

AWAY ABOVE PAUL, O. R. & N. CO. stock is quoted on the New York stock market at 125.

Philadelphia - What is accumulating in Philadelphia in what quantities without an export demand.

Missouri - The Kansas railroad has just received \$3,000,000 in the United States of Columbia. This is what we are coming to.

Only - An important exchange says that the Oregonian of Walla Walla applied itself really at Spokane Falls for only six cents a copy.

Increase - The earnings of the eastern division of the N. P. R. for the week ending Dec. 24, 1880, was \$39,500, an increase of \$13,427.

Payment - A "petition" is hereby returned all claims to the contrary notwithstanding the June 4, 1879, of O. G. and not the House Committee, New York, is directed to the president.

The Fire - Helena, Montana, was visited by a \$150,000 fire which destroyed the principal business block on Monday the 27th inst., when one man was burnt to death in an attempt to save a treasury bill.

Pastors - And now comes another "literary effort" with a two column letter in the New York Sun, in which it claims that Thomas Paine was the author of the "Common Sense" letters. Well, whose fault is it?

Sacked - Prof. Walker, assisted by Mrs. McLaughlin, will give another sack concert at the Opera House in a short time. The concert was a great success, and every effort will be made to make the coming one the same.

Railroad Earnings - Official returns show that during the month of July, August, September and October, the gross earnings of the Northern Pacific railroad were \$1,114,570, an increase of \$174,957, the increase during the month of November was \$87,119.

Henry - If somebody didn't soon take Henry's place as "old probabilities" the voice of an outraged and justly indignant people will demand the abolition of the Signal Service Bureau, for during the absence of an official regulator the weather is having a high time out.

Sneak - These gentlemen are around as thick as hungry hummers around a lunch table. They pick up anything from a pair of second-hand socks to a piano. They have anything of value in your back yard and look your front door and be careful to keep your choicer hidden.

Railroad Act - In the case of the O. R. & N. Co. vs. Gallagher, the bill of exceptions was signed preparatory to the appeal by the railroad company. The case involves the principles which govern the legal right of assessing damages when private property is taken for the use of railroads.

Sham - A California man has invented a new steam plow which differs from all others in that it ploughs while stationary, cutting a series of regular furrows thirty feet in diameter; then it is moved forward and cuts another series so that it need only cross an acre of ground seven times to plough it.

Panama Canal - The "Universal company" is the name of the organization under the presidency of M. Ferdinand DeLesseps, which proposes to build an inter-oceanic canal through the Isthmus of Panama with a capital stock of 200 millions of francs, the 60,000 shares of which are now on the market for subscription at the par value of 500 francs each.

Reverend - For several months past Main street has failed to accommodate the ever increasing demand for store room and buildings for every kind of enterprise. Gradually the side streets are filling up, and here and there the main business stores are and hotels are springing up. In ten years we may safely look to other streets than Main the scene of busy life and trade.

Yosemite - Eastern capitalists contemplate building a line of railroad from Fresno, on the Tulare valley road, to Fresno Flat, 30 miles from the Yosemite valley, in order to accommodate tourists, etc. When the Northern Pacific is completed from Ausworth across the Cascades to New Tacoma, we propose to agitate the question of a road from Walla Walla to the National park.

Oswald - The bankers forming the special American committee of the Panama canal announce that the issue of stock in New York is a complete success, the subscriptions exceeding the total amount offered, while the advance from Paris are even more favorable, so much so that a considerable reduction will be made to subscribers. The total amount of stock already sold will soon be published.

Twenty-sixth Year - We gladly acknowledge the receipt of McCormick's Almanac for 1881, which has now attained its twenty-sixth year of publication. The Almanac contains useful statistics pertaining to the growth, resources and population of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, together with a variety of other interesting facts which makes it exceedingly handy for reference and for transmission to friends in the states who desire information about the Northwest.

Military - The following, received from the adjutant general of the army, is promulgated for the information and guidance of all concerned: "Meritorious and non-commissioned officers who are married, may be re-located within one month from date of discharge, without making application to this office for special orders in such case, provided it is understood that their wives will be entitled to no privileges as landowners, and that they will not make the fact of their being married a ground for discharge before the expiration of their term of service."

