed between Sun Franelsco and Portiand, in opposition to those at present in the trado.
A Soutueren paper suys that if hereafter a negro Virgil ever should sing of the goldon age of the race, ho will fix it during the period in which they were enslaved at the South.
Sir Morton Puto, one of the English money-lords who lately visited the United States, is addressing the English in enthusiastic terms in relation to the future prospects of this country.
Extensive discoveries of silverbearing quartz bave been mado in Jaekson county in this State. Sume of them are in the neighborhood of the once lamous gold quartz on Gold Hill.
For the privilege of selling books and nowspapors on the IIudson River Hailroad, no less than 85,000 a year is paid. For tho samo privilege on the Central Railroad, the tax is 05,500 per year.
A remarkable instance of the dura. tion of finapcial connections in the city of Lonilon occurred a fow days ago, the banking account of the house of the Baring Brokers \& Co., baving roubhed its hundreth jear.
The spirit of ä deceased butehor re. cently manifested itself to a circle of spiritualists, and acknowledged that while in this life he sold the beef of eattle infected with various ailments Ho justified the practice "becauso overybody tries to cheat the butcher."

The Steamers.-The ico closed in ao suddenly on the steamers lying at this place, that there was no.time for them to drop down to the wiuter-quar ters at the mouth of Chenowith Creek. The Idaho and Oneonta are both Ising at tho stoamer berth, tightly pressed by the ice; but it is so ground up on it its pasango down the river, that thero is no feir of the timbers of the boat boing erushod by it.

The Produce of the Willamette Valley.-It the people of the Willamette Valley wish to sesure a portion of the mining demand for their agricultural staples, they will do well to look out some lees expensive way of getting their produce down the Wil lamette River and op the Columbia than is at present in use. It will puz zle even the ingenuity of the most prejudiced adsocate of the interests of The Emporium to explain the propriety of sropping the flour and bacon at that great entrepot, when it might be brought straight on to the Cascades, at a considerable saving of expense and time. It should not only be bronght to the Cascades, but there should be such a reduction in charges on that description of freight us will enable it to competo with the products of farms nearer the mines. Uil less something of this kind is done, the hicreased production of the upper country will do away with any de mand lor Willametto produce, and thus one principal reliance of that section or a market will be lost.
The attempt to open thoronglifares from the Willamette Valloy across the Cascade Range to the mines have, so fir, been unproductive of any bencifit to that section. Practically these roads will be of but little use ; for the reason that the climate at the average deration of the mountains is a barries for six months in 1 e sear which no human ingenuity cat osercomr. Upon the score of economy, it is doubtful if they can bo used at any season of the year to make a saving upon the charges by the Willametto ana Colum. bia rivers.
At this time there is a large demand for agricuitural products in the Buise and Owy hee mines, at ligher prices than are likely to rule for years to come. If the people of the Willamette had last full started their leading staples forward to the markets they would have been in a fair way by this time to realize large profits upon them. For the lack of such fore thought the upper country produce, by the time spring opens, will bive obtained the profits which might have accrued largely to tho Willamette Valley.
An ingonious Scotchman has fouad out a method of utilizing the hitherto wasted powers of a common house mous. He has invented a cinttol spinning-machine, so constructed that a couple of nice, if tossed into the right place, eannot kelp working it It is made on the tread mill plan. A balf penny worth of oat meal will keep oack mouse five woeks, and doring that time it will do the work for which a woman is now paid ninepence In other words it will earn sever thillings and sixpence a your, which, after deducting sixpence for board and a shilling for wear and tear of machine ry, leaves a nett profl of six shillings to the employer.
Gen. Lewis Cass is yot iu fine health and promises to last many jears to come. Ho has filled a larger space in publie affairs than any man who is now so little spoken about, but his record is honorable alike to bis patriotism and bis intelligence.
A thezaram has been received at Seattle, announcing that Mr. Mereer and bis shipitcad of fomalo immigrants saited from New York on the 27th of December.

We understand that the ladies if the Congregational Chureh expeet to give an entertuinment at Mondy's Hull, tome evening this week, for the benefit of the Church. There is a debt incurred in the building of their house of worship yet unpaid, and the expectation is to give some ennsideration for the help which is asked of the people of the Dallen. A ecries of tableaux, with vocal and instrumental music will doubtlers re; ay thoreat. tending. The time will be announced in the issue of this paper on the morning of the day fixed for the entertionment.

## Green Smitu, son of Gervitt Smith,

 and lately an officer of the Fourteenth Now York Heavy Art.llery, sends tu Secretary MeCulloch a eheck for $\$ 40014$-mones received by him ne pay for his sersices-it being the desire of his father that ho should give his servied to the Gosernment in its hour of need.Mr. Whinm Birnbanm reepeetfulty ta-
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