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Our Washington Letter. WASHINGTON, Sept. 27, 1877. ED. STATESMAN.—Among Washingtonians the burning of the Patent Office building is of greater interest than political events.

JUDGE BRADLEY'S "OPINION." We do not know Mr. George W. Wilcox of Nevada, but if the statement made upon his alleged responsibility be true, as we yesterday copied it from a respectable journal of Covington, his testimony respecting the conduct of Judge Bradley in the election commission is quite as important as it is interesting.

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IOWA voted on Tuesday last, and usual gave the radicals from 25,000 to 30,000 majority.

VERMONT HAS A NEW LAW which other States might profitably copy, making liquor dealers responsible for injuries inflicted by those whose reason they have taken away.

HAYES is a very worthy gentleman, no doubt, but the man who mentions his name in connection with that of Henry Clay makes a mistake. It was Clay who "would rather be right than be president."

OHIO ELECTION.—Tuesday last, Ohio voted for State officers and members of the General Assembly. Returns received by telegraph show that Bishop (dem.) is elected governor by over 25,000 majority.

WADE HAYES will make no enemies in the North by permitting the Courts to deal fearlessly with the rascals who have robbed the State of South Carolina, and President Hayes will lose no friends because the indicted men say these things would not have come to light if he had stood by the republican party in their state.

THE COUNTRY TO THE PRESIDENT.—There is an old story of a traveller sitting at a Western hotel table. He ordered beef-steak for his breakfast, and the waiter presently brought a small piece on a large plate.

THE PATENT OFFICE.—Inventors will be glad to know that the Patent Office at Washington is again in running order. The commissioners have not attempted to maintain that the government can avoid its responsibility to make good the losses of the patentees, but they ask that these patentees shall restore, at their own expense, such models as were destroyed.

THE ENGLISH POLICY CRITICISED.—It is said that Mr. Catechy, a former Russian Minister at Washington, has published a pamphlet in Paris, entitled "The Eastern Policy of Great Britain," in which he holds that the present attitude of England is inconsistent with her fundamental principle of recognizing and making the most of every social or political fact.

AN ERROR CORRECTED.—There seems to be a general assumption that the election in New York this fall will decide the succession to Conkling in the Senate. This is only true to the extent that the state senators elected this year will hold over and participate in the senatorial election to take place in 1878.

MCCLELLAN'S NOMINATION.—The radical journals do not know what to make of the nomination of Gen. Geo. B. McClellan as governor of New Jersey. Such a spontaneous overflow of enthusiasm passes their comprehension. They apparently thought his reputation had faded out in the hot sirocco of partisan attacks upon it, whereas it is only renewing its charms in the ripening huc of an autumnal splendor.

MEN OF THE PERIOD.—An epidemic of recalcitancy seems to have swept over the country. New York has discovered that one of her most honored citizens has committed a number of forgeries and disappeared with the spoils. Of five or six conspicuous rascals who have recently been expected to be perhaps the most conspicuous, W. C. Gilman was an upright man, so far as appearance went. He was an active church member and Sunday school teacher. He has been forty years in the business; but, so far as is known, it is only recently that he has made reputation which he sustained ably and manfully to pass off his raised certainties. But Gilman is only one of a number of rascals whose crimes are now attracting the nation's attention.

HON. A. J. GREGORY has introduced a bill amending the city charter. We trust the members will be careful not to reintroduce the old system that was broken up by the last legislature. Take no step backward.

THE NEZ PERCE WAR ENDED.