To the Point - Possibly the shortest sermon ever delivered from a pulpit was by Dean Swift, in Westminster Abbey. It was Christmas eve. The congregation at the Dean's mouth officiate drew thousands of both the earnest and curious. The choir, accompanied by a hundred voices, having sung an impressive hymn of praise, the venerable Dean opened the sacred book and quoted the following passage with considerable effect: "He that loveth the poor lendeth unto the Lord; he that refuseth him lendeth to the Lord." The collection was the largest ever made in the city. When your tables are groaning with rich and rare viands, tomorrow, dear reader, remember the poor.

Fifty Years - Forty years we have been hunting for articles of wear which will stand away with buttons. This trouble and worry those amiable little things have caused the masculine world would prefer the pen of a Dickson to describe, coming to Fred Adams store for a pair of buttonless gloves to wear at the Hook & Laddler hall, he generously presented us with a pair of Foster's knits. Hereupon we had an idea that this make not only for labor, but we found that gentlemen are also included. Adams is the only store in town where they can be found.

A. O. W. - The Ancient Order of United Workmen is gradually increasing in membership in this state, the actual number being about 1750. The Astorian says as soon as the number is increased to 2000 in this state, we shall have a grand lodge of our own. When I will afford to members the cheapest insurance plan ever devised. A vigorous attempt will be made to increase the membership in the state to the required number, then a grand lodge will be organized. The sum of \$25000 has been subscribed for the purchase of a hall to be admitted a member of the Ancient Order of United Workmen.

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WALLA WALLA, W. T., SATURDAY, JANUARY 1, 1881.

OUR BUSINESS MEN.

F. F. ADAMS.

A review of the foundation and career of the leading mercantile establishments of the city of Walla Walla would be incomplete if the establishment of F. F. Adams, late of Adams Bros., and formerly Brown Bros. & Co., were excluded. Founded at a time dating back to the first actual settlement of the valley, the Brown Bros., established the germ of what has since expanded into the magnificent proportions of the business now under the sole and exclusive control and management of F. F. Adams. As a bit of personal history it may be as well to state that W. P. Adams, late senior member of the firm of Adams Bros., crossed the plains in 1859 and arrived here with all his worldly possessions on his back. After getting a "lay out" to cut timber in the mountains and afterwards clerking it for a time in Sam Baldwin's store, he started a pack train and took a load of goods into the Bitter Root valley; he hadn't any experience in that business but the mules had, so after his return we find him clerking it again, this time with Brown Bros., and revelling in the grandeur of an annual salary of \$2500. This was merely a temporary engagement, however, for a short time after he opened the first store, known as the "slab store" because built of slabs whittled out with a whip saw, ever started in Idaho city in the Boise basin. The spirit of unrest which afflicted the pioneers again brought him back to this city, where, until the spring of 1865, he remained as a partner with his old standbys Brown Bros. & Co. About this time the irrepressible F. F. Adams arrived here via the Missouri river, Fort Benton and Mullan trails with \$18. A co-partnership was formed by the brothers, and they embarked in mercantile pursuits, operating in Helena, and the now defunct Reynold's city in Montana territory, and Lemhi on the Salmon river in Idaho territory with success until July 1868, when they finally bought out the business interests of Brown Bros. & Co. in this city, the former partners retiring to San Francisco to enjoy the competency they amassed while here and devoting their surplus time and energy to the establishment of one of the largest jobbing houses in the Golden city. From that date down to July 1880, when the senior partner withdrew on account of failing health, the firm of Adams Bros., have ever since resided here, concentrating the whole of their untiring energies to the up-building of the vast business carried on by them in the brick store on the corner of Main and Third streets, with such success that for a large number of years the business of the house has expanded till it stands A. No. 1, and second to no other establishment in commercial circles in the territory. The infusion of new blood into the management of the concern in 1865 marks the era of its greatest success, for owing to fair dealing, liberality, and selling goods at a very small margin the business transactions of the house have increased many thousand per cent. Ever since the retirement of W. P. Adams to Oakland in July last, the immense business has been controlled exclusively by F. F. Adams, who has sold his interests in varied business enterprises throughout the territory in order to give this great mercantile establishment his undivided attention. The store is literally packed to its fullest

