



Whittier and Holmes are all of the old poets left, and they are aged, respectively, 79, 75 and 73.

The Eastern Railway Company of France has just made a new essay in the application of electricity. A train equipped with the most recent and improved electrical apparatus proceeded from Paris to Metz.

A feature of Mr. Blaine's administration of the state department which Mr. Frelinghuysen has not abandoned is a spirited foreign policy in defence of the American flag.

ARTHUR, who never served in congress, is beginning to find out the tricks and the maneuvers of the average representative in the national assembly.

It is a Washington opinion that the President's veto of the Chinese immigration suspension bill has "raised him wonderfully in the estimation of the politicians."

The ocean steamship lines are begging Chicago railway agents to send them grain for ballast. Never before were they driven to such a strait.

ANY person in possession of a spring producing a supply through the year of from one to one hundred square inches of pure water may grow with right appliances and requisite knowledge and care, from 6,000 to 60,000 trout in one year.

Mr. BEECHER has been giving his Plymouth congregation, which takes no note of Lent and does not care to observe it in any way, some hints touching its due observance.

A Decided Declaration.

The Anti-Chinese Bill Passed the House of Representatives. Page's anti Chinese bill was, after some little opposition by Morse of Massachusetts and others, brought before the House of Representatives on Monday and passed amid a scene of excitement by the decisive majority of 204 to 37.

Classifying greenbackers according to the usual political qualifications on positions not involving financial questions, the vote to-day on the passage of the Chinese bill shows that 107 democrats and 94 republicans—total, 207—were recorded in the affirmative, and 34 republicans and 3 democrats—total, 37—voted in the negative.

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Excitement in Astoria. ASTORIA, April 18.—The circumstances in connection with the drowning of Harry Fredricksen, the sailor who jumped overboard from the Stern King, have caused much excitement among the numerous Scandinavian fishermen, which culminated this afternoon in an attempt to lynch Nick Davish, the sailor boarding house master, who it is said, shot him.

The Artesian Well sunk by the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway at Aberdeen, Breton county, Dakota, has proved successful beyond all anticipations. The flow began at a depth of 900 feet, and steadily increased until at the present depth of 940 feet, the volume from a 4 1/2 inch pipe has increased to over 1,500 gallons per minute.

THE lumber and logging business of Puget Sound is very active. Logs have advanced from \$5.50 to \$7 per thousand, and are scarce at these prices, some of the mills being obliged to shut down for want of them.

The "Jeannette."

An American now in Siberia writes as follows concerning the loss of the "Jeannette": Since the first fall when they were caught by the ice in trying to reach Herald Island they have never taken a course, but were held as in the jaws of death, squeezed till every timber quivered and turned this way and that, thrown floating and then caught again, and every hour in suspense, never knowing when the ice would close upon them a little more and the decks sink beneath them.

This alone is sufficient to give a town a permanency, but when we consider the other advantages, the desirability of an early location by those who wish to grow up with the country, will become manifest. In the first place, while Sprague itself is not situated directly on agricultural land, the country surrounding it is eminently adapted to every variety of agriculture, and besides, it is the very heart of the immense bunch grass country which has made this cheerful old Washington Territory so famous throughout the broad breadth of the Union.

Not a Partisan Question. The following from a valuable exchange is the most sensible thing we have yet seen on the Chinese question: "We are frequently assured that the Chinese question does not belong to politics! Republicans point to the efficient work of their Senators and Representatives in Congress from this coast, and Democrats to the almost solid vote which their party gave to the defeated bill.

Contested Telegrams. Secretary T. Her has been sworn in as Secretary of the Interior. Engineer Melville writes encouragingly of the chances of yet finding DeLong and his brave companions yet alive.

HATS AND BONNETS. The largest and most complete assortment of Ladies' Misses' and Children's.

Ordinance No. 138. An Ordinance providing for the improvement of Second Street and appointing an Assessor therefor.

Proposals for Grading. Notice is hereby given that sealed proposals for the improvement of Second Street, in accordance with Ordinance No. 138, and the estimate on file in the office of the City Clerk will be received at the office of the Street Department, No. 7 Second Street, until 3 o'clock of Monday, April 24, 1882.

Our New Town.

Of all the towns which have sprung up along the line of the Northern Pacific railroad there is none that has started with brighter prospects and a more glorious future before it than the town of Sprague. It is the first place on the line of any importance after Walla Walla is left behind, and owes its advantages as much to its own natural resources as to the fact that the headquarters of the Northern Pacific Railroad and its machine shops are already located there.

As heretofore, they will continue to make a specialty of. The old motto of recommending only the best goods will be strictly adhered to and no recommendations will be made for the sole purpose of effecting sales.

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Signaling Notes.

"Say, John, I want to ask a favor of an old friend, I need \$1,000 bad just now, and the bank wants a signer. I can pay it easily enough in thirty days. It won't even trouble you."

REES, WINANS & CO. Successors to Johnson, Rees & Winans.

Are now receiving their Spring and Summer Goods.