SURRENDER OF JOSEPH. CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—The following dispatch from Gen. Miles was received here at 11 o'clock this evening: HEADQUARTERS DIST. OF YELLOWSTONE, Camp Near Bear Paw Mountain, October 3, 1877. Gen. A. H. Terry, Commanding Department of Dakota: GENERAL.—This command moved rapidly to Snake creek, striking a fresh trail of hostile Nez Perces coming out near Bear Paw mountains, at 7 o'clock on the 30th, and surprised their camp at 8 o'clock, capturing a large part of their herd, about 600 horses, mules and ponies. The engagement was quite severe. Enclosed is a list of our killed and wounded. The Indians lost seventeen killed, including Looking Glass and Joseph's brother, and three other chiefs, and forty wounded. Joseph gave me his solemn pledge yesterday that he would surrender, but didn't, and they are evidently waiting for aid from other Indians. They say that the Sioux are coming to their aid. They are closely invested in some ravines and kept under fire. To take them by assault would cost many lives. I may wear them out and eventually compel them to give up. They fight with more desperation than any Indians I have met. I believe there are many escaped y-lains in the village who expect to be hung when captured. I believe there is communication between this camp and Sitting Bull, and I have used every effort to prevent a junction. I am expecting the companies with Sturges to come up, and will endeavor to send the 2d cavalry companies to Benton. I presume you do not wish them to be withdrawn from surrounding the Nez Perce camp. I intend to send my wounded to the Missouri and captured stock to the Yellowstone. I would respectfully suggest that information be sent to the British authorities to prevent any portion of the Nez Perce tribe crossing the line, or to disarm them should they take refuge on English soil. Can supplies be sent up the Milk river road for the 2d cavalry. Please send me any information or order that should govern my movements. Very respectfully, your obedient servant, NELSON A. MILES.

CHICAGO, Oct. 9.—The following dispatch is just received: HEADQUARTERS DIST. OF YELLOWSTONE, October 5, 1878.

Gen. A. H. Terry, Commanding the District of Dakota.—DEAR GENERAL: We have had our usual success. We made a very direct and rapid march across the country, and after a severe engagement, and being kept under fire for three days, the hostile camp of Nez Perces under Chief Joseph surrendered at 2 o'clock today. I intend to start the 2d cavalry toward Benton on the 7th inst. Cannot supply be sent out on the Benton road to meet them and return with the remainder of the command to the Yellowstone? I hear that there is trouble between the Sioux and Canadian authorities. I remain, yours truly, N. A. MILES.

SENATOR CONKLING'S DEFECTION.—The tone of the radical organs sufficiently indicates that the stand taken by Senator Conkling in the New York state radical convention has opened a breach which is destined to divide and break down their party in that state, and to produce serious dissension and disaffection in the organization in other states. The senator is the ablest man the radicals have in Congress. He is not a tricky demagogue, as Blaine is; he has not the malice and demagogism of Morton. He is able, learned, dignified, unswerving, very proud and imperious, and of stainless personal character. As a partisan his convictions are strong, and his ideas of party discipline allow little latitude outside of the prescribed lines. To him it might appear as an inexorable duty when he finds himself constrained to take issue with a radical administration, and to openly war upon the policy promulgated by a radical convention. He rigidly preserves a calm and cool demeanor; never allows his hot passion to overcome his high sense of propriety, and he is deliberate, sagacious and resolute. We may be sure, therefore, that he has taken his present position of antagonism to Hayes and his administration after matured thought, and that he will neither waver nor turn back in his course.

ADULTERATION OF MILK.—The Chicago papers, after exhausting the subject of the impurities of the Lake water, have gone into the diagram business on swill milk. A whole page of the Inter-Ocean is illuminated with cuts of magnified impurities contained in the lactical fluid peddled by the dairymen in that city, and the images are fearful to contemplate in their magnified form. One of the prolific causes of disease in children is attributed to the poisons used in milk adulteration; and the efforts being made in Chicago and New York to punish the vendors of the obnoxious article to be commended if they will put a stop to the evil in those cities, and serve to deter milk dealers from indulging in similar practices.

FOOD FOR REFLECTION.—The Presidential proclamation against the practice of radical officials taking part in party conventions and party work appears to have about as much effect as a pronouncement by one of Mexico's revolutionary bomb-buster furiosos. Conkling and his custom-house followers defy it, and so do the lesser lights of the party. A Philadelphia dispatch charges that a United States revenue official attended the radical convention as a delegate, and that a custom-house gauger is an active member of the Philadelphia radical committee.

HAYES is modest, far more modest than the common run of party-machine-made office-holders. To the people of Cincinnati the other day he said: "We do not claim for the administration the advantages that come to the country from good crops." If Mr. Hayes goes on that way he will destroy whatever capital "the party" may hope to build upon. The man who will not claim that a "republican administration" is the producing cause of good crops is plainly not the man the party machine requires at the head of the Government.