capacity from basement to ceiling with a magnificent stock of the best goods obtainable in the San Francisco and eastern markets. Possessing twenty-five years experience in the business and a practical knowledge of the wants of the people, and buying large invoices exclusively for cash, the proprietor has the choice of markets, and knowing that the best is always cheapest he can show a stock of goods which for quality and quantity is unequalled in the upper country. In addition to the store F. F. Adams has a large warehouse for the storage of goods, and another for storing grain for the accommodation of his immense farming patronage. A walk through the mammoth exhibit in the store reminds even the unimaginative of an oriental bazaar, such is the resplendent display and variety of the color and texture of the dry and fancy goods exhibit; the choicest fabrics from all parts of the world are on view; silks from the looms of Lyons vie with the handwork of the deft cocoon manipulators of Japan and the Flowery kingdom; the barbaric splendors of Turkish and Persian carpets can here be contrasted with materials showing the softest tints and designs of Brussels and Kidderminster. Palaces can be furnished in the style of Oriental splendor for the luxuriant from the display of goods in the store of F. F. Adams, while the more aesthetic can furnish a mansion with upholstery combining that harmonious blending of colors which marks the refined elegance of modern Caucasian civilization without diminishing the stock on hand, or preventing one or more of the half dozen gentlemanly clerks from attending to the every day wants of other purchasers who do not affect such high-toned styles. In addition to the finer fabrics the establishment carries tons and tons of groceries, hardware, hats, boots and shoes, and a well selected miscellaneous assortment of everything usually found in the best general merchandising houses. A specialty of F. F. Adams' business is the direct importation from Japan of fresh and pure teas which has gained for him a wide spread reputation all over the upper country. Six experienced, polite and attentive clerks of the strictest integrity are employed during the winter months with an addition of three or more during busy seasons to wait upon customers and to fill the invoices received from his large clientele in the country. Being thoroughly identified with, and having done much to foster various important industries in the upper country. F. F. Adams is able to cater to the wants of the public in the most satisfactory manner, and when to his 26 years experience in the business is added his unequalled facilities for buying to the best possible advantage in a choice of markets we can readily understand why it is that F. F. Adams' store continues to be the headquarters of pioneers and "carpet baggers" alike. Large advertising, and the most scrupulous fair dealing with old and new traders alike, and the strictest integrity in his commercial business and individual transactions, F. F. Adams stands out prominently as a distinct representative of the upper country merchant who adapts himself to all the changing circumstances which the growth of the country forces upon all, and this is nowhere more noticeable than in the fact that he is now playing a "one hand" in managing alone all the varied duties of his gigantic business, and in so doing he shows his remarkable business ability, for there is not a business of like dimensions in the northwest conducted without partners.

THE DAILY STATESMAN, of Walla Walla, was enlarged on the 13th inst., and now comes to us as big as the *Intelligencer*. In making so great a change, we hope Brother Parker and the STATESMAN will live long and continue growing and make lots of money for its enterprising publisher.—*Intelligencer*.

Bal-Masque.

The Guard's Party a Grand Success—A Large Crowd—Handsome Dressing and a Merry Time.

The long looked for Guard's Masquerade came off Wednesday, and it was as we predicted it would be, a grand success. About ten o'clock the hall commenced filling, and soon the variety and beauty of the many costumes and the antics of the wearers, became enjoyable to the large number of spectators present. The hall was handsomely decorated with flags, guns and other martial emblems. The music furnished by the Walla Walla string band was all the heart could desire, and many were the compliments showered upon this comparatively new organization. A polka with bird and bell accompaniment attracted considerable attention on account of its oddity and beauty. The difficult duty of

