



RAILROAD RUMORS.

There is one thing in particular about which we would like to caution our readers, and that is—they should not worry themselves about that which they do not understand. The least understood, as well as the most important, question to our people, is that connected with railroad construction in Eastern Washington. Newspaper men, who probably know less than many others about future railroad operations, are too apt to fill a gaping void in their columns, and satisfy a craving on the part of readers for anything in the shape of railroad news, by giving publication to the most fabulous rumors concerning railroad matters. Most of the rumors circulated have been manufactured to suit certain selfish ends, such as the turning of the tide of emigration, and appreciation in the value of property in certain localities, and consequent depreciation in others. These rumors are made possible because of the eagerness with which many persons cling to a delusion and risk their future prosperity and the happiness of their families thereon.

We know whereof we speak, when we state that while there may be several skirmishing surveying parties throughout the Territory during the coming summer months, only twenty-five miles of road will be built on the line of the N. P. R. R. during the year 1879; and that road will be commenced only a few miles above the mouth of Snake river and extend toward Spokane Falls. This statement will be very apt to prove true, and rumors to the contrary notwithstanding.

Col. Doane, who is in charge of the engineering work, is going to make a personal reconnaissance of the country between the mouth of Snake river and Spokane Falls, with a view to selecting the best general route.

The Oregonian is authority for stating that the N. P. R. Co. has been offered "at the East, the iron necessary for the construction of the section from the mouth of Snake river to Tou d'oreille lake [via Spokane Falls] to be paid for in the Company's bonds, at par. It is expected that this whole section of 208 miles will be put under contract during the approaching summer, and entirely completed next year."

Another rumor is, that the Company has also been offered a \$2,000,000 loan, to be used on this end of the route, and that as soon as favorable reports from Col. Doane are received, the loan will be effected.

Says the Walla Walla Union: "These railroad rumors have completely put out of the heads of our people the operations of the W. W. and C. R. R. Co. Our people must wake up to the situation or they will be left out in the cold. It is a mistake to think the railroads are bound to come to Walla Walla." They are not. Our city is but a drop in the general plan of operations. If we would reap largely of the crop of benefits to grow from the construction of these railroads, we must be up and doing."

STRANGE CONTRAST.

Colfax has two hotels that are ornaments to the town; buildings that would do credit to an older and more densely populated country. These beautiful and imposing structures have grown into existence as it were, at the hands of men who have an idea of business—men who have weighed carefully, approaching probabilities, and found golden promises of a prosperous future. Other private enterprises in Colfax have been pushed forward with commendable energy, which practical aids largely to the good opinion usually formed by those who visit that thriving town. On the other hand, we have to say that our sister county, of which Colfax is the capital, has the shabby little court house, or county building, that can be found anywhere in seven states or territories. The inferior structure might have answered the purposes for which it was designed when Whitman county was quite thinly populated and comparatively poor. But time, and capital and general intelligence have changed the

habitations of restless rangers into homes of contentment and happiness. The wealth of the county has increased from thousands to hundreds of thousands of dollars. The residents of the county of Whitman should appreciate this fact, and make preparations to build a court house that is equal to present needs, if nothing more. Public improvements should not be carried to excess; and still they should keep pace with the times.

We make no apology for placing this matter before the public in its proper light. Inasmuch as THE TIMES has a very large list of subscribers in Whitman county, we deem the publication of the foregoing as simply the performance of duty.

LAW AND ORDER.

It is a noticeable fact that this upper country is settled by a class of people who are above the average in the matter of intelligence, energy and good sense. Still, with these merits in our favor, there are some who have not enough moral courage and fairness about them to keep the peace and rely upon the law for the adjustment of supposed wrongs. We do not object to a man's defense of his person or family with a lively interest, when occasion demands extreme measures; but fire-arms should not be used except where necessary to avoid difficulty, or to bring the same to a just termination. The late shooting scrap which have occurred in this county have brought a stigma upon our people, inasmuch as the reports of the same indicate a hard class of citizens in our midst. Let us remind our readers that this element is confined to but a small number of persons; and they have done their worst in the heat of passion, while relying upon the effectiveness of fire-arms, rather than the exercise of good sense.