FARMERS' SUPPLIES. And any articles in the line of farmers' goods not usually kept in stock will be ordered from the cheapest market and furnished to customers at cost.

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CLARK'S TRADE MARK ONLY SPPOOL COTTON. TO BE THE BEST.

The Singer Manufacturing Co. 110 Sutter St. S. F. MARK SHELDON, 130 Post street, AGENT FOR THE

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A VAST ACCUMULATION OF NOVELTIES!! Only One Price! ATTRACTIVE ELEGANT DESIGN.

Dress Goods, Silks & Trimming Novelties. Is unusually magnificent and has awakened the enthusiastic admiration of such of our patrons as have already seen them.

Camel's Hair Suitings, New Designs in Spring Plaids, Armures, Momie Cloths, Pekin Cloths, Leno Serges, Mottled Serges, Moore Antique,

Ombre Brocade, Surah Satin, Surah Silk, Satin Mervilleaux, Satin DeLyon, Boys Suits at New York Prices, Elegant styles in Parasols.

EMBROIDERIES A SPECIALTY. Fast Assortment of Lestic Thread & Kid Gloves. NEW YORK STYLES IN LACE GOODS!

LADIES' AND CHILDRENS' STRAW HATS! Elegant Designs in Ladies' and Childrens' Hosiery, New Spring Wraps, Linen Dusters, Buttons, Fringes and Gimps, Ladies Muslin Underwear and Corsets.

OUR PRICES. A visit and inspection is all we ask, that is all that is needed, our prices will strike the public mind in language more eloquent and convincing than any words we could express.

Walla Walla, W. T.

WOOD RIVER.—As there are a number of persons in this section thinking of going to Wood river, we publish the following letter from Hilly dated April 5th: The first freight received on Wood river this season came in to-day from Kelton. There were two wagons drawn by eight horses, carrying fourteen tons. The teams were only four-ton days on the road, including nearly three days' delay at the crossing of the Snake river, owing to contrary winds. Such a quick trip at this unfavorable season proves that the roads are in good condition and give cause for general rejoicing here. Arrivals already average about thirty per day and the rush has not yet commenced. All the stage roads to Wood river are lined with people going on foot, horseback, in wagons and in every possible way. Letters from all directions indicate a very great influx of population, and the immigration this year is expected to be unprecedented in the history of mining camps. The Wood river company's smelter, situated one mile above this place, is being overhauled and got ready to be blown in by the first day of May. Although several capitalists are already here from the east, there have been no recent transfers of important mines as intending buyers are too moderate in their offers. The haulers and ore shipment from Wood river for the seven months ending December 1, 1881, exceeds \$1,200,000. The shipments during the same time this year will exceed \$3,000,000.

SETTLED.—In the case of Wm. Harkness and Wm. Courtney vs. F. M. Speed on a charge of embezzlement, a compromise was effected and the charges withdrawn on Mr. Speed returning to the plaintiff the amount of their respective claims, amounting in all to over \$4,000. Mr. Speed, when he came into this office long since and requested that no mention be made in the matter of his arrest, stated to us that the prosecution was simply a piece of personal spite on the part of the plaintiffs, and that an investigation would explain all. It is very singular that Mr. Speed should pay over \$4,000 to have proceedings stopped in a case where an arrest was made simply for spite. We explained to Mr. Speed that whatever the verdict might be, we should publish it. We give articles of this kind to the public just as they occur, and regardless of the standing of parties implicated shall expose rascality wherever we find it. We do not know Mr. Speed personally and have heard him well spoken of heretofore, but the fact that he has become a good reputation can not be accepted as an excuse for his attempt to make the public believe that he was being prosecuted by two honorable gentlemen, when in fact they were only endeavoring to recover what justly belonged to them.

COMING OF IMMIGRANTS.—Immigration by ocean steamer to Portland is 4,000 per month. Of these about 80 per cent. are actual settlers, who bring with them from \$500 to \$1,000 each, and usually their household effects. About one-third go to Umpqua and Rogue river valleys, in Southern Oregon, and the remainder are equally divided between Walla Walla valley, the Palouse region, Yakima country, Umatilla county in Oregon, and the plain between the Northern Pacific and the Columbia. The Federal Bureau of Immigration receive a daily average of fifty-five letters of inquiry from intending settlers. Immigrants come chiefly from California, Kansas, Minnesota, Texas, Illinois and Nebraska, proportioned in the order named.

SIBBERY INTERIORS.—A man in the employ of E. J. Saling, an Russell creek, was on Monday knocked down by a stallion he was leading and while on the ground the animal, in endeavoring to jump over him, struck him in the breast and stomach, with both hind feet. The man was almost paralyzed for a time from the effects of the blow. A physician was summoned, who found that his ribs had been broken, though the injuries were very serious. The patient was resting easy at last accounts.

MILITARY EXAMINATION.—In conformity with the requirements of army regulations, a board of officers has been appointed to meet at Vancouver barracks, W. T., at 11 o'clock, A. M., on Monday, May 1st, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to examine and report upon the qualifications of such non-commissioned officers as may be properly authorized to appear before it, as candidates for appointment as 2d lieutenants. A separate report will be rendered in each case examined.

