

AGENTS FOR THE STATESMAN: L. P. FISHER, San Francisco; J. W. MOORE, Walla Walla; J. M. VAN DYKE, Walla Walla; C. N. H. GARDNER, Portland; HENRY C. NORTHROP, Colville; PARK WINANS, Colville.

Territorial Governments for the 8th and 9th.

Despairing of the adoption of the Constitutional amendments, the radicals in Congress propose to solve the difficulty by reducing the States late in rebellion to the condition of Territories, to be governed from Washington. This measure, at first sight so apparently plausible, is loaded with difficulties that even radical ingenuity will be unable to overcome.

The executive and judicial officers of Territorial governments are always appointed by the President, and so long as Mr. Johnson remains in office the radicals would gain nothing by the substitution of his appointees for the Governors and Judges elected under the State governments.

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Letter from Wallala.

WALLALA, Dec. 31, 1866. EDITOR STATESMAN.—The last link is about broken that binds us to A. D. 1866. Still not a speck of ice in the Columbia River, and there is still running a good stage of water.

Our "Horse Atlas" has for the last ten days averaged about 49°; this morning it ranged as low as 25 degrees above "Zebras," and during the day was unable to get higher than 28; light breeze from the North all day.

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Santa Claus on His Defiance.

EDITOR STATESMAN.—It is common with many of your readers, I have read a communication from the pen of our worthy citizen, the Rev. Mr. Chamberlain, on the "Observance of Christmas," which appeared in your last issue.

I presume that there can be but few persons of intelligence who have reflected upon the matter, who will not concede all that is claimed in the communication with reference to the origin of the festivities of Christmas.

But touching its social relations, I would most emphatically protest against any change being made in the matter. I think there is little danger, from what I have heard, of the people of this Valley becoming too social.

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Writ of Habeas Corpus.

A case exciting some interest was heard on the 24 day of January, before Judge Wyche. Andrew J. Derrick served out a writ of Habeas corpus before Judge Wyche, for the custody of his daughter, Louisa Jane Derrick, aged about fifteen years, who was at the house of Mrs. M. D. Whitesides, of this city.

The application for the custody of the daughter was resisted on the ground that the father had neglected to properly care for his daughter, and had abandoned her and left her to take care and provide for herself, and that she was supporting herself and now had a good home and desired to remain there, and did not wish to go with her father.

The Court, however, after a full inquiry, with all the facts of the case, held that the father had not abandoned his daughter, and was and had been disposed to provide for her as well as his means would permit, and that he was a suitable person to have the care and custody of his daughter.

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Another Mormon Demonstration.

The Salt Lake Telegraph of the 24th ult. publishes a correspondence between Brigham Young and the leading Gentile merchants of Salt Lake City, in which the latter propose to leave the country, provided the Mormons will assume the collection of their outstanding indebtedness, and take their property off their (the Gentiles) hands at a fair valuation.

The following extract from Brigham Young's letter will show the spirit that animates the Mormon authorities: "We have used no intimidation or coercion towards the community to have them cease trading with any person or class, neither do we contemplate using any such means, even could we do so, to accomplish such an end."

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MARRIED.

At the residence of D. J. Schnebly, Esq., by Judge Blewett, January 1st, 1867, Mr. S. W. CALVIN, and Miss MARTHA E. COLLIER, of Walla Walla County.

DIED: On Thursday, January 3rd, 1867, at the illness of four months, Mrs. ATALIAH LASAFER, aged 72 years, 3 months and 3 days.

Shupe's Photograph Gallery. WALLA WALLA, W. T. WHERE ARTISTIC AND LIFE-LIKE PICTURES are being taken by all the various processes of the art, infinite durability, and the greatest boldness of outline and beauty of finish.

FURS WANTED! I will pay the Highest Market Price for ALL KINDS OF FURS! In coin. (3-2m) J. D. COOK.

Memorandum Book Lost. A LOCKET MEMORANDUM BOOK, containing a list of names of those who have contributed to the City Hotel. It is now in the possession of Mr. LOUIS THULLIG.

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DIVORCE NOTICE. TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON. WALLA WALLA COUNTY. In the District Court, First Judicial District, Jenima Ann Barnes, Plaintiff, vs. Michael Barnes, Defendant.

FOR 1867! Just Received at the NEW BOOK AND VARIETY STORE, a large stock of FLOWER and GARDEN SEEDS, a new supply of HOLIDAY GOODS, and GIFT BOOKS, STATIONERY, and many thousands of articles in the notion line.

Important to Farmers. Land Business attended to. Contested Land Cases will receive Close attention. I have Not Lost a Single Case up to this Time. Deeds, Mortgages, Agreements, and Other Papers Made Out. Law Books for the District Courts, free of charge.

SHOEING SHOP. HIS OLD STAND, SOUTHWEST CORNER of Main and Fourth streets, where he is prepared to do all kinds of BLACKSMITHING, at the lowest rates for cash.

New Wagon and Carriage Shop! next door to his Blacksmith Shop, and has on hand a very superior lot of Eastern Timber!

BACON, LARD, Hogs, Liquors; Flour, Corn Meal and Mill Feed. Exchanged for Wheat!

STANDARD MILLS, 2 ft. L. T. REESE. \$25 Reward! Strayed or Stolen!

J. H. BLEWETT, County Auditor of Walla Walla Co., W. T. Will sell Deeds, Mortgages, Power of Attorney, etc., and take Acknowledgments to the same.

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