

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

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Sususytur, Gnint Ca. May 10, 1806. Epitor Moestainnan:-When 1 closed my letter to yout, of Peb 24h, 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 enrlier date. The pinching cold ing it at an eirlier date. The pinching cold
weather which then kept the denizens of our Weather which then kept the denizens of our
litte mounthintown within doors, has given way to balmy spring, and mother earth has disrobed berself of the dazzling white and come forth in the more comely garb of a beautifal 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. bearotit oy pabsi meat.
But these were not all of the pleasant sur roundings calealated 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 cmaller, not to say benutifully 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 sapply of Webfoot bacon, fat beef and mutton, and with recuperated strength and energies our miners have for the pas six
eight woeks, been constantly at work. eight woeks, been constantly
tre mixss.
Wherever it was practicable to operate in that way, they have arailed 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, Ithink, before water fails, succeed in stripping their entire claims, embracing several handred foet of ground in length and about one hurdred feet in bredth. A smaller quan tity of water will suffice to clean up the bed-
rock where now all their pay lies, and it is rock 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 EIK and Deep Creeks, are too deep for this mode of working, in which case they open a pit to the bed-rock, puy o a pump prepelled by Some of these chaims have fully met the pectations of their owners, whilst others have not yet succeeded in finding the pay cxpected, though none have as yet proved a
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in my last communication I referred to the discovery of placer mines on the slope of the hill below the Elk Creek quartz ledge. Sinco 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 Eik Creek quartz ledge perifectly bare as deep as their cut is worked, and the dirt they have washed off, and from whijeh 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
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In the matter of quartz, I have little to report since wy 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, showjag a well-defined Jedge, from threo 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 yew lizde.
The indefatigable quartz huater, Fred Narhaie, discoveredeanother 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 thia
ledge.

I understood one of the proprictors of the that bis gie ledge a fow daye ago orly put an arastra at work, to more fully test their rock. This ledze is situated near the head of Deep Creek, and they have a largo quantily of rock out ; the rock from this ledge shows gold in lurger particles than any rock 1 have seen in the distriet. 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 ascerrain beyond a doubt that it is a welldefined ledge, widening out from a mere
thread at the top to about two feet wide ai a depth of four feet from the surfice. Some of this rock exhibits fine particles of gold without the aid of a glass, and in every other respect bears a striking resemblanco to the Golden Eagle rock.
A gentleman around here a fortnight since, who has given a good denl of attention to quartz in Nevada and Idaho, gives it as his opinion that all that is required to make
this district ns famous as those is the application of capital in the development of lodes, and the erection of mills to crash the rock. A twenty-stamp mill, with the necessary appliancers for saving theigold, could now get
all the work it conid 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.

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Men of means and enterprise need no longer be deterred from taking a look acthis district because of the supposed inaccessibility to the Columbia river. Mr. Swall 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-openate cheerfally with us of this camp and the camps to the east o us-Olive, Granite and Burnt river-in open-
ing a road. These three later places eming a road. These three latter places emis now filling up very rapidly with sturdy industrious miners, who must draw their supplies from that great commercial artery the Columbia river, by the nearest and mosi nt the Dalles or Umatilln, this place is on the the-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. 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, \$203. Mr. Hardy, on Deep Oreek, obtained from his claim last week, a piece worth at the same rate, $\$ 150$.
Golo is Cishabar.-At the ime of the discovery of the cinambar lead on Jolun Day River, a geatleman residing in Cauyon City At once forwarded some pieces of the crop pings to San Francisco fer assay. The as-
sayers certificate atiests that the ore yielded at the rate of $\$ 5222$ in gold, $\$ 350$ in silver, and enntained $14 \frac{3}{4}$ 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. Nost 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 properts, and its take place.
Tas Lafiyyette Courier has again made its appearance. We had forgoten all about you, Mr. C., slace 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 connty. It skould be seen to be appreciated.
Gaeen Clay Smith, member of Congress trom Kentacky, has been appointed Goreraor of Montana.
 Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows, the membel

HOUSE! (2) of Columbin Lodge of this City ievited the Grand Body to a-supper which was gotten up by Mr. Thomas Smitt, of the Empire Hotel, and far excelled anything of the kind ever gotten up in this city. About $100^{\prime}$ 'loek 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, daring whick time tonsts wese drank, speeches made and wit and bumor reigned. About midnight the company parted, und the Grand Lodge resumed it labors, and at $40^{\prime}$ clock, A. M., this moruing, 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
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