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I am told that Messrs. Riekey & Thatcher, from Salmon, are on their way to Walla Walla with stock and coaches which are to be put on the route between that place and here.

The news from the East is wholesome. Island No. 10 captured with great loss to the enemy, and the Federal forces pushing forward to further victories. So mote it be.

Notwithstanding the stage fellows "played us," and brought us here a day in advance, I have set down "naught in anger."

The time passed pleasantly, nor could it pass otherwise under this hospitable old roof. Blackmor is a clever and accommodating "stager," and I trust he may meet with success on the new route.

I leave to-morrow morning on the steamer Okanogan, which, I am glad to see, is commanded by Captain Baughman. I will give you some more ink-drops from Portland.

ARMY ORDERS.—Special instructions from Washington have been forwarded to Lieut. Mullan, ordering a suspension of operations on the Military Road for the present, and to return immediately with the civil party and escort to Fort Walla Walla.

Improvements.—We notice preparations going on in various parts of the city for the erection of buildings during the summer. Quite a number of business houses and mechanic's shops are to be erected on Main Street, and we shall not be surprised to see this street one solid block of buildings by next fall.

Map of the Gold Mines.—Mr. E. E. Kelly, of the City News Depot, has laid on our table a copy of D. W. Lovell & Co.'s map of the Nez Perce and Salmon river gold mines.

From the Mines. FLORENCE, April 8, 1862. THE STATESMAN.—We are still enjoying, or, rather, not enjoying, winter weather and lies up here. For instance: the snow is still on six to seven feet deep in the mines, and on an occasional pleasant day causes it to pile a few inches during its reign, the next day quite as likely to send down from the aerial reservoir a fresh supply and undo, or overdo all that has been done during the previous day.

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OREGON'S SOBRIQUET.—Until recently Oregon has been without a nickname. The State has been toasted on Fourth of July occasions as the "Switzerland of America," and some of the Oregon journals have suggested that it be called the "Switzerland State."

OREGON DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION.—The Democratic State Convention for Oregon met at Corvallis on the 13th inst., and nominated the following officers:

FOR REPRESENTATIVE TO CONGRESS.—A. E. Wait, of Clackamas county. FOR GOVERNOR.—John F. Miller, of Yamhill county.

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