



A COLLAPSED TOWN.—A friend writing us from the Dalles, draws a gloomy picture of the present appearance of that town. He says that at a moderate estimate, one-half the buildings on Main street are unoccupied, and that back from the business portion of the town, vacant houses meet the eye at every turn.

STREET IMPROVEMENTS.—We notice that property holders on the line of Main street are replacing the old rickety sidewalks, and introducing something like order on that important thoroughfare.

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THE SPRING TRADE.

The stranger who desires to obtain a correct idea of the nature and extent of business transacted at Walla Walla, has only to visit the stores of our leading merchants and examine the stocks of goods on hand.

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ITEMS FROM THE UPPER COUNTRY.

Mr. Howard Bledsoe, Wells, Fargo & Co's. Messenger, gives us the following interesting items from the upper country and the Boise Road.

THE RIVER.—We learn that the River is obstructed by ice at the bend just below Wallula. Beyond this obstruction, it is believed to be clear all the way through to Celilo.

FROM THE LOWER COUNTRY.—Henry Coe, Wells, Fargo & Co's. Messenger, arrived on Monday last, having been six days in making the trip.

WALLA WALLA LITERARY AND LIBRARY ASSOCIATION.—We are requested to give notice that the Walla Walla Literary and Library Association meets every Tuesday evening.

THE DAVENPORT MANIA IN ENGLAND is characterized by Punch as typhus.

ANNEXATION QUESTION.

High taxes are always the hobby of demagogues. Nevertheless I admit that taxation by imprudent legislation may be made onerous.

THE ANNEAPOLIS REPUBLICAN tells a story of an old Dutchman who sunk a well one hundred and fifty feet without striking water, and refused to bore further, saying, "Me strikes fire before me strikes water."

FRUIT AND ORNAMENTAL TREES. A VERY LARGE AND FINE STOCK FOR SALE THIS SPRING, at the Narrows, one mile south of town.

BEST SEASON FOR TRANSPLANTING TREES. An extra fine lot of LOCUST AND POPLAR TREES, low by the quantity.

LEGAL NOTICE. TERRITORY OF WASHINGTON, COUNTY OF WALLA WALLA.—In the District Court of the First Judicial District.

NOTICE. ALL PERSONS who have claims upon or who hold or claim lots in the City of Walla Walla, W. T., are hereby notified to FILE THEIR CLAIMS for such land with the City Clerk of said City before the 15th day of March, A. D. 1896.

TO OWNERS OF CITY LOTS.

AN ACT CONFERRING CERTAIN POWERS ON THE CITY OF WALLA WALLA, W. T.

Be it enacted by the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Washington: SECTION 1. That the city of Walla Walla, in the Territory of Washington, be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to grant, make and execute deeds of conveyance, possession and ownership to all persons holding and occupying lots in said city, within its corporate limits, who shall have acquired a right thereto by having located or built upon or so fenced and improved such lots as to have complied with the regulations in regard to locating town lots in said city, passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Walla Walla county, or with the subsequent ordinance of the city of Walla Walla regulating the manner of locating and holding lots in said city, and also to all persons who shall have bought the right to such lots from persons lawfully claiming and holding as aforesaid.

SECTION 2. The Common Council of said city shall have power to prescribe, by ordinance, the procedure to be followed, and the manner of making such proofs as may be necessary to entitle the persons to receive deeds, and may in the same manner fix the time when applications for deeds shall be made, and may limit such time to a period not less than thirty days after such ordinance shall have been published in some newspaper published in said city, provided that a notice requiring claimants to present their claims, shall be published three months; and all non-residents holding and claiming lots as aforesaid, shall have three months from the date of such notice in which to present their claims for deeds.

