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OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

[From our Regular Correspondent.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. Nov. 18th, 1882.

It is understood that a strong effort will be made at the ensuiug session of Congress to secure a heavy reduction of internal revenue taxation This subject will come before the committee on ways and means if enough members can be gotten together in advance of the meeting of Congress, but only incidentally in connection with the subject of revision of the tariff. The House bill to reduce internal taxes passed at the last session, is still on the table of the Senate enacted upon, although it has been amended in various particulars. A motion to take it up promptly will doubtless be made and carried without objection when the Senate meets, when other amendments may be expected to be added to it. It is not likely to get into such a shape as to receive the concurance of the republican majority in the House, and for this reason an attempt may be made to report another bill for action of the House. If the republicans before they lose control of the House, can pass a measure materially lessening the weight of taxation, it will, to a material extent, take the wind out of the sails of their democratic successors. But the possibility that they will be able to pass a measure of this character is quite remote. The session will be short, and by the time the appropriation bills and their necessary measures are out of the way there will be little or no time left for action on a tax bill.

Secretary Lincoln will, in the annual report recommend that no river and harbor bill be introduced in the coming session of Congress. He states that it will be impossible to expend the amount appropriated last session during the fiscal year, and the balance, probable, $3,000,000 or $900,000, will be carried over to the credit of next year.

It is understood that President Arthur will make civil service reform a prominent feature of his forthcoming message to Congress, taking strong grounds in favor of positive legislation on the subject. This he can now, very conscientiously do since all of his friends and admirers have been generally provided for.

It appears from an investigation made into the rate of wages for farm labor by the statistician of the Department of Agriculture, that since the year 1879 there has been an increase amounting to 24 per cent. in the Eastern States. In the four years from 1875 to 1879, however, there was a great decline, because of the great number of artisans who had taken to farm labor in consequence of the depression in manufactures. This seriously depressed the rate of farm wages. Since 1879 the increase in the Western States has been 14 per cent. and in the Southern 13. Wages generally declined gradually from 1866 to 1875, but very rapidly from that date until 1879, when an equally rapid rise began. There was an exception to the rule in the South, when between 1866 and 1869, in consequence of the high prices of cotton, wages advanced. The South exhibits the least fluctuation in the rate of wages, this being attributed to the improvement in quality and efficiency of labor. For example, the average rate of wages per month was 16 dollars, when cotton was 30 cents per pound and 15½ dollars when cotton was 12 cents per pound. Statistics prove that the district of high wages are also those of large production and net profit in agriculture. The average rate of wages at present obtaining are–in the Eastern States, 26 dollars; Middle, 22; Southern, 15; Western, 23; and California, 38. Although these indicate a considerable recovery since 1875, there is still a decline of 20 per cent. from the inflated rates which immediately followed the civil war.

The reception given by Gen. W. T. Sherman at his residence on Ffteenth street to-night was attended by almost every army officer in Washington. Gen. Sherman says his idea in giving this reception to army officers exclusively was to allow those who do not go out into society an opportunity to spend a sociable evening with their more active comrades. Concerning Bob Ingersoll's having nominated him for the presidency in 1884, he said. "Oh yes! Mr. Ingersoll says a great many things that he does not believe. I am perfectly contented with my career, and nothing could induce me to soil my military record by entering into politics at this late day."

AUGUST.

Letter from California,

HANFORD, CAL. Nov. 28, 1882

MAJ. ADAMS—*Dear Sir:* I am just a little bit sorry that your conclusions about election are not reliable for you should have learned by this time that the greater the load one carries, the more liable he is to be beaten in the race. I was too much endorsed, had entirely too many friends, but the principal reason I was not elected was–tother chap received more votes than I did, for had he not done so, with all my endorsing, I most assuredly would have been elected, could not very well have helped it.

We are having most lovely weather—cool nights, with just enough warmth through the day to make one desire to live thus always if such a thing were possible. Last Sabbath with Mrs. Enoch Meeker, Mrs. Watts and the children I took a drive to King's River eight miles north of this. In the morning facing the light breeze made the blush come to the cheeks. We passed all the way through evidences of civilzation and thrift. The appurtenances did not assume aristocratic airs but the fences, outbuildings and cottages with their wreath of flowers, fruit, evergreens and ornamental trees &c. &c., force one to the conclusion that taste, refinement and hospitality are chief characteristics of the inhabitants of Mussel Slough.

