# Daily Mountaineer.

#### SATURDAY EVENING, MAY 19, 1866.

LETTER PROM SUSASVILLE.

Susasville, 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. The pinching cold weather which then kept the denizens of our little mountain town within doors, has given way to balmy spring, and mother earth has disrobed herself of the dazzling white and come forth in the more comely garb of a beautiful green; and instead of the sound of the axe and maul in the timber, we hear the rushing of waters and grating clash of the pick and shovel plied by the miner in the rock and gravel of the creeks and ditches. 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 substantials 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. But now instead of salt fish, old rusty jerked beef, and the more delicate morsel of snowballs nicely salted and peppered, we have an ample supply of Webfoot bacon, fat beef and mutton, and with recuperated strength and energies our miners have for the pas six or eight weeks, been constantly at work.

THE MINES.

Wherever it was practicable to operate in that way, they have availed themselves of the great abundance of free water to groundsluice 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 bredth. A smaller quantity of water will suffice to clean up the bedrock where now all their pay lies, and it is known to be rich. They obtained enough from a small space of bed-rock to defray their expenses until they shall have completed their ground sluicing operations.

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. Some of these claims have fully met the expectations of their owners, whilst others have not yet succeeded in finding the pay expected, though none have as yet proved a failure.

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. They have laid the Elk Creek quartz ledge perfectly bare as deep as their cut is worked, and the dirt they have washed off, and from which they have obtained such rich pay, is evidently a mass of decomposed quartz rock from that ledge. Another company is now nearly ready for operations adjoining the claims referred to, who are as sanguine of equally rich rewards for their labor.

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 Tyles - 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

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. About half a mile to the east of the last named ledge is situated the Mount Moriah ledge. No work has been done on the latter more than to ascertain beyond a doubt that it is a welldefined ledge, widening out from a mere thread at the top to about two feet wide at a depth of four feet from the surface. Some of this rock exhibits fine particles of gold without the aid of a glass, and in every other respect bears a striking resemblance to the Golden Eagle rock.

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 as this district because of the supposed inaccessibility to the Columbia river. Mr. Small came in from Umatilla two weeks since with his packtrain 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 .-The people of your city should exhibit a liberal spirit, and co-opesate cheerfully with us of this camp and the camps to the east of us-Olive, Granite and Burnt river-in opening a road. These three latter places embrace a large area of mining country which is now filling up very rapidly with sturdy, industrious miners, who must draw their supplies from that great commercial arterythe Columbia river, by the nearest and most practicable route, and whether the depot be at the Dalles or Umatilla, this place is on the line-hence we are all interested; the benefits to result from good roads are mutual, and the burden should be borne by all. So let us have the road. HERMIT.

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 ime 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 fer assay. The assayers certificate attests that the ore yielded at the rate of \$52 22 in gold, \$3 50 in silver, and contained 14% 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. Most likely such is not the case, and whether the ore proves valuable to work for quicksilver or not, it is reasonably certain that it will prove very valuable for the precious metals which it contains. The facilities of abundant timber, exhaustless water-power and a mild climate attend this valuable mining property, and its improvement and development must speedily take place.

THE Lafayette Courier has again made its appearance. We had forgoften 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 Yambill 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 the APPION AND COMMISSION Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, the member of Columbia Lodge of this City levited the Grand Body to a supper which was gotten up by Mr. Thomas Smite, of the Empire Hotel, and far excelled anything of the kind ever gotten up in this city. About 10 o'clock both Lodges marched from their ball to the hotel, where the tables were laden with the choicest viands. About two hours were passed at supper, during which time tonsts were drank, speeches made and wit and bumor reigned. About midnight the company parted, and the Grand Lodge resumed it labors, and at 4 o'clock, A. M., this morning, that body adjourned to meet in Portland, on the third Wednesday of May, 1867. The affair will long be remembered by those present as one of the most happy incidents of the order in this State. A

THE Ruode Island Legislature has passed a bill probibiting, the exclusion of children from the public school, on account of color

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 Sarasparilla, Yellow Dock and Iodide of Potass is decidedly the best thing in use for that purpose. Sold by drug-gists everywhere.

Religious Notice.

CATHOLIC CHURCH-Morning service: Mass, at 1034 o'clock. Evening service: Vespers and Benediction, at 152 o'clock, Sunday School at 2 o'clock, p. m. a28dtf 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.

By order of the W. M. SETH L. POPE, Sec'y.

#### NOTICE.

DURING MY ABSENCE Ms. W. LORD is authorized to transact my business. Any persons knowing themselves indebted to me, will please call upon him. Dalles, May 16, 1866.—my16w1 R. H. WOOD.

#### Notice to Democrats.

R. GILMAN having declined the nominatiod as Candidate of the Democratic party for County Commissioner, we do hereby nominate JOHN WILMANS in his stead.

Ilwie Ch'n Dem. Co. Committee.

NOTICE.

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the FIRST OF JUNE next, and we take this opportunity of once more calling upon those ladebted to us to call and settle. We will not, if we can help place any of our accounts in the hands of legal collectors but if obliged to do so, we shall have recourse to that when this notice expires.

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