AWARDING THE PRIZES,

For the finest costumes and best sustained characters fell to M. A. P. B. Johnson, F. F. Adams and F. J. Parker, who filled their parts assigned them with as little partiality as possible. It was hard to tell who were entitled to the prizes, as all the costumes were remarkably handsome. The removal of the masques assisted the committee in making their decision, for there were those who would probably have obtained prizes, who, when they became known, were found to have received prizes at previous masquerade balls, and it was desired that in such cases where there was a doubt to give the gifts to those who had hitherto not been fortunate in this way. As it was the first prize for the best dressed lady fell to

MISS FRANKIE PRATHER,

Who represented Morning. Miss Minnie O'Neil obtained the next prize for the best sustained character. Of the gentlemen, Ed. Dugger received a very handsome diamond scarf pin for being the best dressed gentleman, and H. Metzger a set of gold studs for carrying out the character of an Irish "Muldoon" in such a happy manner. The following is a partial list of a number of those present in costume, and the names of the characters impersonated:

GENTLEMEN.

Chas. Kenyon, Highlander; Fred Dugger, Gypsy Girl; F. Bowman, School Boy; Frank Boyd, Page; Chas. Besserer, Cap. U. S. Artillery; Frank Goodhue, Clown; O. Gundersen, Count; Chas. Wentworth, Page; S. Faulkner, Clown; S. Whitehouse, Clown; Mr. Walker, Army Officer; Ed. Dugger, Page; H. Metzger, Muldoon; Mr. Cull Dominoe; Mr. Graham, Dominoe; Colonel Bush, Dominoe; Gen. McGill, Dominoe; Julius Heilboom, Indian Squaw; Geo. Williams, Song and Dance; F. W. Schultz, Spanish Dancer; Geo. Kemp, Cavalier; F. Faulkner, Son of the Emerald Isle; S. Brownstone, Duke; R. N. McLain, A Venteran; W. S. Turner, Page; Tno. Vennigarholz, Grandmother carrying John; Mr. Goldman, Sailor; Mr. Maxon, Turk.

LADIES:

Miss F. E. Middaugh, Flower Girl; Miss Redford, Fire Queen; Mrs. Ike Lewis, Fancy Dress; Miss Huldah Reed, Flower Girl; Mrs. ALEX. Young, A Butterfly; Miss Nettie Scholl, Evening Star; Miss Mattie Prather, Morning Star; Miss Mattie Prather, Fairy; Miss Minnie O'Neil, Pocahontes; Miss Lillie Bartholomew, Spanish Coquette; Mrs. Burgess, Fancy Dress; Mrs. Bowman, School Girl; Mrs. Tebeau, Jealousy; Mrs. Warder, True—Fancy Dress; Mrs. A. R. Mills, Fancy Dress; Mrs. Vedder, Fancy Dress.

Masks at J. B. Lewis's Book Store.

Correspondence.

WALLA WALLA, Dec. 2, 1880.

EDITOR STATESMAN:—In the DAILY STATESMAN of the 25th inst. appeared an item regarding a Michigan family who were in the last stages of destitution, and giving the Rev. Mr. Irwin credit for relieving the same. I do not know what Mr. Irving or anyone else had to do in the premises, but I know that on Saturday, the 18th inst the family came to the city, and as they were destitute and down with the measles on Sunday we rented the house belonging to Mr. Wood, in Chase's Avenue, sent them a load of wood, bought a stove, two mattresses, and in fact everything they needed to relieve their necessities and make themselves comfortable, in short everything they called for. You will find the above articles charged to the city by calling at Adams' store, Thompson's store, and Blalock's wood yard. I remain, Yours Respectfully,

MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL.

[The above speaks for itself, the item was handed to us by one who guaranteed its veracity, as it reflected upon no one and gave prominence to an act of charity, the STATESMAN was well pleased to publish it. Perhaps our authority will step forward and explain matters.—Ed.]

Teacher's Institute.

EDITOR STATESMAN:—The Teacher's Institute of this county convened to-day, in this city, and will remain in session for three days. We think Mr. Wheeler made a serious mistake in fixing the time during the holidays, as few teachers will feel like devoting their short season of recreation to the dry details of Institute work. The time should have been in the Fall, when the roads and weather were good, the teachers in the harness, and both ready and willing to work. Besides the law does not allow pay for the time, unless it be taken while the school is actually in session. So many of the teachers will have their holidays spoiled, and yet no pay for it, into the bargain. A well conducted institute is a good thing, being a powerful means of educating teachers in the practical duties of their profession. But one gotten together haphazard, without any definite plan of work, is, to say the least, of very questionable utility. CITIZEN.