The point where we reached the river was where the Last Chance Ditch is taken out. The banks of the river are skirted for one fourth of a mile with majestic oak trees, with no underbrush but a carpeting of rich tall grass that keeps green the year round. Under these trees, the ground was literally covered with acorns, which are quite palatable and the way the youngsters enjoyed themselves for an hour, gathering acorns would have done your heart good. They would load their pockets and then empty them into the wagon until tired out, on being asked what they were going to do with them, Manty replied that when she went back to Oregon wanted some for Major Adams. In the evening we returned home by way of Grangeville, all well pleased with the day's ride. It does seem to us that your paper comes very slow, we are so eager to hear from you all. With our best wishes for yourself and family I remain

Yours truly
B. M. WATTS.

Letter from Albina.

ALBINA, Nov. 29, 1882.

FRIEND MAJOR:—To let you know I have not forgotten old tillicums, I send you a few lines. After swinging around the circle, and moving three times, we have finally got settled in this place. It is very lively here, lots of men and lots of money. The Company pay $24,000 a month to white labor and $18,000 to Chinaman every month, so you see there is a good deal of money scattered around here. The cars run every day to and from the end of the track in Montana, and every Passenger train is loaded, and so is the freight train The *R. R. Thompson* is the transfer boat between Albina and Portland. We have eight saloons here and three Hotels, and boarding houses without number; houses are going up like magic. I suppose the people in St. Helen are still excited about railroad matters. I hope Capt. Lemont will see the day when the cars will run through his place, for he has waited patiently for it. I am sometimes feeling like homesick when I think of St. Helens, for it was almost like home to me after living so long in the place, but I could not make a living there without chasing lumber for it so I had to emigrate. Send me your paper and I will be down in a week or two and pay you for it. Give my regards to all friends and accept the same from,

Yours &c.,
WM. WOODMAN,

We have received Wilford's *Microcosm*, a Religio Scientific Monthly, whose mission is to reconcile Science and the Bible. It has produced a great sensation in the world and is far ahead of anything that has before appeared in the theological world. It shows the giants of religion are not all dead. $1.00 per year. A. Willford Hall, Editor & Proprietor, 23 Park Row, New York.

A Son's Grief.

RIVERSIDE, OGN. Nov. 29th, 1882.

Mr. N. C. DALE—*Dear Sir:* It becomes my painful duty to inform you that father is dead.

He died by his own hand the day you left my house.

He told me all about his affairs that morning. He said that he had paid every dollar that he owed, and told me how much money he had left.

He wanted me to go to school-meeting but refused to have Capt. Palmer stay with him.

Palmer came up and father came out to the door and told him to go on to the school-meeting as he wished to be left alone. He told me that he could stay alone as well as not, as it was not necessary to give him his morphine until I returned. We went and little did we dream of what was to take place.

I came back about three o'clock in company with seven men. They stopped at the gate a short time, and I started to go into the house. The door would not open only about half way, and I looked in and I saw the most terrible sight that I have ever beheld. Father was lying on the floor dead and his clothing was removed. There was a large pool of blood under him, and a bullet-hole through his left breast.

I stepped back into the yard, and called to the men to come in, which they did. My rifle was lying on top of the wood-box with the muzzle pointed towards the west, and in the direction of his body. His cane was beside it, and an empty shell in the gun. He had evidently taken off his clothes for fear of setting them on fire, and burning up the house, and had kneeled in front of the gun, and pushed the trigger with his cane. He was so close to the muzzle of the gun that his breast was burned black with powder. An inquest was held which brought in a verdict "Suicide." He was buried yesterday at two o'clock on his home farm.

Yours truly,
R. D. COLE.

Memorabilia of Yale College.

