## SUXDAY MÓRNING, MAY 18, 1806,

Wire this number, we propose to chango the publication of the Mourraiseine from a morning to an evening papor. By this change we will be able to publish the enat gra and up country news the same day that it arrives here, thus making it one day later than by the present arrangement. The papor will be lasued (except Sunday) at 5 o'clock p. K., and wilt be delivered to subscribere impodiately.

## LETTEER FROM CANYOX CYRX.

 Canyor Citx, May 8th, 1866Editos Moumpatherer:-The continued evidences of Indian hoatility in this part of the cosatry form the principal topic of converantion. 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 anvages, while on his may from Cafion Clty to hie home. He had two horsea packed with oata, potatoes and a plow, and when nbout eight miles from town was attacked by a party of ladiang, (nomber unknown, and after being olhasel ábout a quartor of a mile, was olain, with twenty-three arrow wounds. His murderers dragged the corpse some fifty orda frow the rond, and atripped it of most
of ita clothing; but were probably alarmed by the appronch of a gentleman of this place, Tho was on his way to the Middte. Fork. 4 ifia gentleman, seeing several arrows seattered along the rond, turaed back to a bouse, some three miles distant. His atatement in duced a party to gn out in aearch of Witmer, vo had left the houge about two hours pre-
vionstg. His remaios being found, a wagon Wgy prosured, and at tyo o'olock the nesi thoraing were brought th. The fact that be whe not acalped, and that the Indians had lef their arrows acatiered aloag the toad to
the number of about a dozen, iadicates that they had notime to perform the usual bar barous rite of matilating the dead, or to pick up the misailes which they had frod at him, before they saw the peraon appenaching as bove-mentioned.
Witmer was engaged in farming and gardening on the Middle Fork, and was a worthy aad useful man. His death adds another to the already extended roll of those who bave ont their lisee by the negleet of the Govern meat and the inefficioncy of the mifitary de artmoat.
an to isdasa in onsrial herzabouta. porty depredationa and tho attempts giou lifo by the Ladians bereaboste are so coumerato them: Beery tow miles of the and from sixty miles this side of the Dalles, bas apot with a tale of blood connected with it; overy eamping place is marked by a robbery of atock, involving the bard earaingo of moathe or yeare, and the ordinfiry converaation of men turas upon what the Indians buve cone or may do. More than at any time for the last three gears are the tonde dangerous to travel; and while the larger sottlements are fets to be safe, exposed farma and small parties of travelera ato in conatant danger of attack. The Indiasa mako their appearance io the mont unexpected places, and havo so tar atwaga caught the whites at a diadrantage.
vui whozedado or tas mutazy yozes.
The milliary force now stationed in this eoction is entitoly inadequate to the task or aubjugating the savages; the troogs are mostly fatantry, and aot fitted to the epecial comands of the conutry; and, I am sorry to ndd, the publio mind is imbued with the idee that there is a tack of diaponition among the
military to make the most of the limited force now in the country. Without endorsing the populat idea on thie point, the impunity with which the lodiasareare allowed to depredate Aadspurder gives too much color to the charge ngainet the officers in comanand to be ligbtly pasted over. At the snme time, ao mata of iotelligenes can to blind to the peouline advaatage affarded by the copography of tho conaty for irregylne and prodatory walfate. The open coustry, below the bigher moan tains, is what la called a "rapprook" Cormn - Ob, 'end ithy porpendicular cliff, often ex

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Whites can thope to exitipate theoil uncil they acquire a knowledge of the trails and mountain fastresses equal to that-poniciered by their savage foes. To this eod, the country shouild be garriooned and scoured by troops, who abould be kept bere until they are per fecily aequainted with the country and the habita of their enemios. Any poling leen persitutent then this will always fail of entire suecess. My frat objection to offering of a scalpbounty is : It is not becoming in a civilized
people to pay money for blood. Bven if it were proper, it would prove impracticable The firat sufferers woald be the friendy Indiana. The reservations at -Warm Springs and Umatills would be pretty well depopula ted before the acalps of hostile Indians would come into market. Such thas generally been the practical working of the scalp-bounty mode of warfare.
If the sconlp bounty fund was devoted to the purchase of Henry or Spenser rifles, to be placed in the handn of committees to be distributed to prospectiog parties, the prospectora giving security for their return, it would tond largely to insure life, to atimulate the exploration of the couarry, and, finally, to nfford the means to oceasionally chastise sach predatory bands of anrages as might be found rowling about the settlemente.
Opon this point, I recommend the examioation of the Spenser rifle, whifh is much less likely to got out of repmir tban Henry'a gun, and is esonsiderably cheaper. It is possible hat the Government might be disposed to perminent eetlers on this frontier. It would prove a better defence than military ever ha been, and would be a cheaper method of carrying on war against the Indians than the manatenance of expensive poats, which invite rather than repel the Indinas, and bodien of aseless soldiery, which are nearly as much a terror to the whites as the red kinas. 1 aug.
gest the propriety of petitioning the Departnent Commander upoo this point. Prom country, I am led to bolioue that it the of arme are put into their hands they will be gallanaly are put into their hands they will
used whenerer oceasion requirea.
1 reserve my conclusiona in regard to the miaes and prospects untill better informed.

Wz bave received from MicOraken, Merrill $\$$ Co., their Portland Jobbing Pricen Carrent for the week ending May toth. Flour had deelined from 50 centa to $\$ 1$ per barrol, with a very atrong desire to sell, on the part of
of those who held any cogai lerable amounta. The report asys: Busigasi has beea so dull for the past three weelas, and wo little of interest hass transpirect, that wo have deferred iesuing our Price Oarrent at the ubanl time, hoping that a tow daya' delny would enable uat to note mane encouraging features of trade The largest abipment of treasure, this year was received by boat of the 8 th inst., which was accompatied by liberal orders for goods, gave our town, yenterday, a more lively ap pearance than at any time proviou-4, under the season's buyiness.

Tuz Virginia City Enterprine anys that a Mr. Young, who some time aince left that city for the mines of New Granada, got back safo and sound and mighty glad to get out of the land of acorpions, cenripedes, snaken and vampire bats. He says that if there it naybody stuck aftor tho country they can ing nbont loose when he came away
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Tue Vancouver Regiter asya that the late riot at that place was not so serioua ats re man killed.
Mayon Thiep, of Vancouver, pablished a ard tendering his thanks to the officers of Fort Vancouver, for their ashiatance in quell iag the riot at that place on Monday last.
We invice the attention of our military authoritiee to the letter of our Canyon City corre pondent, in to-day's paper. They may posithly got aome information from it.
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