LAND SALES.—Judge Lewis, of the Chely land office, reports the sale of N. P. lands as follows: Sales of rail road land in Cheney, Idaho for March 1882 amount to \$2,472.93; sales of town lots same month \$1,053.00; sales of land in April up to the 12th, \$21,091.61; sale of town lots same month \$1,000.00. Aggregate sales of rail road lands in the Pen d'Oreille division, since opening office Nov. 12, 1879, amount to \$1,247,000; aggregate sale of town lots \$45,294.00.

THEORY AND KILLED.—On Sunday evening the 9th inst., while Robert H. Boyd, a 19-year-old man well known in Baker City, was returning from church, where he had just been baptised, to his home, his horse stumbled and fell, throwing him heavily to the ground. He was picked up unconscious and unable to move, from which state he never recovered, dying on the following Wednesday. He was 22 years of age, and a nephew of Dr. J. M. Boyd, of this city.

DEATH AND RECOVERY.—On Monday night last, Tom McLeary, who was named in jail at Westwood for killing a man in July at South Point two months ago, escaped with another man named F. X. who was confined for petty larceny. The deputy sheriff caught them track and arrested them both at Spokane Falls in a low house of ill fame on Broadway, and they are again in their old quarters heavily ironed.

THE VERDICT.—The coroner's jury in the case of the supposed murder on Mill creek, decided that the man found dead had been murdered. The hat of the murdered man was found in the brush near where the body was discovered. The jury were of the opinion that the body was that of a man named Swope, who was in this city last fall, and who made a fool of himself by continually exhibiting several hundred dollars.

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WASHINGTON, IDAHO AND MONTANA.

Items Gathered along the Line of the Northern Pacific Railroad Through These Territories

The clearers and graders are now working in Montana and have been for several days; there are strong probabilities that the line will be finished to Missoula this year. We believe that it will be. Near Ainsworth a very energetic and enthusiastic man has ploughed up a lot of sagebrush land and planted 2400 trees and one hundred grape vines. We shall watch the experiment with interest. Shipping cattle from near Sprague is a new and promising industry for the Northern Pacific Company. The transfer boat Billings at Ainsworth can easily carry 500 tons. "Eltopia" is a station on the line, but it is hardly pronounced as such. It was named by some engineer who arrived there late one night in a snow storm with his engine and had no wood or water, and hence they said there is "hell to pay." Water is struck at a depth of 155 feet at this place. Superintendent Fairweather, upon being asked if there were any "fossils" along the line, said: "No; they are all down in Oregon," and just then an old Webster politician got up and went into the other car. The wind mills which now pump the water into the tanks will soon be superseded by steam pumps. The academy at Cheney is now educating nearly 100 children and is well kept. There are 40 seats in four rooms and the arrangements appear to be perfect. Professor D. H. Felch and Miss Augusta Banker are the principals and are eminently qualified for the responsible positions they hold. The building itself is anything but an architectural beauty. The grounds surrounding it amount to eight acres, thus giving the scholars plenty of room to exercise. For a town only about a year old, Cheney has grown considerably. There are some fine first-rate, excellent men who would make the future of any town bright. The Cheney Sentinel is a paper just started there, which we hope will take its proper position among the people as a newspaper; with one other exception it is the only paper in the upper country that is worth the paper it is printed on. Cheney has two churches both well built. Money commands 1 1/2 and 2 per cent in Cheney. The collection of grain specimens in the N. P. Land Office at Cheney, is very good indeed, and gives a new corner a first-rate opinion of the country. The I. O. O. F. is very flourishing in Cheney and its members embrace some of the best men in the city. W. W. Griswold, Esq., has laid us under obligations for many attentions on our visit; we would like to return and cordially invite him to visit this city. The flour mill at Cheney has a capacity of 120 barrels per diem; the miller, Mr. H. R. Cuddy is said to be one of the best on the coast and ranks high in the miller business. Mr. Percival who supplies the agricultural machinery to the farmers around Cheney says there has been an immense demand for plows this spring, the sales are good and principally for cash. Harry Alger conducted the cars from Cheney to the Lake is one of the best on the road and every one speaks highly of him. Hangtown is a miserably fallen looking collection of shacks between the Falls and the Lake; it contains two saloons and what they term a hotel; all the second hand stores in the country have apparently been ransacked to provide old crockery and cutlery for the table; old shaving caps with the handles knocked off are among the paraphernalia. This is the place where they dish up the coffee out of a tin tea kettle; the legend "please pay in the dining room" is stuck up on the rough walls in several places. Travelers forced to partake of a meal at any of these shabby towns will do well to remember not to ask for grub a second time. The company are preparing to build a section house here and are sinking for water; the men have gone down 50 feet without a sign of it; the place is situated on top of a sand hill and falls in every direction. The statement which recently appeared in a paper that a man had sunk a well and struck plenty of water at Riverville within 8 feet of the deep well sunk by the company is entirely without foundation; the nearest water is about one half mile distant and there are plenty of wells. Da Bois & King of Portland are contractors for the front and supply all the provisions; the men all agree in giving the firm great credit for the good quality of the grub they send. They are the first contractors we have not heard abused. The cooks are from fair to middling, but the one on the cars at the end of the track is the boss of the lot. If a stranger without an introduction gets a meal on the car at the front he is requested to give his name not necessarily for publication but as a guarantee of good faith as it were. The friends of Col. Paul d'Henry will be pleased to hear that he is in sphere of usefulness at the front and an active aid of Mr. Wm. Chness the bridge builder. Paul says that he appreciates the luxury of getting up in the morning and feeling stars of not seeing his name in several vicious newspapers in connection with crimes which, if he were not a newspaper man, would ruin his character. We are indebted to him for many attentions during our visit. Old time whiskey made of alcohol, soap, oil and strychnine is a favorite drink at the front. Directly a man takes one drink he is impelled by a frantic desire to climb to the top of the highest mountain in the country. The Dayton small-pox hero, Emil Bories is assistant surgeon at the hospital at Ventnor; he is very well liked by the men; he is kind and attentive to the patients and that kind and active wherever he is in charge. Hospitals is unknown where he is in charge. "The traveling missionary" is credited with being the butt of every joke on the road; every man has a new and tough yarn to spin about him. His next letter to his Portland paper is looked forward to with great interest; we ask the boys not to be too good interested; we ask the boys not to be too good interested; we ask the boys not to be too good interested; we ask the boys not to be too good interested.