It was in 1845 that my brother John and myself entered Yale College as Freshmen. My brother was taken sick, and lost a year, and graduated in the class of 1850, and I, 2½ years the younger graduated in the class of 1849. Our mother and sister and younger brother Joseph accompanied us to New Haven. Our father was Domestic Missionary on Martha's Vineyard, and while we were in College sent as Delegate by Dukes County, Massachusetts to the Evangelical Alliance in London. He travelled through England, Ireland and Scotland, France and Belgium. He was in Paris when Louis Philippe was dethroned, and the last Napoleon took the imperial crown. The different denominations on Martha's Vineyard gave our father $1500 in gold to pay his expenses in Europe.

When we first lived in New Haven we rented a house in Salem Street, then one in George Street, then one in York Street. Before we graduated our mother, younger brother and sister returned to New Hampshire. Jeremiah Day was President of the College. He was soon succeeded by Theodore Dwight Woolsey; James Kingsley was Professor of Latin, T. A. Thatcher Assistant Professor. The elder Silliman, Professor of Chemistry, Hadley, Professor of Greek.

To be Continued.

A $20.00 Bible Reward.

The publishers of *Rutledge's Monthly* offer twelve valuable rewards in their *Monthly* for December, among which is the following:

We will give $20.00 in gold to the person telling us how many verses there are in the New Testament Scriptures (not the New Revision) by December 10th, 1882. Should two or more correct answers be received, the reward will be divided. The money will be forwarded to the winner December 15th, 1882. Persons trying for the reward must send 20 cents in silver (no postage stamps taken) with their answer, for which they will receive the Christmas *Monthly*, in which the name and address of the winner of the reward and the correct answer will be published. This may be worth $20.00 to you; cut it out. Address RUTLEDGE PUBLISHING COMPANY, Easton, Penna.

S. F. Howe, DENTIST, will be at St. Helen the *First* Monday in each month and remain *Two Days*, unless by special agreement to remain longer.

To be too fresh is bad in everything except a cow.

Hallo There!

The Dalles-Mountaineer under the head of *Territorial* has a fling at the St. Helen's paper. St. Helen is in *Oregon*. A *mint* of Geography would be a good thing for the Editor. In an obituary notice of a minister's wife he called the time-honored name of Abigail, "A-big-nail" Probably, like Christ, he was carpenter when young, and thought he was driving a nail in the lady's coffin. And now he speaks of Miss *Eunity* Watson of Goldendale.

Why don't he tell some of his personal history? Probably like the boy that hung on the fence and waited for his mother he has nothing to say.

He calls President Arthur, "Acting President." We should think if President Arthur read that he would resign right away.

He says the people don't think much of the Democrats; we should think they thought more of them than of the Republican bosses.

He tells the reason the Republicans lost their grip. Now we will tell: because they shoved durned fools like him to the front and made sensible men like Major Adams take a back seat. The Republicans are a great deal like a school-director back in the States. Our sister kept a school, and everybody liked her because she was competent, but the school-director, who wanted to provide some place for a cousin aunt or niece, said she didn't keep good order. He got a little shallow-pated conceited nobody. She kept one day, the next day no scholars came.

Major Adams didn't run away to Oregon to get out of the draft or with anybody else's wife like so many of our great men.

Meeting About Christmas.

Meeting called to order and Mr. E. E. Quick elected Chairman, Mr. Glendye appointed Secretary. The following committee were appointed

TO SECURE THE TREE.

James Muckle, Francis Miles, Chas. Konkle, Chas. Blakesley and Mr. McNally.

ON DECORATION.

Mesdames Giltner, Adams, Muckle and Moore, and Misses Butler, Merrill and Perry.

ON MUSIC.

Mrs. Muckle, Mrs. Giltner, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Morse, Miss Butler, Messrs. McBride, Hancock and Cox.

TO TAKE PRESENTS OFF TREE.

Messrs. Tedford and Glendye.

TO TAKE CHARGE OF PRESENTS.

Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Muckle, Mrs. Cox and Mrs. Ellen Perry.

TO READ NAMES ON PRESENTS.

Mrs. Morse and Major Adams.

TO DISTRIBUTE PRESENTS.

