

WHITE is the Court Mourning in Paris.

THERE is a famine at the Cape of Good Hope.

It is good sense for a young lady to urge as an excuse for not learning French, that one tongue is sufficient for any woman.

HON. LEWIS CASS, perhaps the oldest of living American statesmen, is failing daily, and his death, it is stated is hourly looked for by his relatives.

DR. GURLEY will leave for the upper country this morning, on a professional tour. He will return to resume his "biz" in about a month.

PUB. DOC.—We have received, from Senator Williams, the reports of Lieut. Gen. Grant and Gen. Carl Schurz, on their tour of inspection through the Southern States.

THE Louisville Journal warns all rebels in Kentucky that they are forever out of the political influence, and that if they attempt the formation of any distinct party it will fight them with all its zeal and power.

The steamer Sierra Nevada was seen about a half mile below the mouth of the Willamette yesterday morning, as the Cascades got into the Columbia river. The passengers and express will be here this evening.

Pic-Nic.—We learn that it is the intention of our German citizens to have a picnic and shooting match for a watch, at Oak Grove, on the 7th inst. A general invitation will be extended to everybody. Set us down for a few.

THE Statesman says that at about five o'clock on Thursday afternoon, a terrible hail storm passed over Walla Walla. The hail continued to descend for ten minutes, and in that space of time the earth was fairly covered with hail drops of the average size of a hazel-nut.

We were pleasantly surprised by some of our lady friends last evening, who paid a visit to our office; but we were much more surprised by a party of—well, we won't say what they are, who came in and interrupted our social confab. Such visits—the first named—are always pleasant, but unfortunately are "few and far between."

THE Walla Walla Statesman has advices from Washington to the effect that "the bill introduced by Williams will undoubtedly pass. The Committee on Territories have reported in its favor, and so you Walla Wallians may calculate upon becoming part and parcel of Oregon, and that too at an early day."

A CORRESPONDENT of the Herald writing from Walla Walla says:

The Pen d'Oreille route is now open to pack and other animals, and a large number have started lately for Helena on that route. The Montana express, Waldron, Edgar & Co., came through in 15 days, over the Mullan road, and reports 20 miles of snow, over which the messenger traveled on snow shoes. He thinks the road will be opened to travel within a few days, as large pack trains were at the Mission (20 miles this side of the mountains) determined to go through. This town is very lush, and cayuses scarce and high.

GOVERNMENT REFORM.—During the past year much needed reforms have been introduced into the public service. The most important of these, has been the abolishing of the custom of levying tribute upon all employes of the Government for political purposes. The system has grown up since the days of Jackson, and the extent to which it was carried during the last few administrations amounted to little less than downright robbery. The salaries and pay of many of the employes in the San Francisco Custom House were scarcely sufficient for their support, and yet they were required under penalty of losing their places, to give a certain proportion of their pay as a fund for political purposes. The tax was not only levied upon the few receiving large salaries, but also upon the many mechanics and laborers in the navy yards and custom houses. This system of robbery has been nearly, if not entirely, stopped within the past year, greatly to the disgust of professional patriots; and the politician is no longer allowed to collect the tax in the Government offices, with the power of decapitating those who refused to pay. Not long since, the Commissioner of Internal Revenue attempted to have a clerk in the Paymaster's Department removed because he refused to contribute money for electioneering purposes in New Hampshire. The President, however when informed of the fact, not only ordered the clerk to be retained, but that he should be promoted the first opportunity. This was a wise and a just act on the part of the President, and a proper rebuke to the official who attempted to use his position to extort a tax from a subordinate for electioneering purposes.

THE CHOLERA.—Hull's Journal of Health gives the following suggestions, which deserve the immediate attention of all who wish to avoid the scourge of cholera, which threatens to attack us:

1st. Every householder owes it to himself, to his family, to his neighbors, to the community in which he resides, to have his house, from cellar to garret, from street curb to the rear line of his lot, most scrupulously cleansed, by sweeping, washing and whitewashing.

2d. Every man who has any authority in city or town government should consider himself bound by the oath of office, and by every consideration of humanity, to give himself no rest until every street, alley, close gutter and sewer, is placed in a state of perfect cleanliness, and kept so until the frosts of next season come.

3d. These cleansings should be done now, because if put off till hot weather, the very effort necessary for the removal of filth, will only tend, in the essential nature of things, to hasten the appearance of the disease, to increase its malignity, and to extend the time of its devastations, because, the suns of spring and summer the sooner warm into life and intensify the viperic and malignant influence which in its remorseless tread, wrecks so much of human happiness and desolates so many hearthstones.