FELL IN.—Owing to the great weight of snow on the roof of one of the sheds attached to Small's livery stables, it concluded last night to take a tumble. There is no great damage done.

ANOTHER RAILROAD.—Work on the Oregon Pacific Railroad was commenced at Reno, Nev., on Dec. 22d, and contracts are already let so that work can be pushed right ahead.

CALLED.—Two hundred and twelve pioneers have called to inform us that this is one of the hardest winters ever known since the settlement of the country.

BENEFIT.—Mr. Charles Adams, the well known Dutch comedian, will receive a benefit Wednesday evening, which undoubtedly will be well attended.

The most beautiful New Year's calling cards at the STATESMAN office. Call and examine.

Jay Gould of the Track.

We dissent *in toto*, from Jay Gould's deductions, published in our dispatches to-day, that a financial crisis is imminent, for the reasons which the great financier assigns are illogical and childish, not to say idiotic. Cheap money and plenty of it is the panacea for financial stringency, and the fact that capitalists throughout the country are now unlocking the doors of their treasure vaults should create rejoicing rather than distrust. Cheap money builds new railroads and inter-oceanic canals, and these enterprises mean competition and consequent diminution of revenue to the various lines of roads controlled by the great American autocrat.

Gould's plea that the original Pacific railroad cannot find return freight for the cars employed, is owing to the mismanagement of its directors. Its freight and passenger charges are not only exorbitant but there has been gross discrimination both in the rates of local and through freight and travel. Of late there has been a sharp advance in the price of Pacific Mail stock in Eastern exchange marts, caused solely by the increased freight and passenger traffic which seeks the Pacific coast, and return by way of Panama and Aspinwall. Of his strictures on the Southern Pacific it will be enough to say that its stock commands a fancy price in monetary circles, and that it promises to be the most profitable of all the transcontinental lines south of the Northern Pacific track.

Gould's hostility to the Northern Pacific is based on the fact that the construction of this road will interfere with and greatly disarrange his own plans. He has for years been trying to head off the Northern Pacific by building the Utah and Northern, which leaves Ogden en route for Helena, in Montana, and which is now completed to Blackfoot, in Southern Idaho, where it is likely to stop, till science has invented some means of removing the mountains, which must be crossed before the enterprise is completed. It has in fact been Jay Gould's great ambition to include the great northwest in the territory tributary to the railroads controlled by him; it is creditable to his genius that he has long appreciated our commercial importance, and his mighty intellect has outlined a railroad system intended to embrace all portions of this interior and bring them under his own dominion. Therefore, when Gould says that there is no excuse for the construction of the Northern Pacific during this generation we naturally infer that he is not a disinterested party, especially when his opinion conflicts with that of the secretary of the interior department, who incidentally calls the attention of congress to the fact that the character of the lands granted to the Northern Pacific are much above the average of those granted the other Pacific railroad companies.

And Gould's objections to the Northern Pacific on account of the altitude of the Rocky mountains are knocked on the head by the discovery of Priest's Pass, recently traversed by Gen. Anderson, which will save the company many miles of the costliest road building. The great effort of the great railroad autocrat to "bear" Northern Pacific railroad stock will be unsuccessful, for the company has lately floated \$40,000,000 in six per cent gold bonds, with 40 years to run, the whole of which was readily taken, the bonds to be issued only as the road is completed and accepted by the government. Jay Gould has been anticipated by two companies, for while he was "laying the lines," both the Northern Pacific

and O. R. & N. Co.'s have been quietly at work, and for the time at least, have checkmated all outsiders. It is matter for regret that railroad stocks should ever be subjected to the vicissitudes of alternate inflation and collapse which mark stock exchange speculations, but it is flattering to our own country that the shares of the two great companies operating here are firm in the markets.

A Tammany Organ's Wrath.