Miss Butler and Miss Miles

TO SOLICIT SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Miss Minnie Perry and Miss Hattie Rathbun.

The adjourned meeting about a Christmas tree met at the school-house Dec. 4th, at 7 P. M. Mr. E. E. Quick elected Chairman, Major Adams, Secretary. It was voted that the various committees could increase their number if needed, to assist them. That the committees for Securing Tree and Decoration should cooperate, and meet for plans on Saturday eve at B. F. Giltner's. That a general invitation through the columns of the COLUMBIAN should be extended to everybody everywhere to participate in the Christmas celebration.

We desire to call the especial attention of our lady readers to the advertisement found in another column headed "Pleasant and Profitable Work for Women." Never was such an opportunity offered to some energetic lady to acquire a good income so easily. We have it on good authority that lady canvassers east of the Rocky Mountains are making $75.00 and 100.00 per month selling "Practical Housekeeping" & "Manners that Win." The books come endorsed by such eminent women as Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher, Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Mrs. Livermore, and many others. We trust that some intelligent and energetic lady among our many readers will take advantage of the opportunity and secure the agency for this vicinity. It is surely worth trying for.

Mrs. Thomas on the *Latona* is a very pleasant lady. She is not scared to death at being sociable, and enjoys a joke as well as the next. It is refreshing to meet a lady once and awhile who has the chill frost rubbed off and can give a traveler a pleasant word. It reminds one of the States and civilization.

LOCAL NEWS.

Christmas Goods.

A full stock of vases, decorated cups and plates, jewelry in new styles and a general assortment of

Holiday Goods

will be opened at **McBride's Store.**

On Sunday after Church Major Adams and family called at Judge Moore's, because they knew then they should catch the Judge at home. They had a grand time. He has just furnished his mansion with tasteful carpets and elegant set of Eastlake parlor furniture and other articles too numerous to mention. The crowning article is a splendid $900 McCammon piano for his wife and daughters. The Judge has worked night and day in his profession, and deserves the success that has crowned his labors so protracted and arduous.

Mr. George H. Hancock has returned from Cowlitz Prairie where he has left his family on the homestead. It is a fine tract of land, not heavily timbered, neighbors within a mile and in a Presbyterian neighborhood, where there is a church. He has built a house two stories high, 20x24, aud dug a well, and built quite a number of out houses. He also has bought him a team. His wife and Charley are workers, and will make things shine, while the father is here earning money in the mill.

THE BEST IS THE CHEAPEST,

Just received a large stock of Men's eady-made clothing consisting of fine Diagonal, Beaver, Cassimere and Tweed suits

Also

a large stock of Men's and boys' boots, made in San Francisco expressly for this trade. A full line of ladies' and misses' Fine shoes. Call aud examine quality and prices of these goods at

McBRIDE'S STORE.

J. W. Campbell lately went on land matters to Vancouver. He says M. S. Philips, City Marshal is a whole souled man, and that Johnny Jaggy is the prince of boys. He thinks him the finest little gentleman he ever met. John is a nephew of the noted merchant Michael Wintler, and his father and mother are some of the best people on the Pacific Coast or any other coast, and don't you forget it. They are Major Adams' friends, and no scrubs. The scrubs don't like Major.

Mr. J. Harris is finishing up Judge Moore's house on Honesty Hill. It will be very convenient so the lady of the mansion says. Mrs. Moore made one of the poorest looking houses in town beautiful, and now we congratulate her on having one of the finest. She deserves it, so there is all there is to say about it. May she live long years in her pleasant home!

Amos Slavens has a fine place for his home. We are happy the reward of honest industry in this family has been realized. Mrs. Slavens has in particular been a very energetic woman, a faithful wife and mother, and she deserves a good home in her old age. The oldest son Charlie is very likely, and when the oldest is that way the rest generally follow suit.

Dr. Jessup of the N. P. R. R. has bought right of way of Edwin Merrill for $200; of T. Johnson so Andrew Miles informs us for $500, and for Sharringhausen for $125, of C. W. Garrison for $50. Joseph Copeland has from the Co. the promise to wood and water on his premises. S. D. Morrison has sold right of way for $350.