In nine cases out of ten, where fire-arms are not carried for sporting purposes or pure self-defense, the carrying of concealed weapons is the sign of a miserable coward. We have laws for the protection of persons and property, and officers to execute the same; therefore, why not let justice take its course? In addition, we may add that we have a class of citizens in general who would have all difficulties settled by due process of law. Let us hereafter have peace and good will among the best of our citizens, and respectable unity among the worst.

NEW HOMESTEAD LAW.

This law is construed to allow homestead claimants to homestead 160 acres of Government land on the even numbered sections within railroad limits. To parties making a homestead entry for the first time on such land, the fees and commissions charged by the Government on 160 acres, or \$400 worth of land, will be \$22 for the original entry. If a party has already made an original entry for only 80 acres, he can enter an additional 80 acres of adjoining land without further payment of fees, but must reside on the whole tract five years at least, and one year of the time must be subsequent to the additional entry. Residence on the 80 acres originally taken is considered residence on the 80 acres taken as additional, but there must be cultivation of both. The fact that a man has already proven up or received his patent for eighty acres does not prevent him from availing himself of the benefit of this law—provided he complies with the requirements of residence and cultivation. The homestead claimant can, at his option, abandon his original entry of 80 acres, and take up 160 acres elsewhere, and have the benefit of the time he has resided on his original entry. So much for the benefit of settlers. Speculators will now proceed to get amendments to the law so that these additional can be located on any land, and be used as scrip just as they are using "soldiers' additional."

POSTOFFICE BUSINESS.—Postmaster Renshaw states that since the establishment of the money order office at Colfax, July 11, 1878, he has issued thirteen hundred and twenty-eight money orders. In one day recently he issued thirty-one orders, amounting to nearly one thousand dollars.

Dr. Holmes says that crying widows marry first. There is nothing like wet weather for transplanting.

THE VETO MESSAGE.

President Hayes has vetoed the army appropriation bill. We take the following comments on this action of Mr. Hayes from the Portland Standard, (Democratic):

"It is a weak argument in behalf of his action, and evades the points at issue. 'If, under existing laws, the army cannot be used for election purposes, how useless are his objections against the repeal of the law now on the statute books?' According to Hayes' message, the law is a dead letter, and if it is, why should he and his party object to its repeal? His argument that, under this bill, the General Government could not aid the State authorities in case of trouble, is not becoming the Executive of a great nation. The President, upon application of the Governor of a State, is in duty bound to furnish protection to the States, and the repeal of this law does not in any manner interfere with this duty on the part of a President. When we consider that Hayes himself voted to place 'riders' on appropriation bills when Johnson was President, and forced him to sign them under protest, his action at this time is most inconsistent, and shows what an absurd and untenable position he is forced to take by the 'stalwarts.' Congress has not a two-thirds majority to pass this bill over the veto, and we presume that Hayes and the 'stalwarts' will carry their point so far as to prevent the passage of the bill over the veto. But it is the duty of Congress to pass the proper appropriation bills in rapid succession, send them to the Usurper, and then adjourn. The Radicals will howl 'treason' and 'rebellion,' but the people are not easily scared by such cries, and will demand that the work laid out by the majority in Congress shall be accomplished, even though it necessitate a 'little' 'trouble.' For the sake of peace and the prosperity of the commercial and financial interests of the country, the democracy submitted to be defrauded of their victory in 1876, and allowed a most infamous fraud to be perpetrated on the country. The radicals being in the minority, now seek to accomplish the same ends through the fraud who was by the magnanimity of the majority placed in a position to which he never was elected, and through him defeat the will of the people. There is no use for the democracy to trifle with this usurping power. Congress must teach him that it represents the people, and that he must respect and submit to their demands. No step can be taken backward by the Democrats in Congress. They are right in their demand, and the country will sustain them. When the business interests demanded a concession from the Democracy—a surrender which gave the Executive department of the Government to Radicals—it was done; but now the business interests of the country are again threatened by a minority faction which seems determined to hold the reins of Government against the will of the majority, and this majority must either submit to this power or let the innocent suffer."

CHEROKEE COUNTY, KAN., Feb. 5.—We have had a very nice winter here. The coldest weather we have had was twelve degrees below zero. At present time farmers are busy plowing for spring crops; the soil is in good order for the plow. The growing wheat in Spring River Valley does not look very well generally. Our home market is at the noted Short Creek mining town. Wheat worth 60 cents; corn 20 a 25; oats 15; potatoes (Irish) 50; butter 1.25 a 1.18; pork (dressed) \$2.50 per hundred.