The *Evening Express* (Tammany) thus speaks to the Tammany aldermen who voted with the republicans and anti-Tammany aldermen, and made sure the revolution:

To Bernard Goodwin, Robert Foster, Frederick Hilbig, and Henry Haffen:

SIRS—You were elected aldermen by the votes of honest democrats, who believed your professions and trusted in your honor. You were elected as members of the Tammany democracy of this city, in the belief that you would carry out your pledges before your nomination in good faith. You have betrayed your trust, repudiated your professions, turned traitors to the people who elected you, and branded yourselves as utterly without principle, honor, or manliness. You have sold yourselves cheap, very cheap, for the disgrace and infamy of your conduct will stick to your names while you live, and will attach to your children. A grave was dug for you, and you lay down in it. There is no resurrection for men who have damned themselves. The parties whose abject tool you willingly become will not trust you, and have no further use for you. All honest men despise you. Judas went out and hung himself after he had got his thirty pieces of silver. You need not hang yourself, you are already worse than gibbet. The brand set on Cain was harder to carry than death. Live and enjoy the price of your treason if you can. But if you live to the age of Methuselah you will never outlive the crime of which you convicted yourselves. Go.

EDISON has been made the subject of many ill-natured jests and sneers because he did not perfect his electric light in a fortnight, and failed to keep pace with the impatience of those who never stop long enough to perfect an idea. He thinks he will soon have the laugh on his critics; and announces that he will soon make an exhibition of his perfect light that will silence all cavilers, and expects to begin lighting New York with it early next month.

THE National Cabinet-makers have once more revived the rumor that Senator Blaine has been offered the Secretaryship of State by Gen. Garfield, with the addition, this time, that the gentleman from Maine has not declined the offer. The Blaine branch of the Republican party certainly deserves recognition at the hands of the new Administration for the noble work it did helping to defeat Gen. Grant.

THE rumor that the pretzel crop this year is a failure is a base roorback, says the *Norristown Herald*, got up for political effect. The vines were not injured by the early frosts, and the burning heat of last July only shrunk the pretzel a little in size. The crop will average sixty bushels to the acre, we are informed by a friend who knows more than we do about farming.

THE *Palouse Gazette* comes to us this week in an enlarged form. All it requires now is an editor.

Christmas Tree Festivities.

The M. E. Church was crowded to its utmost standing room capacity Christmas evening on the occasion of an old-fashioned Christmas tree jollification. The church walls were tastily decorated with evergreens and two stalwart fir saplings, profusely hung with Christmas gifts done up in all sorts of bright colored packages, stood one on either side of the chancel. Hosts of bright, intelligent children, members of the Sunday school assisted in the exercises and the manner in which they rendered their various recitations would have done credit to older and more experienced actors. The following was the programme of the evening:

Song by the school—"Jesus is Born."
Prayer by Mr. Erwin.
Anthem by the Club—"Star of Bethlehem."
"Valedictory" by Virgin Walker, really the feature of the evening.
Song by the school—"Glory to God."
Scriptural recitation by boys.
Song—"I am Kneeling at the Threshold."
Recitation—"Land of Nod."
Solo—Jessie Grant.
Scriptural recitation by George McGuire.
Song—"Clap your hands for Joy," school.
Recitation—"Little Children."
Song—"The Christmas Time."
Song—"Christian Defenders," school.
Recitation—"Cora Morse."
Song—"Lost on the Lady Elgin."
Poetical recitation—"The Voice of the Flowers," by young ladies and gentlemen.
Song by the Glee Club.
Carol—"About the Christmas tree."

The jolliest part of the entertainment was the distribution of Christmas gifts. We think they averaged about one gift to every person in the house; that is, certain young ladies received a great many whilst the poor lords of creation who stood in the aisles and crowded about the doorways got nil. Amongst these chosen few stood our reporter.