SECTION 3. The Common Council aforesaid shall have power to charge, receive and collect the sum of ten dollars for each lot or fraction thereof exceeding one-half of a lot, and the sum of five dollars for each fraction of half or less than half of a lot, from every person who shall receive a deed therefor; and the City Clerk shall receive from such person a fee of two dollars for each deed so executed; provided, that any person who shall hold a certificate of record from said city, showing that the necessary fee has been paid, shall receive a deed on payment of the Clerk's fee as aforesaid.

SECTION 4. All deeds shall be signed by the Mayor and President of the Common Council, and shall be attested by the City Clerk, who shall affix the seal of the city to such deed, and no acknowledgment shall be necessary to render such deed valid.

SECTION 5. If any lot or lots shall be claimed by more than one person, the Common Council shall have power to execute a deed warranting and defending such property against the United States and the city of Walla Walla, and if any person shall receive a deed of such a nature, and shall subsequently be deprived of the property so deeded by any person holding a prior right, or with whom a suit may be pending at the time such deed is executed, he shall be entitled to recover the amount paid for such deed, from the person who shall gain ownership of such property.

the City Clerk to take all the testimony which they may offer, and to report the same to the City Council, who may either refuse to grant a deed to either party until their rights are decided by the courts; or, the Common Council may grant a deed, warranting and defending only against the United States, and the city of Walla Walla, to the claimant whom they may consider holds the best right to such land.

SECTION 6. The City Clerk shall have full power to administer oaths, and to take all testimony which may be necessary to establish claims; and he shall keep a record in which he shall enter the name of each claimant, the number of the lot, and description of each fraction claimed, the number or designating letter of the block in which it is situated, the precise number of feet and inches claimed, the oath of the claimant and testimony of witnesses, the name of the person to whom such deed is executed, the date of such deed, and the amount received for such piece or lot of land.

SECTION 7. If any person holding or claiming any lot or fraction of a lot in said city, shall neglect or refuse to file his claim for a deed thereon on or before the 15th day of March, 1896, the land so held or claimed shall be deemed as belonging to the city; provided, that this section shall not apply to non-residents, executors, administrators or agents in such cases, who shall be allowed one year from the publication of this ordinance in which to file their claims for such persons as they represent.

SECTION 8. Whenever any person holding or claiming any lot or land shall fail to file his claim for a deed as hereinbefore provided, such land may be sold, leased, or otherwise disposed of in any public manner which the Council may order, for the use and benefit of the city, and if such land shall have improvements thereon, the owner or agent in such case, if known, shall be notified in writing by the City Marshal to remove such improvements from such land, and if such notice be not complied with within thirty days from the date of service thereof, the Marshal shall then advertise such property for sale, and shall proceed to sell the same to the highest bidder, ten days after the date of the notice of such sale, and if such improvements shall sell for more than the legal value attending such sale, the surplus shall belong to the owner of such improvements, and the purchaser shall, unless otherwise permitted by the Council, remove such improvements from such land.

SECTION 9. No deed shall be issued to any person for any lot or fraction of a lot other than those embraced in the official survey of the city, and the official map or plat on file in the City Surveyor's office and City Council chamber.

SECTION 10. All monies received either for deeds or sales of lots shall be paid into the city treasury as other city revenue.

THE WALLA WALLA RACE TRACK FOR SALE! THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale that valuable property known as the WALLA WALLA RACE TRACK, situated in which is a large body of good land, from Walla Walla 2 1/2 miles, and is in all respects a most desirable property. For further information apply on the premises, to J. N. CRAB.

A. FRANK & CO., HAVE JUST RECEIVED A Large and Well-Selected Stock of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS, Consisting of Foreign and Domestic DRY GOODS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, LIBBONS, HOSIERY, CLOTHING, Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, HATS & CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES, GROCERIES, WINES & LIQUORS, TOBACCO & CIGARS, CUTLERY, YANKEE NOTIONS, CROCKERY, GLASSWARE, Paints and Oils, Window Glass, PATENT MEDICINES, An Assortment of HARDWARE And many other articles too numerous to mention.



