SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 12, 1806.

WITH this number, we propose to change the publication of the Mountainees from a morning to an evening paper. By this change we will be able to publish the eastern and up country news the same day that it arrives here, thus making it one day later than by the present arrangement. The paper will be issued (except Sunday) at 5 o'clock, P. M., and will be delivered to subscribers

LETTER FROM CANYON CITY.

CANYON CITY, May 8th, 1866. EDITOR MOUNTAINER :-- The continued evidences of Indian hostility in this part of the country form the principal topic of conversation. On the 3d inst., John Witmer, a German, residing on the Middle Fork of John Day, near the Elk Creek mines, was murdered by the savages, while on his way from Caffon City to his home. He had two horses packed with oats, potatoes and a plow, and when about eight miles from town was attacked by a party of Indians, (number unknown,) and after being chased about a quarter of a mile, was slain, with twenty-three arrow wounds. His murderers dragged the corpse some fifty ards from the road,, and stripped it of most of its clothing; but were probably alarmed by the approach of a gentleman of this place, who was on his way to the Middle Fork.— Tais gentleman, seeing several arrows scattered along the road, turned back to a bouse, some three miles distant. His statement induced a party to go out in search of Witmer, who had left the house about two hours pre-

viously. His remains being found, a wagon

wes procured, and at two o'clock the next marning were brought in. The fact that be

was not scalped, and that the Indians had

left their arrows scattered along the road to

the number of about a dozen, indicates that

they had no time to perform the usual bar-

barous rite of mutilating the dead, or to pick

up the missiles which they had fired at him,

before they saw the person approaching as

above-mentioned. Witmer was engaged in farming and gardening on the Middle Fork, and was a worthy and useful man. His death adds another to the already extended roll of those who have lost their liver by the neglect of the Government and the inefficiency of the military department.

AS TO INDIANS IN GENERAL HEREABOUTS.

The petty depredations and the attempts upon life by the Indians bereabouts are so numerous that it is a hopeless task to try and enumerate them: Brery few miles of the road, from sixty miles this side of the Dalles, has a spot with a tale of blood connected with it; every camping place is marked by a robbery of stock, involving the bard earnings of months or years, and the ordinary conversation of men turns upon what the Indians have done or may do. More than at any time for the last three years are the toads dangerous to travel; and while the larger settlements are felt to be safe, exposed farms and small parties of travelers are in constant danger of attack. The Indians make their appearance in the most unexpected places, and have so far always caught the whites at a disadvan-

THE WADROGACY OF THE MILITARY PORCE.

The military force now stationed in this section is entirely inadequate to the task of subjugating the savages; the troops are mostly infantry, and not fitted to the special demands of the country; and, I am sorry to add, the public mind is imbued with the ide that there is a lack of disposition among the military to make the most of the limited force now in the country. Without endorsing the popular idea on this point, the impunity with which the lodings are allowed to depredate and murder gives too much color to the charge against the officers in command to be lightly passed over. At the same time, no man of istelligence can be blind to the peculiar advantage afforded by the topography of the country for irregular and predatory warface. The open country, below the higher moun tains, is what is called a "trap-rock" formsop, and she perpendicular cliffs, often ex-ing for miles, at once impede pursuit and The ladians thoroughly ap-

whites can hope to extirpate them until they acquire a knowledge of the trails and mountain fastnesses equal to that possessed by should be garrisoned and scoured by troops, who should be kept here until they are per feetly sequainted with the country and the habits of their enemies. Any policy less persistent then this will always fail of entire

AN AMENDMENT TO THE SCALP BOUNTY SCHEME My first objection to offering of a scalpbounty is: It is not becoming in a civilized people to pay money for blood. Even if it were proper, it would prove impracticable -The first sufferers would be the friendly Indians. The reservations at Warm Springs and Umatilla would be pretty well depopulated before the scalps of hostile Indians would come into market. Such has generally been the practical working of the scalp-bounty mode of warfare.

If the scalp bounty fund was devoted to the purchase of Henry or Spenser rifles, to be placed in the hands of committees to be distributed to prospecting parties, the prospectors giving security for their return, it would tend largely to insure life, to stimulate the exploration of the country, and, finally, to afford the means to occasionally chastise such predatory bands of savages as might be found prowling about the settlements.