REMEDY FOR EARACHE.—The Journal of Health gives the following: There is scarcely any ache to which children are subject so hard to bear and difficult to cure as the earache. But there is a remedy never known to fail. Take a bit of onion bathing, put upon it a pinch of black pepper, gather it up and tie it, dip in sweet oil and insert into the ear. Put a flannel bandage over the head to keep it warm. It will give immediate relief.

THE DIFFERENCE.—The foolish man folleth his hands and saith: "There is no trade; why should I advertise?" But the wise man is not so. He advertises in the newspaper; and verily, he draweth customers from afar off.

Mrs. Partington says the only way to prevent steamboat explosions is to make the engineers bite the water on shore. In her opinion, all the bustle is done by cooking the steam on shore.

The human heart is like heaven; the more angels, the more room. He who prosecutes a good man makes war against his quakind. It is easy to undertake, but more difficult to finish, a thing. A dentist's sign—Drawing, music and dancing. Extra numbers of THE TIMES, nicely done up in wrappers, for sale at this office. It is an interesting paper to send to distant friends.

Recruits to the Front.

Editor Spokan Times: Numbering one, among a batch that left David's Island, N. Y., to seek "the hubble reputation" even at the "cannon's mouth" and risk being scalped by the noble red man, I herewith present you with a sketch of how we reached the plains, and what befell us.

Left David's Island, Sunday, 24th Nov., 1878, on board U. S. tug Henry Smith, for Jersey City; on reaching which place we entered the cars, and after a short delay, moved slowly out of the depot, the glimpses of civilization getting every day "smaller by degrees and beautifully less," until we reached San Francisco; Uncle Sam treating us along the road in a liberal manner, providing us with coffee, pork, canned beef, beans, hard tack, etc., leaving in the matter of daily subsistence nothing to complain of. After a delay of a few days on Angel Island, we transferred ourselves and baggage to the Gen. W. Elder, for Portland, Oregon, and the passage I observed a goodly number of the boys of the "army" on the side, and many of them about New York.

From Portland, we transferred several times to boats and cars, until our arrival at Lewiston. From thence we marched a distance of 12 miles to Fort Lapwai, I. T., the headquarters of the regiment we were assigned to being stationed there (2nd Infantry). The men for companies in Coeur d'Alene lake, I. T., and Fort Colville, W. T., who were detained at Lapwai on account of inclement weather and bad roads for three months and upwards, at last got the order to move; and now comes the "tug of war."

Drawing tents, rations, etc., and with the usual articles necessary for a march, we formed fours and had adieu to Lapwai. To say that the roads were bad, is too mild a term. Horrible, is more appropriate. Every day we were compelled to dig and extricate the wagons out of mud holes and creeks. An exception would be looked on as an extraordinary circumstance. Shovels and pick, ropes and chains, were in constant requisition; and at the end of every day's march, you may be sure, the boys had good appetites for their hard tack and pork—the neophytes soon learning to cook a delicacy, by the older hands called a name that would make mad come if applied to a man, the ingredients being sautéed biscuits fried in pork; and to a hungry man on the prairies is equal to a square meal in Delmonico's. Everything has an end, and so has our march. We are at last in quarters, comfortable and contented; ready, and willing to do our part in helping the onward march of civilization, so as to enable the hardy settler to make a home for his wife and little ones.

EXCELSIOR.

BELOW SNAKE RIVER. The Dayton wooden mills are running day and night. The poles for the Dayton-Lewiston telegraph line are cut, and will soon be erected. Stages leave Dayton for Colfax at midnight. They leave Dayton for Walla Walla at 6:30 A. M. Fine prospects for good crops in the Walla Walla country this year. The editor of the Dayton Chronicle was furnished with a square meal, recently.