A WIDOW in Amador county, California, disposed of her house by lottery, and when the drawer of the prize went for it, she told him to take his house off her lot as soon as possible, for she intended to build a new house on the spot with the money which she got for the old one! This is the sharpest piece of widow work now on hand.

A LARGE number of good looking young women are employed by the British Government as detectives to ferret out Fenianism.

Religious Notice.

CATHOLIC CHURCH—Morning service: Mass, at 10 1/2 o'clock. Evening service: Vespers and Benediction, at 7 1/2 o'clock. Sunday School at 2 o'clock, p. m. a23dlf FATHER L. DIELEMAN, Pastor.

Columbia Lodge, No. 5, I. O. O. F.—Meets every Friday evening at 7 o'clock, in Gates Hall, corner of Second and Court Streets. Brothers in good standing are invited to attend. By order. N. G.

Wasco Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.—Holds its stated Communications on the First and Third Mondays of each month, at their hall, in Dalles City. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend. Sec'y L. Porek, Sec'y. By order of the W. M.

DENTAL NOTICE.—Being about to make a professional tour to the towns and settlements up the Columbia, I respectfully call the attention of those of my patrons who are in need of Dental Operations of any character, to the fact, so that they may have an opportunity to avail themselves of my services before my departure. If so desired, I will leave about the 20th of March, and return to this place to resume my practice, about the 18th of June. [271f] J. W. GURLEY.

NOTICE.

BOARD REDUCED AT THE EMPIRE HOTEL!

UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE, THE PRICE OF BOARD at this Hotel will be: BOARD & LODGING, per Week, \$7 to \$10 per Day..... \$1 00 Lodging..... 50 Single Meals..... 50 The Proprietor thankful for the liberal patronage bestowed on this Popular House for the past Five Years, hopes by strict attention to the want of his guests, to always merit the same THOMAS SMITH, Proprietor, Empire Hotel, Dalles.

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NOTICE.

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Dissolution Notice.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the co-partnership heretofore existing between I. M. EVANS and A. W. DAVIS, in the Livery Stable business, has been dissolved; that A. W. Davis is indebted to the co-partnership; and that a bill in equity has been filed for the settlement of the co-partnership accounts. All persons are notified that A. W. Davis has no power to dispose of the property, nor contract debts on the credit of the firm. I. M. EVANS. Dalles, April 20, 1866. a23dlm

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NOTICE.

OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, DEPARTMENT OF THE COLUMBIA, Fort Vancouver, W. T., March 28, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received for the TRANSPORTATION OF GOVERNMENT FREIGHT over the following named routes:

1st. From Fort Dalles, Oregon, to Camps Curry, Watson and Wright. Bidders to state the price per pound in Cois, they will take the freight or. Separate bids required for each Camp. Bids for this service will be received at Fort Dalles, Oregon, by Capt. James Gillies, A. Q. M., U. S. A., and at this office, up to 12 M., on the 1st day of May, 1866. 2d. From Wallula, W. T., to Fort Colville, W. T. The price per pound in Cois to be stated by bidders. Bids for this service will be received at Fort Walla Walla, W. T., by 1st Lieut. John Noble, A. A. Q. M., and at this office, up to 12 M., on the 1st day of May, 1866. 3d. From Wallula, W. T., to Fort Boise, I. T. The price per pound in Cois is to be stated by bidders for this transportation. Bids for this service will be received by Capt. T. J. Eckerson, A. Q. M., U. S. A., Fort Boise, I. T., and at this office, up to 12 M., on the 15th day of May, 1866. 4th. From Fort Dalles, Oregon, to Fort Boise, I. T., the price per pound in Cois, for which transportation will be furnished over this route to be stated. Bids for this service will be received at Fort Dalles, Oregon, by Capt. James Gillies, A. Q. M., U. S. A.; Fort Boise, I. T., by Capt. T. J. Eckerson, A. Q. M., U. S. A.; and at this office, up to 12 M., on the 15th day of May, 1866. Bidders for all the routes will be required to give bonds with good and sufficient security for the faithful performance of any contract which may be awarded them under this advertisement. Bids to be in duplicate and accompanied by an oath of allegiance to the United States. The right to reject any or all bids is reserved, if so deemed best for the interest of the service. All contracts made subject to the approval of the Department and Division Commanders. HENRY C. HODGES, Brevet Lt. Col. and Chief Quartermaster, Department of the Columbia, a231w4.4.4.4.4.4.