Peter Fairweather is in charge of delivery of timber on the line at the front and is always on hand at every place where he is needed. MORE ANOS.

LIVELY.—Ten Indians on the Yakima reservation near Satus, a stage station, got a drunk recently and captured Little's store on the house where the stages meet at midnight. When the stages reached the meeting point the drivers and all the passengers took a hand. Several shots were fired, but no hand. Several shots were fired, but no hand. Several shots were fired, but no hand.

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Daring Escape From Jail.

On Tuesday morning the alarm was given in Cheney that two men had escaped from jail, one of whom McEue, was convicted but not sentenced for the crime of horse stealing and Thomas, who was in jail for selling liquor to Indians, but not tried. The manner of their escape shows a terrible lack of experience of their jailer, for it appears that they very coolly sent him to the Commercial hotel to obtain a value they had there which was supposed to have been left for them by their confederates who had come down from the front for the purpose of assisting in the escape. The guileless, unsuspecting, innocent jailer got the value and handed it to them not even giving it an inspection; when too late it was discovered to have contained two pistols, a large knife, files, saws and a jimmy. The two men who escaped worked all night long cutting the bolts of the door in such a manner as to render prying it open a comparatively easy matter and they threatened with instant death any one of the other four prisoners who should give an alarm. In the morning they ate a very hearty breakfast but were in no apparent hurry to leave but shortly after they wrenched the door open and took to flight; the alarm was instantly given by the other prisoners and although seen to run off they were not recaptured until the train passed Cheney on Tuesday afternoon; mounted men were sent out to different parts and other parties were telegraphed to be in readiness with horses along the railroad; if the would-be captors are not any smarter than the jailer it will be an easy job for them to get clear away.

Religious Items.

Five Christian newspapers are now published in Japan.

The Methodists have located a college at Spokane and an academy at Lewiston.

Seventeen persons have joined the Boise Baptist church by baptism this winter.

The Methodist Church extension board in the year 1881 aided in the erection of 410 church edifices.

The Catholic missionaries of Hong Kong took last year 400,000 children to bring up in the faith of the church.

Interesting sculptures have been discovered in Turkey supposed to be identical with the Hittite inscription at Carthemin.

The Baptists have just dedicated a new hall in Washington, D. C. for the education of the freedman, costing \$14,000.

Prineville, Oregon, Baptist church have called Rev. F. M. Long at a salary of \$1000 per year all provided for by the congregation.

McMinnville College Baptists have contracted for the erection of a new brick school building costing \$20,000 to be completed September 1st.

Halley once expressed his skepticism to Sir Isaac Newton. "Sir," said the latter, "you have not studied these subjects as I have. Do not disgrace yourself as a philosopher by presuming to judge questions you have never examined."

Recent excavations at Cairo have brought to light a monolith belonging to Apries, the Pharaoh Hophra of the Bible, inscribed: "The beloved Ptah of Memphis vying his love for the good God Ra-anb, Lord of the two lands Apries."—Microcosm.

MARRIED SOLDIERS.—An order just issued from headquarters of the department of the Columbia says the enlistment or re-enlistment of married men will not be made without first obtaining special authority therefor from the Adjutant General's office. As allowances are no longer granted the families of enlisted men, and changes of station of troops frequently occasion great expense to the married soldier, and hardship to those dependent upon him, their re-enlistment should not be encouraged. To enable such soldiers to provide homes, take up claims, and secure employment on the expiration of their term of enlistment, when it shall seem judicious, they will be granted such furloughs or indulgences as may be considered expedient and consistent with existing orders and regulations. The quarters vacated by married soldiers on their discharge should be taken down, and the material therefrom used in the repairs of permanent barracks.