Toucanon, in Columbia county, is said to be located in a prosperous settlement. An incorporated joint stock company has been organized to build a flume from Roberts' mill to Dayton, a distance of eight miles, for the purpose of conveying lumber, timber, wool, &c., from the mountains to the town. Dayton has a fine company; also, a hook and ladder company. The Good Templars of Dayton have a new hall. The result of Dayton's vote on special school tax was—\$2, for, and 13 against. A new and extensive building will be ready for occupancy next September. Gen. J. W. Sprague, Superintendent of the Pacific Division of the Northern Pacific Railroad Company, has been in Walla Walla, consulting with Engineer Doane. It costs twenty-two cents and a half per hundred pounds to transport grain from Walla Walla to Wallula, a distance of 31 miles. NERVES AND NOISES.—Newspaper writers are commenting upon the uproar of cities. They say that nature has provided the eye with a contrivance for protecting itself against unpleasant sights, and one has only to hold his nose in coming in contact with anything disagreeable to the olfactory. Meanwhile the ears stand open like doors that cannot be shut. All sorts of rascals, from the bells of the peddlers to the sharp clanking of the railroad, rap on the ear-drums. It has been suggested that if Edison or somebody could invent some kind of a contrivance to be worn over the ears that would take up those disagreeable sound-waves and arrange them into concord and music, our cities might be more tolerable.

How to Reach this Country.

Inquiring letters are so frequently received, as to the best mode of reaching this new country, the rates of fare, the shortest routes, &c., that we have compiled the following facts for the express benefit of those who would come among us. These persons who have friends contemplating a visit to this country, either for pleasure or profit, ought secure some extra copies of this week's edition of THE TIMES:

There are three routes which Eastern people may take in coming hither. If a person wants to save time, and desires to bring stock, wagons, &c., the quickest and most direct route would be to come from Omaha to Ogden; thence by wagon road to this new country; traversing the distance from Ogden in two or three weeks, when roads are good—say in the month of June, July or August. Those having neither wagons nor teams, can come by rail to Kelton, at a cost of about \$50 in emigrant fare, thence by stage to Walla Walla, at an expense of \$75, exclusive of meals, and on to Colfax or Spokane Falls, at an additional expense of ten and fifteen cents, respectively. The remainder of the route is to San Francisco, by rail, the side, and thence to Portland, Oregon, by ocean passage to Alameda, by boat. Fare to Portland, \$2 to \$20, according to cabin occupied, and state of opposition on the route; to Alameda, \$18, exclusive of meals and berth. The overland railroad company makes but little difference in price of through tickets to San Francisco or Kelton. At the present time, the route via San Francisco and Portland is undoubtedly the easiest, and cheapest, provided you are not accompanied by your own team.

Immigrants from Oregon and California, in the earlier part of the season, when they have the money to spare, often come by water to The Dalles or Alameda; thence overland by teams. Those who travel without teams should come by boat to Penawawa or Alameda, and there take the stage for this upper country via Colfax. Many families make the entire trip overland. Puget Sounders come by way of Portland and Alameda, unless they want a delightful horseback ride over the Cascade mountains in mid-summer. The Snoqualmie route is the best for horsemen, leading the traveler by way of the Kittitas Valley, Yakima City and Ainsworth. Be sure that your saddle-horse is gentle, sure-footed, strong, and in splendid condition for travel.

Accommodations on the Columbia river boats are excellent, and every attention is paid to the comfort and convenience of passengers. No one who has an opportunity to do so should fail to take a trip either up or down the Columbia river, where the scenery is magnificent and beautiful in the extreme.

OLD PRACTICES.—In some parts of Scotland in former times the plow used to be drawn by four horses abreast, and required the attendance of three men. The business of one man was to drive. For that purpose he placed himself between the middle horses, with his face toward the plow, to guide it straight and in this position he stepped backward with the reins in his hand. Another walked behind the horses with a clocked staff which he fastened in the front of the beam, and by means of it regulated the depth of the plow, as occasion required. The plowman followed with a hold of the stiles; and in this formidable and ludicrous manner they repeated their attacks on the soil. In harvest a basket machine was placed on horseback for carrying home the grain, and persons were employed on each side with forks to keep it in proper position. It is said that this practice is yet to be met with in Galloway.

Postmasters and friends of progress in Northwestern Washington, will please forward as many names for THE TIMES (accompanied by the subscription price) as possible. There is always a spot in our sunshine; it is the shadow of ourselves. \$500 REWARD \$250 PER DAY Taken from the LOOK HERE Store any day; and yet we have plenty of Goods for the millions of customers who continue to pour in upon us. We are now selling cheaper than ever, for cash and cash only. Give us a call and examine our prices. E. M. DRAVING, "No. 1," Colfax.