Upon this point, I recommend the examination of the Spenser rifle, which is much less likely to get out of repair than Henry's gun, and is considerably cheaper. It is possible that the Government might be disposed to distribute the Spenser rifle gratuitously to permanent settlers on this frontier. It would prove a better defence than military ever has been, and would be a cheaper method of carreing on war against the Indians than the maintenance of expensive posts, which invite rather than repel the Indians, and bodies of useless soldiery, which are nearly as much a terror to the whites as the red-kine. I suggest the propriety of petitioning the Depart ment Commander upon this point. From some observation among the citizens of this country, I am led to believe that if these arms are put into their hands they will be gallantly

used whenever occasion requires.

I reserve my conclusions in regard to the mines and prospects untill better informed.

WE have received from McCraken, Merrill & Co., their Portland Jobbing Prices Current for the week ending May 10th. Flour had declined from 50 cents to \$1 per barrel, with a very strong desire to sell, on the part of of those who held any consi lerable amounts. The report says: Business has been so dull for the past three weeks, and so little of interest has transpired, that we have deferred issuing our Price Current at the usual time, hoping that a lew days' delay would enable us to note more encouraging features of trade -The largest shipment of treasure, this year was received by boat of the 8th inst., which was accompanied by liberal orders for goods, gave our town, yesterday, a more lively ap pearance than at any time previous, under review; we trust it is the commencement of the season's business.

Tuz Virginia City Enterprise says that a Mr. Young, who some time since left that city for the mines of New Granada, got back safe and sound and mighty glad to get out of the land of scorpions, cenripedes, snakes and vampire bats. He says that if there is anybody stuck after the country they can go and take his share of it, as he left it laying about loose when he came away

A CORRESPONDENT SAYS that in Georgia where Sherman's aemy made a sweep of all the carriages, the ladies now go visiting in carts. They call them cartes de visite, and JOSLYN & CURTIS' BUTTER, consolo themselves with the thought that they are in the height of fashion.

THE Vancouver Register says that the late riot at that place was not so serious as represented in the Portland papers-only one man killed.

Mayon TRIPP, of Vancouver, published a card tendering his thanks to the officers of Fort Vancouver, for their assistance in quelling the riot at that place on Monday last.

We invite the attention of our military authorities to the letter of our Canyon City corre-pondent, in to-day's paper. They may possibly get some information from it.

San notice for a meeting of the citizens of advantage, and no force of this City, on to-morrow, (Monday) evening.

In San Francisco, April 27th, Jony Lows, a native of Ireland, ared 35 years, Mr. Dowd was for some a resident of this city, and

was known to our citizens. During the past year he suf-fered much from sickness; and at the time of his departure for San Francisco, his friends had no hope of his recovery. Peace to his sales.

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ONE DOSE of Hall's Pulmonary Balsam will cure an ordinary cough or cold. Price only fifty cents.

REGULAR MEETING of the Dalles Social Club, THIS EVENING, at 7 o'clock. By order.

Religious Notice.

CATROLIC CRURCH-Morning service : Mass, at 1034 o'clock. Evening service: Vespers and Benediction, at 734 o'clock. Sunday School at 2 o'clock, p. m. a23dtf 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. SETH L. POPE, Sec'y.

CITIZENS' MEETING.

od to meet at the COURT HOUSE, TO MORROW (Monday) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, for the purpose of considering and devising means to put a stop to the constant Indian depredations that are being committed on the Canyon Cty road.

C. S. MILLER,
For Committee.

Notice to Democrats.

R. GILMAN having decised the nominated as Candidate of the Democratic party for County Commissioner, we do hereby nominate JOHN WILLIAMS in his stead.

Ilwis Ch'n Dem. Co. Committee.

NOTICE.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVING BOUGHT the Schooner Perseverance and half the schooner Rapid, from Torence Quin, all debts against the above named Boats must be presented to me by the 20th day of May.

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Dalles, May 3, 1866.

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THE UNDERSIGNED WILL OPEN A SELECT SCHOOL for children on

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WE INTEND CLOSING OUR DUSINESS HERE by the FIRST OF JUNE next, and we take this opportunity of once more calling open those indebte is no call and settle. We will not, if we can held it place any of our accounts in the hands of legal effectors but if obliged to do so, we shall have recorns to that when this nutice expires.

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