John T. McNulty is one of our most obliging citizens. He brought ourself and daughter home the other day and four bushels of apples. He has a splendid team of blacks worth $500. John has a likely wife and a sweet little daughter who looks good and pure as a spring violet.

Mr. Wilkes, County Surveyor, has a new sight for his surveying apparatus, one of Gurley's, costing $25.00. Mr. Wilkes' father is a veteran of the War of 1812 is living in Washington County and of the same stock as Commodore Wilkes.

Mr. J. H. Edmunds' Ad. is unavoidably crowded out till next week on account of sickness in the family. Will appear next week. Mr. Edmunds is a very pleasant man, and keeps a saloon well-stocked with the best kind of liquors.

Mrs. Decker is getting well again.

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Notice.

All accounts due Dec. 1st. must be settled at once.

No new accounts opened after this date.

G. W. McBride.

Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, W. T. December 6th. 1882.

Complaint having been entered at this Office by William Weghite against Pontiff Kelly for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 2412, dated Nov. 29th, 1878, upon the Lot No. 3 and S. E. ¼ of N. W. ¼ Section 6, Township 9 North, Range 1 East in Cowlitz County, Wash. Ter., with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 16th day of January, 1883, at 10 o'clock A. M. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

FRED. W. SPARLING, Register

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Notice.

U. S. LAND OFFICE AT VANCOUVER, W. T. November 23d. 1882.

Complaint having been entered at this Office by Thomas Broughton against Scott W. Morriss for abandoning his Homestead Entry No. 2031, dated April 26th. 1876, upon the W. ½ of N. E. ¼ Section 22, Township 10 N. Range 1 E. in Cowlitz County, Wash. Ter. with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 4th. day of January, 1883, at 11 o'clock A. M. to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

FRED. W. SPARLING, Register.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Nov. 22, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helens, Oregon, on Monday Jan. 8, 1883, viz: George F. Moeck, Homestead Entry No. 3160 for the N. ½ of N. W. ¼ of Sec. 20 T. 7. N. R. 2 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

John A. Atkins, Solari Frank, Cyrus H. Gilbreath and Dean Blanchard, all of Rainier, Columbia County, Oregon.

L. T. BARIN, Register.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE, AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Nov. 15, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helens, Oregon, on Wednesday Dec. 27th. 1882, viz: Israel P. Spencer, Homestead Entry No. 3210 for the N. E. ¼ of Sec. 4 T. 4 N. R. 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of said land, viz:

Josiah Konkle and A. H. Mathews of St. Helens, and T. J. Adams and Joseph Vanblaricom of Vernonia, all of Columbia County, Oregon.

L. T. BARIN, Register.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Oct. 13th. 1882.

Notice is hereby given that the following-named settler has FILED notice of his intention to make FINAL PROOF in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the County Clerk of Columbia County at St. Helens, Oregon, on Monday Dec. 18, 1882, viz: James T. Adams Homestead Entry No. 3992 for the N. E. ¼ of Sec. 18, T. 4 N. R. 4 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz:

S. Sheley, J. Weed, O. Cherrington and J. M. Adams, all of Vernonia, Columbia County, Oregon.

L. T. BARIN, Register.

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Notice of Application to Purchase Timber Lands.

U. S. LAND OFFICE AT OREGON CITY, OREGON. Oct. 6th, 1882.

Notice is hereby given that B. W. Blood of Columbia County, Oregon, has made application to purchase the N. W ¼ of N. W ¼ of Section 20 Township 7 N. Range 4 West Will. Mer. under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved June 3, 1878, entitled "An Act for the sale of Timber Lands in the States of California, Oregon, Nevada, and in Washington Territory."

All adverse claims to said tract must be FILED in the U. S. Land Office at Oregon City, Oregon, before the expiratoon of sixty from this date.

Given under my hand this 6th. day of Oct. 1882.

L. T. BARIN, Register.

NOTICE.

A School-teacher wanted at Marshland, Columbia Co., Oregon. A lady preferred. Apply to J. C. MCGUIRE, Director,

Nov. 2d. 1882.