NOTICE. U. S. LAND OFFICE, Colfax, W. T., May 7, 1878. Complaint having been entered at this Office by James Wilson against Joseph M. Swinney for abandoning his Timber Culture Entry No. 26, dated May 6, 1873, upon the S. W. 1/4, Section 32, Township 25 N. of Range 41 East in Stevens County, W. T., with a view to the cancellation of said entry, the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this Office on the 17th day of June, 1878, at 10 o'clock A. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. W. H. JAMES, Register. E. N. SWEET, Receiver.

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A FIELD DAY.

IN UNITY THERE IS STRENGTH. COME, AND SEE, AND CONQUER!

We are determined to try the metal with which the population of Spokane Falls is made. The Lord helps those who are willing to help themselves. If we want an excellent road between this town and the beautiful plains just outside the suburbs of our city limits, let us put our hands to the undertaking and construct the same. We are all deeply interested in this matter. Many strong and willing hands are ready to lend valuable assistance only awaiting an opportunity to serve the best interests of the traveling public and this community.

Come, all, both great and small—To lend your strength, display your strength in making rocks away.

On Friday morning of next week, all able-bodied men—without regard to position or circumstances—who are interested in the welfare of this community, will be found on the route of the new road east of town, to contribute our day's hard labor to a good cause.

Better, still: The day's work will be made one of pleasure by the presence of ladies, who will prepare and spread for the laborers dinner at the noon of day. This will make the occasion an enjoyable one.

Committee on Location—Capt. J. M. Nosler, L. M. Rima and Wm. D. Parks. Committee on Dinner—Mrs. A. M. Cannon, Mrs. W. C. Gray, Mr. Dr. Masterson, and Mrs. S. G. Hays, manager.

Committee on Tools and Organization—Capt. Geo. A. Pease, Herbert Percival and Sam. Arthur. We will give further particulars next week.

A LONG RIDE.—On a recent trip from Colfax to Colville, and return, Mr. Chas. A. Cole, Agent of the Spokan Times, made a drive of 210 miles in a little less than six days. Roads were very muddy. This distance except the 14 miles between Colfax and Steptoe Butte, was accomplished by the use of only one horse. Mr. Cole is out every day, making long drives, and obtaining long lists of subscribers for THE TIMES. Men rather like the "push" that is characteristic of the Times Pub. Co. Mr. Cole seldom over-drives his horse; but he rides the fleetest in the land, as every one who has attempted to keep him company.

NEW CHURCH FOR COLFAX.—The contractor and builder Mr. W. H. Blackstone, informs us that the new church edifice under course of construction, at Colfax, for the use of the Congregational Church, will be 28x50 feet, with 20-foot posts and square pitch of roof. The steeple will be 62 feet high. The building is located in the lower part of the town. Already its symmetrical proportions attract much attention. The new church will be dedicated, probably, on the first of July.

Called.—Messrs. G. W. and Wm. Spangle, of the new town which bears their name, spent a few days in this place, recently, accompanied by the family of the former. We were pleased to receive a call from them all. When Mrs. Spangle came to this new country many years ago, she hardly expected to see a printing press in this vicinity at this early date. She has been agreeably disappointed, and is now beginning to realize the benefits of a rapidly increasing settlement.

A keg of gold amounting to \$12,000 was lately recovered from a mill pond, where it had been hidden for fourteen years. A guide that was with Jeff Davis when he was making his flight through Georgia, deserted the party upon arriving in Wilkes county, stole the keg of money and rolled it into the pond. On his death-bed at the penitentiary where he was soon afterward sent he disclosed the locality of the treasure.

Office Desk.—Early on Tuesday morning, Messrs. Evans and Dobson, of the furniture manufactory at this place, brought into our office a very excellent writing desk, with an "up-to-date" for the reception of books, papers, letters, etc. The same is an ornament to our office, a credit to the makers, and a very acceptable article, which we receive with many thanks to the firm of Evans & Dobson.

Movement of Troops.—Two more companies of 1st Cavalry (Harris and Scudder's) have been ordered to the Yakima country. It is understood that they will form part of the command which under Gen. Forsyth will see to the moving of Moses and the Indians under him to the new reservation.

