

LETTER FROM SUSANVILLE.

SUSANVILLE, Grant Co., May 10, 1866.

EDITOR MOUNTAINEER:—When I closed my letter to you, of Feb. 24th, I did not intend that my pen should remain idle so long, but a combination of circumstances not necessary to explain has prevented me from resuming it at an earlier date.

SCARCITY OF FRESH MEAT.

But these were not all of the pleasant surroundings calculated to call forth grateful emotions. At the period referred to the supply of one of the substantial of life—that of meat, was dwindling down smaller and smaller, not to say beautifully less; for while the snow blockade was in force, neither pack trains nor beef cattle could by any route then known, be brought in to our relief.

THE MINES.

Wherever it was practicable to operate in that way, they have availed themselves of the great abundance of free water to ground-sluice the dirt off down to the bed-rock. One company near the mouth of Elk Creek, will, I think, before water fails, succeed in stripping their entire claims, embracing several hundred feet of ground in length and about one hundred feet in breadth.

Many of the claims, however, both on Elk and Deep Creeks, are too deep for this mode of working, in which case they open a pit to the bed-rock, put in a pump propelled by water and get their pay dirt out by drifting.

NEW MINES.

In my last communication I referred to the discovery of placer mines on the slope of the hill below the Elk Creek quartz ledge. Since that time parties have been working in another place where there is a greater depth of dirt; and four men in a run of two weeks cleaned up seventy ounces of gold as fine as that coming from a battery.

QUARTZ MINING.

In the matter of quartz, I have little to report since my last letter. Mr. McQuaid, who I believe is sole proprietor of the Pacific, has made an opening in the side of the hill on this ledge, to the depth of fifteen feet, showing a well-defined ledge, from three to four feet wide, and fine particles of gold are to be seen in this rock without the aid of a glass. It is beyond all question, very rich.

A NEW LEDGE.

The indefatigable quartz hunter, Fred. Marhale, discovered another ledge in March, which he christened Tyhee—it being one of the largest ledges in the district. A small piece of the cropping of this ledge, pounded fine on a flat rock and panned out in the usual way, yielded a fabulous prospect. An effort will be made soon to develop this ledge.

I understood one of the proprietors of the Golden Eagle ledge a few days ago to say that his company would, at an early day, put an arast-a at work, to more fully test their rock. This ledge is situated near the head of Deep Creek, and they have a large quantity of rock out; the rock from this ledge shows gold in larger particles than any rock I have seen in the district.

QUARTZ MILLS.

A gentleman around here a fortnight since, who has given a good deal of attention to quartz in Nevada and Idaho, gives it as his opinion that all that is required to make this district as famous as those is the application of capital in the development of lodes, and the erection of mills to crush the rock. A twenty-stamp mill, with the necessary appliances for saving the gold, could now get all the work it could do at very reasonable prices, and I doubt not that in sixty days after starting the first one, two or three such could be employed.

WAGON ROAD.

Men of means and enterprise need no longer be deterred from taking a look at this district because of the supposed inaccessibility to the Columbia river. Mr. Small came in from Umatilla two weeks since with his pack-train well freighted, and says the distance is from 110 to 120 miles, and that there is no obstacle in the way of making a good wagon road the whole distance; and it is believed the distance to Dalles City will not exceed 120 miles over an equally eligible route.

P. S.—Since the above was written, Mr. Milliken, whose claim is in Elk Creek, a few hundred yards above the town, brought in to have weighed, a nugget of gold, weighing, at \$16 per ounce, \$283. Mr. Hardy, on Deep Creek, obtained from his claim last week, a piece worth at the same rate, \$150.

GOLD IN CINNABAR.—At the time of the discovery of the cinnabar lead on John Day River, a gentleman residing in Canyon City at once forwarded some pieces of the croppings to San Francisco for assay. The assayers certificate attests that the ore yielded at the rate of \$52 22 in gold, \$3 50 in silver, and contained 14 1/2 per cent. of quicksilver.—The cinnabar is held in a frame of silicate. The proportion of quicksilver greatly increases as the lead is sunk upon; but whether this offsets the proportion of the more valuable metals is not determined.

The Lafayette Courier has again made its appearance. We had forgotten all about you, Mr. C., since we saw a notice to the effect that you had found your hole. The great typographical feature of the number before us is a sensation head on the "Flag" question in Yamhill county. It should be seen to be appreciated.

GREEN CLAY SMITH, member of Congress from Kentucky, has been appointed Governor of Montana.

A PLEASANT TIME.—Yesterday was the last day of the session of the Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, the members of Columbia Lodge of this City invited the Grand Body to a supper which was gotten up by Mr. Thomas Smito, of the Empire Hotel, and far excelled anything of the kind ever gotten up in this city.

THE Rhode Island Legislature has passed a bill prohibiting, the exclusion of children from the public school, on account of color or race.

One deposit in the mint, San Francisco, May 4th, consisted of ten gold bricks, valued at \$20,000 each.

SPRING.—Now is the time to purify your blood. Hall's Sarsaparilla, Yellow Dock and Iodide of Potass is decidedly the best thing in use for that purpose. Sold by druggists everywhere.

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.

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.

Wasco Lodge, No. 15, A. F. & A. M.—Holds its stated Communication on the First and Third Mondays of each month, at their hall, in Dalles City.

NOTICE.

DURING MY ABSENCE Ma. W. LORD is authorized to transact my business. Any persons knowing themselves indebted to me, will please call upon him.

MR. GILMAN having declined the nomination as Candidate of the Democratic party for County Commissioner, we do hereby nominate JOHN WILLIAMS in his stead.

NOTICE.

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

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