THE NEW COMET.—The new comet comes to give promise of a brilliant future. In three or four weeks it will probably be conspicuous in the northern sky, but at present it cannot be discerned by the naked eye. Even in the telescope it is a faint object, but the observer quickly perceives that, under the mighty pull of the sun, it is quickening its flight every hour and rapidly growing larger. In June it will dart into its perihelion, sweep around the sun, and is hoped, burst into a blaze of glory. The direction of its flight is such that, if it does fling out a long tail, we shall have a fine view of it. The comet will at no time come near the earth, but it will be one of the most remarkable ever known for its close approach to the sun. The figures of the calculations vary, but agree that the comet will go very close to the sun, and some express doubt whether it may not strike the solar orb. In that event we may behold such a spectacle as man never witnessed before, or, more likely, we shall know nothing of the catastrophe to the comet except what the astronomers tell us. At any rate, we have no fear of the consequences.

WALLA WALLA.—For some cause we hear but little about any agricultural or rear meetings this year at Walla Walla. Baker county is up and doing, and it is expected that Union county will make the present season very interesting. The time was when Walla Walla was the center of attraction. Why the change? Certainly the locality has the population, agricultural and mechanical wealth, as well as a very important live stock interest. This is not all. The Walla Walla Driving Park is one of the best tracks in the Northwest, and is conveniently located. We apprehend, judging from our standpoint, that there is something out of it, but we hope not so much so as to despair of remedy.—Rural Spirit.

PROBATE COURT.—Complaint was filed in the probate court to examine John Smolick as to his insanity, a warrant was issued for his arrest but the alleged insane person has not been apprehended as yet. Thomas L. Smith was to-day adjudged insane by the probate court of this county and will be taken to Steilacoom to-night in charge of Wm. Thompson.

COMING.—The Maidoon Picnic and Standard Minstrel will appear in this city about May 17, 18 and 19. They are now at Emersville Theatre in San Francisco. The company is a strong one and consists of 22 people and have played a season of five months and is two companies combined in one.

LOOK TO THE SIDEWALKS.—A man in Seattle has been awarded damages to the extent of \$200 by the district court for damages received through falling over a rotten sidewalk; unless something is done in our city there is a probability of several accidents occurring here.

Letter from Warren.

WARREN, I. T., April 6th, 1882. EDITOR STATESMAN.—Mr. Strahorn's pamphlet entitled "Resources of Idaho" has lately come into circulation. Its typographical execution is faultless and paper excellent. The illustrations, evidently taken from photographs, are fair and the work is of convenient size. The topics treated are such as are indicated by its title—the mineral and agricultural resources of this territory. The mineral portion, however, very largely predominates. The agricultural portion is dismissed with comparatively few unrounded generalizations which would answer quite as well for a similar work upon the resources of any other territory, and are doubtless taken chiefly from some of the author's works with mere change of names and dates. In this respect the pamphlet will be a disappointment to many of those who promoted it. Idaho is but sparsely settled. Immigration is needed, and how shall it be secured? Permanent settlers are what are most desired. The mines and miners can only be left to take care of themselves. If a new mining camp is struck in any direction the nomadic miner is certain to hear of it, wherever he may be, for he is always on the lookout for such things, and he will roll up his blankets and be there before Mr. Strahorn could write an initial page. It is of consequence to but very few persons that the Custer mine has yielded a million of dollars in eleven months, and that there are many more that could do so well or half as well if they were equally as well managed. These things concern mining capitalists and they are sure to be more accurately informed of all their details than any mere traveling reporter. Mining claims employ fewer men than formerly. Mining appliances are becoming more perfect every day. The result is to dispose of a continually increasing extent with manual labor. Tunnels are now run with compressed air as a motive power rapidly and cheaply, that formerly required many men and much tedious labor and great expense. A Little Giant in a hydraulic chain will accomplish the work of half a dozen pipes of the old pattern or of a hundred men with picks and shovels. The mining regions have less attractions for the laboring man and more for the capitalists than formerly. The man, able-bodied or otherwise, who settles down to mining as a permanent occupation rarely builds up a home in any place. He is this year in Wood river, next year in New Mexico and again in Alaska. But there is a class of our citizens that this territory should use special means to attract within its border. The Atlantic States, still there are a very large number of young men there, married and unmarried, who are striking out in the world, who have no farms, no money to buy with, for land there is high, and who desire to make a home where a few hundred dollars will go further, in short, who are going west. Then there are a great many men of means who seek their various properties and are on the lookout for some other place where business is brisker and things do not move in such sluggish channels. Again there is a numerous class of people who are continually moving about, who they really expect to better their condition may be doubted, but they are not contented unless they see more of the country. All these people add wealth either in property or labor to the country where they settle. Their chief desire is to find where they can locate desirable land. A person traveling from Olds' Ferry to Boise city in August or September will not be out of sight any of the time of emigrants slowly wending their dusty way westward. They are always bound for Walla Walla. If you tell them that there is still excellent land in large quantities vacant in the Lemhi country, in Big Camas prairie, on Wood river, and in the Boise, Payette and Weiser valleys, but four miles distant from the main travelled road, they are likely to stare at you in astonishment, because the country from Kilton to Barst river is a little forbidding. There is much sage brush and some alkali.