Justice of the Peace.—An election will be held in the school house, in Spokane Falls precinct, on Saturday, May 24, for the purpose of providing a Justice of the Peace. Candidates to the front! Who will permit his name to be used for the cause of suffering humanity?

BRIEF MENTION.

Business improving. Take your county paper. New drug store in town. Read new advertisements. Strangers will keep coming. Come, let us work the roads. Indians are off gathering camas. Spring farm work is a thing of the past. "Marching on to victory" is our motto. Our day and Sabbath schools are flourishing. Several large deer have recently been seen near this place. Strawberries are blossoming in their wild state upon the prairies. Bonus.—In Colfax, May 2, to the wife of Al. Phelps, a daughter. Swallows are busily engaged in building their nests in this vicinity. Mr. G. H. Morgan will soon establish a store in the Deep Creek country. Horseback riding on unequalled roads is a pleasant exercise for our people. Our advertising columns will soon enumerate several business houses at Spangle. Bonus.—On Moran's Prairie, April 25, to the wife of C. McMicken, a daughter. Messrs. Sexton & Codd have again commenced sawing lumber at Palouse City. Wait. J. Davenport, formerly of Colfax, is local editor on the Mountain-Times, at the Dalles. L. W. Rima has removed his jewelry establishment into the new drug store with Capt. Nosler. Mrs. S. G. Havermale, of this place, is acting as agent for Rev. Mr. Havermale during his absence. Immigrants say they have found a small Eldorado north of Spokane river, a half dozen miles from the Falls. Messrs. Daab & Gradin will soon begin to manufacture lumber at a point some four miles from Spangle. An employee in Percival Bros.' blacksmith shop was largely engaged in the mop business during the past week. We must acknowledge the kindly interest taken in the welfare and extended circulation of THE TIMES all over this upper country. The Palouse Gazette states that the little son of P. M. Davis, living on Pine creek, recently died from the effects of eating pie plant. As usual the weather is delightful, with sun shining brightly, clouds flying high, and gentle breeze sweeping over hill and valley and plain. On an average, about two bushels of every three of oats that are sold in this market are raised by Indians. This is a practical evidence of peace. Mr. Henry Wright, watchmaker, formerly of Spokane Falls, is off for a trip to Colville Valley, where he will be engaged for a short season at least, in working at his trade. Send us your orders, at an early date, for the Fourth of July number of the Spokan Times. That number will be devoted almost exclusively to descriptive information. Eastwick, Morris & Company's map of Southeastern Washington, includes Walla Walla, Columbia, Whitman, Stevens, Yakima and Klickitat counties. It contains the new government and railroad surveys. Mr. Gray, proprietor of the California House, is adding a basement to his hotel, to which the barroom will be removed; after which the present main entrance to the hotel will be converted into a reading room. Messrs. E. N. Sweet and W. H. James have purchased the interest of Mr. A. H. Porter in the drug business at Colfax, and the new firm will be known under the style of E. N. Sweet & Co. Mr. I. B. Doolittle will remain with the new firm. Mr. Burke, of the firm of Burke & Friesenrich, general merchants, arrived in this place on Tuesday evening's stage. He will urge the early completion of their new building, for the reception of their new stock of goods. We learn that this is a wide awake business firm. They will undoubtedly attract much trade to this place. Dr. C. M. Wood arrived at this place yesterday, to take up his permanent residence with us. The doctor is a gentleman of much experience, and has traveled over considerable country. And now, without hesitancy, he selects this point as the pleasantest, healthiest, loveliest location for himself and family. We extend to the doctor and his family a cordial welcome, and hope they may enjoy a residence of many years in this vicinity. HOMESTEADS.—The Register and Receiver of the Land Office at Colfax have received a circular from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, instructing them to allow 160 acres to be taken as a homestead within railroad limits, under the law approved March 3, 1879.

Notes by the Way.

Mr. Chas. A. Cole, Canvassing Agent for THE TIMES, while traveling through this new country, takes his regular notes, and we give the same publication for the benefit of our readers both at home and abroad: FARMINGTON.