THE DAILY STATESMAN.—Every newspaper on the coast, of any prominence, has spoken a good word for the STATESMAN in its present enlarged form. For this we thank them, more especially as they have generally given the merchants and advertisers of Walla Walla credit in the same connection. In view of the encouragement we have received, we now announce, that commencing on the first Monday of January, the Daily STATESMAN will be permanently enlarged to another column on each page, and lengthened accordingly. The price will remain the same. We know that times are bad, and but little money in circulation, but of late the circulation has increased largely throughout the surrounding country, and is extending its jurisdiction every day, thereby offering an excellent medium for advertisers. We believe since we started a daily, that generally speaking, satisfaction has been given. Some mistakes have, of course, been made, and obvious amonities engendered. For the former, we are sorry, as regards the latter, we can truthfully say that the more opposition we receive, will the more redound to our benefit, as we are always prepared for any emergency. In this form and size, we have shown the people all over the coast, what Walla Walla, as represented by the STATESMAN, can do. Talk is very cheap, and whatever we do in a quiet way; past experience in life has proved to us that much talk and noise beforehand, as exemplified in the fable of the mountain in labor bringing forth a mouse, is always disappointing. What we know and do, at the STATESMAN office, is but little, but that little is well known and well done. We always try to make the mouse bring forth a mountain.

THE Walla Walla DAILY STATESMAN comes to us in an enlarged form. Mr. Parker deserves considerable credit for his enterprise, as he has not only made his paper the first successful daily ever published in Walla Walla, but has made it equal to a good many weeklies in point of news.—*La Grande Republican*.

Go to the "Gem" for egg-nogg. 76-ff

Correspondence.

WALLA WALLA RIVER, W. T.,
December 25, 1880.

EDITOR STATESMAN:—As I have never seen any correspondence in your valuable paper from this part of our beautiful valley, I think it desirable to send you a few items of social news in order that you metropolitan may not overlook the fact of our existence. We have a good school in this district, (No. 13), and in order to give the children a good time to look back upon, when they have half accomplished the weary journey of life, the teacher, assisted by the good people of the district, joined forces and put their shoulder to the wheel to erect a Christmas tree, the branches of which were literally loaded down with a very choice selection of appropriate presents for the little ones. On the eventual evening the assembled people were treated to a programme of literary exercises, consisting of a salutatory declamation, and readings from the *Walla Walla Wasp*, a journal published and edited in our school. The *Wasp* is a regular buzzer, and made lots of fun. An original comedy by the teacher, a gentleman from the Rhine, was also produced in such a creditable manner as to bring down the applause of the house. The evening closed with the distribution of the presents, and old and young alike went home highly pleased with all the features of the evening's entertainment. W. W. R.

If our friends in the different settlements outside of town will write to us occasionally, we shall be always happy to chronicle their local and social happenings. The STATESMAN is the people's paper, and as such, its columns are at the disposal of country correspondents, both in and out of this county, and the publication of outlying local happenings will connect the city more closely with the country.

A WONDER.—A motor yacht without steam now makes her way about Boston harbor. It illustrates the working of a compressed petroleum engine. No smoke pipe is visible, for there is none, nor any need of any, for there is not so much fire as the flame of an ordinary kerosene lamp. The whole engine and running machinery are contained in a long, low box in the bottom of the boat, occupying scarcely more room than would be required for the ballast of a sail boat of its size. The peculiarity of this engine is, that a common match brings it instantly into full working power.

ENERGY.—Who could say that Watsburg is not an enterprising town. Scarcely three months ago the town was almost entirely burnt down, and to-day it has more and finer business houses than before. Every building is taken as soon as finished, and there are continual cries for more. Business is very lively for this time of year. The railroad building going on in the vicinity gives a genuine impetus to trade. We expect a regular boom when the railroad is in running order.—*Times*.

THE EXECUTION.—Many inquiries have been made why A. J. Thomas is to be executed on Tuesday instead of Friday. We interviewed Judge Wingard on the subject with the resulting information that he had set that day purposely in order to attempt to do away with the old superstition that Friday is an unlucky day. We think the Judge was right in the matter.

NO MORE SHOOTING OR TRAPPING.—After to-day it is against the law for prairie chickens to be either trapped or shot. Any information relative to those engaged in this after the end of the year will be welcome to the Walla Walla Gun Club who have taken all the game birds under their protection.

TUMBLING.—The weather reporter reports falling barometer at the Cascades and the Dalles.