No work yet published descends to such particulars and let us will inform these travelers with precision where this desirable land is to be found in Idaho. The records at the different land offices show these things but they are voluminous and it is not easy for a stranger to get satisfactory information always available to the officers are among the most reliable of men. The method suggested by Mr. Redding, the land commissioner of the C. P. railroad, would seem to work well. Let a township plat known to contain arable land be divided by transverse lines into 40 acre lots. Let those located be marked by a cross; let those vacant remain so, and the mineral or railroad land, if any, be appropriately designated. The timber shall be noticed. A very ordinary draughtsman could reduce these so as to come within the compass of less than a page at the rate of one an hour. A dozen of these taken from different parts of the territory would convey more definite information than all Mr. Strahorn's books. Of course it would be but approximate because the land vacant one month may not be so the next, but precise information is to be sought for at the land offices. Any territory might do well to adopt this or some similar means of disseminating abroad the comparative amount and situation of its various levels. Washington Territory has already such a start in the race, and has such lofty and well founded aspirations that it can afford to look with complacency and satisfaction upon the efforts of its neighbors in this direction. There can be no question that within the view of living men its export of produce will reach five times their present proportions. Its future seems assured. Doubtless charges of boundary may occur. Its political and social relations may be altered as circumstances may require, but these things will not affect the price of wheat or cattle, nor improve facilities for cheap and rapid transit, and the opinion of the STATESMAN that they will regulate themselves after awhile when needed, finds an echo in the mind of many sound thinking citizens of Idaho as well as Washington.

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At The Dalles, Oregon, April 18th, 1882, Mrs. O. S. Seavey, aged 36 years.

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Wanted.

A well disposed girl of twelve or thirteen years of age to assist in the care of two children—one a convalescent child in preferred. Apply to Mrs. F. J. PARKER, corner 4th and Poplar Streets.

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LOCAL NOTICES

Dr. J. E. Bingham will call from New York on the 26th for Vienna.

The Portland Standard appeared on Sunday morning enlarged, and generally improved in appearance.

Seattle tax payers have voted a special tax to build a public school house that will cost \$25,000.

"I don't like that cat; it got splinters in its feet" was the excuse of a four-year-old for throwing the kitten away.

Wm. McLaughlin, of Brownsville, Oregon, a former well known cattle raiser in Whitman county, is now in the city en route to his old range.

Miss Millie, daughter of W. S. Brown, of Milton, died at her home on Sunday evening. Miss Brown was to have been married on the day she died.

Col. Holden is again at his post in the land office. His visit to Yakima seems to have done him good, and he is more pleasant, if possible, than ever.

Charley Hopkins, of the Palouse Gazette, is going to start his little brother in the newspaper business at Moscow. Wonder if it will be an illustrated (?) paper.

Hon. N. B. Wiley, of Warren, from whose pen an interesting letter appears in this issue of the STATESMAN, is writing a history of the mines of Northern Idaho.

A man named Marks was arrested and placed under bonds in Portland last Sunday on complaint of a woman who claimed that Marks winked at her on the street.

At the city election in Goldendale on the 21st inst. the ticket headed "Temperance Ticket—No License," was successful. Hon. W. R. Dunbar, the well known temperance reformer, was chosen mayor.

Mrs. Plimley, wife of George Plimley, who was formerly one of the proprietors of the thirty theatre in this city, left Portland for San Francisco last week to attend her son Jas. Smith, who is at death's door with consumption.

Bradley & Doheny are making a specialty of leather and rubber tubing, garden hoses, etc. Parties desiring anything in this line will find these gentlemen ready to supply any quantity of the best material at the very lowest price.

J. L. Miller, the well known breeder of fine stock, is going back to his old home in New York on a visit. Mr. Miller has not visited his old home since he came to this country thirty years ago. He will bring some fine stock back with him.

Hon. W. H. Gray and Rev. Dr. Mills visited the scene of the Whitman massacre on Monday. Dr. Mills secured a piece of sagebrush growing on one of the graves, and cut a walking stick from one of the apple trees planted by Dr. Whitman.

Joe Madison and Jack Morrow, the two men arrested on complaint of G. E. Bates, of the Columbia hotel, who suspected them of being guilty of the robbery committed on Thursday night, when Bates lost \$420 in coin, were discharged this afternoon without an examination, there being no evidence against them.

From the Front. END OF TRACK. N. P. R. R., I. T. April 15th, 1882. Yesterday at 5 P. M. end of track reached Pack river. The ten miles, from Sandy Point to here, was laid in just five days. Considering the mud and snow, and other little inconveniences to contend with, it was fast work.