This little town presents a very lively appearance, and I think the future of this place is very promising. Mr. Harrington, of the firm of Harrington & Stratton, has arrived here and taken charge of the store. Mr. H. informs us that it is their intention to keep on hand a large stock of general merchandise. Two gentlemen from Eugene, Ogn., are here, looking for a good place to locate a hardware store. Christmas & Holman are the gentlemanly proprietors of the Farmington hotel, and besides being enterprising men, are attentive hosts, and strive to please all that stop at their house. Yesterday, May 9, I rode out into the surrounding country, in the interests of THE TIMES, accompanied by Mr. Perkins, a very courteous gentleman, who has taken great pains to make me acquainted in this part of the country. Mr. Perkins is a thorough mechanic, and is prepared to do all kinds of carpenter work. In my rides through the country, I called upon a number of prosperous farmers and found them to be well posted in matters pertaining to their country. Mr. Campbell has a fine young orchard of apple, plum and peach trees, which the late frosts have not injured; also a large number of smaller fruits which look promising. The country south of this, extending south of Cedar Creek, is one vast tract of agricultural land. Tomorrow I will start for the Hangman Creek settlement, and shall write you from that section. P. S.—A series of protracted meetings is being carried on here, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Strong, of Walla Walla.

More Shooting.

SERIOUS RESULT OF A QUARREL OVER THE OWNERSHIP OF SCHOOL LAND. For some years past there has been a lively dispute over the right to occupy a certain piece of school land about fifteen miles below this place. Ben. F. Akers has enjoyed a squatter's privilege on the same, and Mr. Connolly has rented the land from the county Commissioners. Loud threats have been made, and war-like demonstrations have been the result of heated passion. Connolly has a partner, and these two men have until recently proved too demonstrative for Ben. One of them would tear down Akers' fence, while the other stood guard with a trusty rifle. On Tuesday last, the matter resulted in a serious conflict. We are informed that Akers appeared on the place with a gun, when Connolly beat a hasty retreat, entering a house near by. Shortly afterward, a sharp report from a gun was heard, a little cloud of smoke arose from the cabin, and Ben. Akers staggered and fell, with a bullet-hole through his thigh. A neighbor attended to his immediate wants, spread a blanket for his comfort, and came to this place for a physician. Dr. Masterson obeyed the call, dressed the wound and left the unlucky man in comparative ease.

A SKEW LOOSE.—Says the Dayton News: "There was one thing connected with the Institute which was not just as it should have been. Several teachers, both male and female, were from a distance. Everybody knows that teachers, as a general fact, are not blessed with a superabundance of filthy lucre. Some of them do not receive more than enough to keep soul and body together. This being the case arrangements should have been made for teachers, outside of Dayton, to stay while here, in some of the families of Dayton. The history of the past proves that our people are as hospitable as any other community. If we mistake not, all the teachers, last year, were distributed among some of the families of Dayton; and we know that the members of the M. E. Conference were, and their name was legion. The people of Dayton are not one whit behind any others in the matter of hospitality. We trust a similar oversight will never occur again. If it should no one could justly blame the Institute if they held future sessions in some other place."

NEW SETTLEMENT.—The Walla Walla Union says: "On the hills south of the Columbia river, and three or four miles distant from Walla, there is quite a settlement. A large tract of land has been plowed and seeded to grain within the past year. Water has been found by digging at convenient depths, on many of the ranches, and the prospect for a good crop is very favorable. The settlers have picked out a landing on the Columbia to which they expect to transport their products for shipment. This landing is some 15 or 16 miles below Walla. This settles the question as to the capacity of the high hills south of Walla for grain growing. These hills have been considered, in times past, little better than desert waste."

Palouse and Spokane.

Cor. Columbia Chronicle.] As the sun was throwing his first rays upon the neighboring hills, we shook the dust of Pataha City, Columbia county, from our feet and mounted the hurricane deck of our prancing steed, and wended our way through the Deadman country. This is an extensive farming country, splendid soil, transportation convenient, climate mild, but timber inconvenient. All at once we peered into almost a bottomless abyss that opened under where flows the waters of Snake river, which presents an appearance of awe and admiration. After descending a hill two miles long, with an angle of fifty-seven degrees, we reached the Wa-wa-wa ferry; but alas, the boat had departed for parts unknown and we were compelled to cross in a small boat. Wa-wa-wa is a steamboat landing and a shipping point, where is situated a large warehouse. A brisk ride of 8 miles through the rain up Wa-wa-wa creek landed us upon Union Flat near Uniontown, which is the head of a large and prosperous settlement. Wolverine Gulch, Stables Flat were crossed and Paradise Valley (alias Hogheaven, was reached where is situated Moscow, a beautiful little village of 200 inhabitants. It has all the business houses of a small town except a gristmill, which of necessity will have to be propelled by steam in the absence of water power. Crossing Missouri flat a distance of four miles we reached Palouse City a place of about 200 inhabitants, a goodly number of mills and all other branches of business. It is situated on the south side of the north Palouse upon a hillside, and aside from its location is a nice place. We next crossed Minnesota flat to Pine creek, a beautiful valley thickly settled, at the head of which stands Farmington. This place is most desirably situated; having but just started last fall it is yet small; a gristmill is much needed at this point; it is also an inland town and has no water power to speak of. Dutch flat and Hangman creek were crossed, also Rattlers Run and Little Rock creek. This country above mentioned, extends north and south along the base of the Cœur d'Alene range of mountains, and is over 100 miles in length, and from 20 to 30 miles in width. The soil is similar in richness and productivity; the yield of cereals is abundant. It is well watered and timber convenient. The geographical outline of the country is like unto the waves of the ocean; the climate is somewhat cooler than ours, the mercury last winter dropping to 16 degrees below zero, and the depth of snow two feet. One of the greatest drawbacks to this country is the want of an outlet for its fast increasing products.

Spokane Valley, which is situated on the Spokane river, is a charming valley to look at, 60 miles in length and from 10 to 15 in width, but the soil is exceedingly gravelly, and its productiveness a matter of conjecture. At the lower end of this valley is situated the Spokan Falls, no greater or grander work can be found upon the Pacific slope. Imagine a large river, as clear as crystal, rolling and surging over two successive precipices 155 feet, throwing up a snow-white spray to a height of 50 feet. Spokan City is situated on the south side of these falls and is a flourishing business little town. It has a gristmill and sawmill and the finest water power in the northwest. Its future depends upon the North Pacific Railroad. The Four Lake country consists of an elevated table land covered with lakes, rocks, and scrub pines. Mineral lake, one of the four, is surrounded by granite and has no outlet; it is filled with a strong alkaline fluid. Birch creek and lower Pine creek are a shade better than the Four Lakes. Cottonwood and Pleasant valleys, which lie west of Steptoe Butte, are thickly settled, and are a splendid farming country. Colfax is situated at the junction of the north and south Palouse; in the county of Benewah, Idaho; the "hub" of the upper country; in fact the metropolis of the Palouse region, and a city of considerable importance. Hotel, Union and Alkali flats are rich in soil, thickly settled and adjacent to Colfax, their principal market. We next come to Pene-wa-wa, situated at the mouth of Pene-wa-wa on Snake river, which is a shipping point and nothing more. In conclusion, we will say that the Palouse and Spokane country is not half settled yet. There is yet room for the millions and time will develop this as the richest section of Washington Territory.

Body Found.—In attempting to cross the swollen current of the Palouse river on a rope, on the 23d of March last, Mr. Wm. Powitz was carried away by floating ice and drowned. The body was recently found opposite site J. C. Davenport's flouring mill, at Colfax, by an Indian woman. In the man's pocket was found a key to the flouring mill, a half dollar, a pipe and piece of tobacco. Deceased was 31 years of age, and a native of Germany. The remains were properly buried. The Spangle school is attended by 33 scholars.

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THE TWO WORKERS.

Two workers in one field
Tolled on from day to day
Both had the same hard labor.

Our Next Territorial Legislature.

The following is a list of the members of the Legislative Assembly that will convene at Olympia in October, 1879.

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FROM OUR REGULAR CORRESPONDENT.

WASHINGTON, April 9, 1879.

Reports from Baltimore show a very marked improvement in business prospects. The Spring trade with the South is opening under favorable auspices.

The speaker's gavel had scarcely laid to rest the corps of the dead, ere the new term, the forty-sixth Congress in its swaddling clothes was in the hands of political nurses from all parties.

Many staunch democrats dissented from this theory and declared that the party to be successful, must be free in its choice after the sentiment of the people shall have crystallized during the coming winter.

The cattle disease is still the all-absorbing topic, and unless every State acts in concert in adopting most stringent regulations this great and gathering international industry will be utterly destroyed.

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