Mr. Thos. Lavy, foreman of track laying, has the business down to a fine thing—so to speak. He has laid the iron on this road from Ainsworth to here, 240 miles. The track gang which he controls work like clock-work. Daily the track seemingly crawls steadily onward without a break or a stop.

At Pack river, in the water's edge, atop a steep rocky mountain, is a pile of stones of 335 tons, 8200 feet long, 175 men are busy at work on the track. It will be finished by the 25th inst. The track will then be rushed through to Clark's Fork river.

As we proceed towards the head of the lake the scenery becomes bolder and grander. It is worth any one's while to take a trip here just to view this wild and picturesque lake.

Col. F. J. Parker arrived here today looking well and happy, resting the same as usual for the benefit of promotion of the country at large. He is highly pleased with the mineral indications, and speaks well prospectively of this section of the country. Being a number one mining expert his logic has considerable weight. He is gathering subscribers for the STATESMAN, as if there was no other paper known. He leaves this evening by steamer Villard for Clark's Fork, and from there to Montana, down the Utah and Northern railroad to Ogden and home by way of Kelton. The latest news of the outside world, as it were, we read here first in the STATESMAN. It finds its way every camp along the line. It is well worthy of the praise that is showered upon it, for its indomitable stirring qualities are ever put forth to promote and enhance the welfare of the surrounding country.

WASATCHKA. A letter from Spokane Falls this describes the most beautiful and astonishing auroral display ever witnessed: Directly after it commenced getting dark the Northern Lights began to appear in the ordinary way often witnessed in this country; soon a complete semicircle of light extended across the northern horizon and shafts of light, brilliant in their intensity shot up toward the zenith occasionally a rosy hue; very soon the arch assumed the appearance of a luminous cloud extending half way from the north star to the horizon and the shafts of light became even more intense and a perfect twilight prevailed, the lights shot up more frequently and deepened from a rosy tint to a deep purple gradually fading away until they became a yellow green and returned to their normal color when the performance was repeated again and again. The most wonderful of all however was the sight directly overhead; from a round blank space in the heavens there appeared what was likened to spokes of a wheel all radiating to the centre and over all of which were like flashes of light constantly swept; the phenomena lasted nearly two hours and was witnessed with all by the whole population.

LARGE REWARD.—A mass meeting of the citizens of Lakeside was held at the Palace saloon on Wednesday evening, says the Lake County Examiner, for the purpose of raising money to be offered as a reward for the apprehension and conviction of the murderers of J. S. Lewis. After organization a subscription list was circulated and within one hour \$1,200 was subscribed. This action of the citizens of that place goes to show that they have no intention of allowing Lewis' murderers to escape the punishment due their monstrous crime. In addition to the sum subscribed by the citizens of the County Court has offered a reward of \$1,000, making in all \$2,200 which will be paid for the apprehension and conviction of any or all of the party who, while attempting to get possession of H. C. Lewis, the murderer of Calavan, to Lynch him, killed Mr. Lewis, the deputy sheriff who had him in charge.

THE LOST CAMP.

Dr. Marcus Whitman.

There is no doubt in the minds of those who are acquainted with the history of the early settlement of this country, that had it not been for the noble services of Dr. Whitman the territory of Washington would not have been a part of the United States. Upon today be the territory of this portion of the first positive information that this portion of the great northwest was to be discovered, the doctor, well knowing the great resources and advantages of the new country, started at once for Washington, making the trip on horseback in the winter, and begged the authorities of the government not to part with what was in the future to be one of its greatest provinces. The following extracts from a letter written to a Scouting paper will prove interesting: "A nephew of Dr. Whitman, now residing at Lapwai, Idaho, who came to this country with Dr. Whitman on his return from his trip of 1842, writes: 'I came across to Oregon with my uncle, Dr. Marcus Whitman, in 1843. He was called down to old Fort Walla Walla (now Wallula), then a Hudson Bay company's trading post, on a sick call, about the last days of September, 1842. While there and dining with the trader in charge of the post, Archibald McKinley, Esq., the Hudson Bay company's express from the north came, and reported that sixty families from British possessions would be at Walla Walla as early the next summer as they could possibly arrive, to settle probably in the Yakima valley. There was a general outburst of rejoicing over the news by the Jesuit priests, old men, but employees etc., who was at that time there, all shouting, 'the country is ours, the Ashburton treaty has of course been signed.' The doctor, pushing his chair back from the table, and exclaiming himself, said he would go home (to Wallaitup) that afternoon—twenty-five miles—and start immediately to the states overland. He returned home that afternoon as he said he would, and with little preparation, except to have good horses, started on the previous journey on the 21st of October, 1842, with Hon. A. L. Lovejoy as traveling companion. They reached Fort Hall, another Hudson Bay company's trading post, in just eleven days and a half from Wallaitup. They were advised there not to go through by the route we wished to go, but to go down through New Mexico. His route was southeast from Fort Hall down the Uintah river, via Taos and Santa Fe, in New Mexico, and to Bent's fort, on the Arkansas river, thence up to Independence, Missouri, where he left his animals till we came out in the spring. I think he reached Washington Feb. 12, 1843. Secretary Webster received him very coolly, said he almost 'smothered' him, but the president of a wagon road across the plains to the Columbia river with just consideration. His visit to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, (at Boston) I think was after he had been to Washington. At any rate, he told me, as also his agent mother and other relatives in the State of New York, that the Board considered him in very strong terms for leaving his 'post of duty' on a project so foreign to that which he had sent him out to perform; also informed him that they had no money to spend in the opening up of the western country to settlement. I am quite sure he bore his own expenses. He always alluded to his visit to his mother and the Board of Missions as a secondary consideration for making the winter trip. He only visited his mother and relatives three days, and he and myself bade them good bye and started for Oregon on the 20th of April, 1843. When we had reached the frontier of Missouri, he in many ways informed the public of his intention to visit any and all immigrants who might wish to go to Oregon. It was arranged for them to rendezvous at or in the vicinity of Westport and Independence, Missouri. The first winter continues: 'In an interview which I had last summer with Dr. W. Genger of Forest Grove, Oregon, who was in charge of Dr. Whitman's station while he was absent in 1823, he made very similar statements as to Dr. Whitman's reception at Washington and Bent's. He said 'that when Dr. Whitman reached Missouri he heard so much of the possibility of Oregon being lost to the United States that he cleared up without taking time to get a clean shirt or pair of pants. Either himself or brother were a classmate of the Secretary of War, and through him obtained an introduction to Secretary Webster, but that Dr. Whitman who received him favorably would introduce him to the President, he hence went back to the Secretary of War, who gave him the desired introduction. After hearing Dr. Whitman, President Tyler proposed to wait, in regard to further negotiations, until Dr. Whitman could show whether or not wagons could be taken across the plains. Then Dr. Whitman said: 'That is all I want,' and immediately sent word back to Missouri, and in some way had it published, that he would sail such as would come. It is plain, however, that while some of that year's emigrants heard of this, all did not. As it has been publicly stated that there is no proof that Dr. Whitman was there in Washington, I will say that Secretary Ramsey, when he was on this coast with President Hayes, said he saw Dr. Whitman there in 1843.'

A Brief History of the Famous "Blue Bucket Diggings."

Many persons have heard of the famous "Blue Bucket Diggings," a lost gold field said to be of fabulous richness, and which at the present time has come to be regarded by many as a myth, and the searchers after it are regarded much in the same light as one would be who should at the present time search for the Fountain of Youth. Few, however, know anything of the history of the famous mine, or what gave rise to its name and supposed existence. The story, as related to a friend of the writer by an old soldier now serving in the regular army, and who claims to have been a member of the expedition which discovered the diggings, is about as follows: In the year 1845, an emigrant train numbering about 60 wagons started from the East across the almost trackless plains for California. The emigrants had to make the road for their wagons as they went along, and when they came to that part of the country now embraced in Eastern Oregon, they followed for miles along the bed of the Malheur river, through canyons and over mountains, and at last camped in the mountains not far from the Malheur river, and probably in an easterly direction from the John Day valley. The tired emigrants remained in this camp for some time, where they found a kind of yellow metal in great abundance in the bed of the stream near which they camped, and large lumps of the same material were to be found protruding from the ground. The metal was of little use to the emigrants, as it was found to melt readily and was too soft to take the place of iron or copper. This, of course, was before the discovery of gold in California, and it never occurred to these emigrants that the shining metal which they found in such fabulous quantities, was gold! None of them had ever seen any of the precious metal in its natural state. The emigrant train moved on over the almost impassable mountains, and after traveling some distance it was discovered that one of the families had left a large blue bucket at the camp. In due time the emigrant train reached California, and when, three years after, gold was discovered there, it dawned upon the stupid emigrants that the metal which they had found so plentiful on their way to California was gold. The place was named, on account of the blue bucket having been left there, the "Blue Bucket Diggings," which name it bears to this day. The innumerable windings of the emigrant train while passing through the mountains, where there was no sign of a road, rendered it impossible for any of the emigrants to return to the golden camp, and though many have since searched for it, it has never been found. This is the story as related by the old soldier. He stated that the place where the emigrants camped could be identified by the presence of a number of old wagon tires. A number of those who accompanied the expedition are still said to be living, some of them in the Willamette valley. We have given the story as told to us, and if any of those who accompanied the expedition can give any further information concerning the famous diggings, it will be received with interest.

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Notice for Publication.

LAND OFFICE AT WALLA WALLA, W. T. March 11th, 1882.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the following named settler has filed in time of his land claim, and said proof will be made before U. S. Land Office at Walla Walla, W. T., on April 15th, 1882, viz: The S. R. 31st and 32nd SW 1/4, Sec. 12, and NE 1/4 SW 1/4, Sec. 12, T. 7 N., R. 28 E., W. M.

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