PRESIDENT GRANT was visited with reproach because he conferred official preference upon his personal friends, but it is difficult to see, in the light of the lavish favors which the Ohio friends of the President have received at his hands, any visible improvement in this regard by the present over the methods of the last administration. Ohio has received such abundant patronage that even Stanley Matthews waxes facetious over it before an Ohio audience.

NEW YORK POLITICS.

TAMMANY'S TRIUMPH. New York, Oct. 6.—The Tammany triumph in the state convention, though very unpalatable to Tilden's friends on one side and anti-Tammany and John Morrissey's crowd on the other, is likely to cause a serious defection from the democratic ticket. Except the Germans, the greatest danger which it threatens to the democrats is the loss of two state senators in this city in favor of the Conkling republicans, thus lessening the democratic chances of electing Conkling's successor. The chief significance of the refusal to renounce the old state officers is in the fact that it puts the party control here in the hands of the wing opposed to Tilden's nomination for the presidency in 1880. It is also believed to be a settled fact that Tweed will be set free soon after the election. It does not follow that John Kelly's administration of Tammany is to repeat the corruption of Tweed's regime. Kelly has done much to purify Tammany. He is personally free from responsible suspicion of corruption, and his efforts are in the direction of honest government, even though party exigencies do not always permit him the choice of the wisest instrumentalities for ensuring it. His anti-Tammany opponents on the other hand were heavily weighed in view of the fact that their fight was led by a notorious gambler, whose daily life and business are in open violation of law. Hence it is that the throw in convention will probably have such little effect on the general canvass.

A BOLT FROM BOTH PARTIES URGED. The Staats Zeitung, which has great influence with the German readers, squarely urges a bolt from both democratic and republican state tickets, and voting for a new coalition ticket which shall give the dissatisfied element in both parties an opportunity to show their strength for effect upon future conventions. Its dissatisfaction chiefly is with republicans for non-endorsement of Hayes, and with democrats for sustaining Tammany. It is getting to be understood that President Hayes counsels against the proposed meeting here to protest against the action of the late republican state convention. He urges that if held it should be free from all indication of vindictiveness toward Conkling. While it is his firm purpose to disregard the senator's attempt to dictate his policy in regard to civil service appointments or anything else, he prefers conciliation in all things not involving principle. While not intimidated by the senator's implied threats, he don't care to recognize them by retort any more than by professed placation. Having a firm belief that the people are in active sympathy with him he is not troubled by any political conventions failure to affirmatively endorse him. He patiently bides his time.

THE NEW NOMINATIONS for customs officers at New York will undoubtedly be sent to the senate early in the coming session and it is well understood if Conkling fights them because of hostility to the president, sufficient democrats will sustain them to ensure confirmation, unless their moral unfitness is shown. Theodore Roosevelt is preferred by Everts for collector and Gen. E. A. Merritt for surveyor. Roosevelt is a gentleman of the highest character and social position, and is not identified with any political faction nor offensive to either side. Merritt was formerly a naval officer. His appointment would be a recognition of old liberals of the Greeley campaign, but he is widely popular; his reputation is irreproachable and his capacity undoubted. The suggestion that Conkling should be deposed from his chairmanship of the commerce committee for his declared hostility to the president as Sumner was from foreign affairs because of his unfriendliness to Grant, receives no countenance from the president. Besides, Sumner had made an issue of veracity with Grant, while Conkling has not made friendly personal relations with Hayes impossible.

SENATOR CONKLING'S defection is the one great trouble that darkens the radical horizon. It is the great power which Conkling exercises among his party brethren that his administration organs dread. The administration is in itself weak. The heavy shadow of the colossal fraud which overhangs and darkens the occupant of the executive chair is not, nor can it be, dispelled from the notice of the people. Like the blood upon the hands of crime it will not disappear, and every movement under it is as the shock an apparition gives to the sense of the criminal. The house of representatives is democratic, and if the radical supremacy in the Senate shall be lost through the defection of Conkling, the administration will be almost powerless. The contingency is by no means a solacing contemplation for Hayes and his cabinet, and it is what burdens the radical organs with their present commingled regret and anger. They are aware that it is vain to endeavor to appease the indignant New York Senator, or to try to persuade him from his purpose. In his cool, methodical manner he fully considered the situation and resolved upon his course, and he has the nerve to sustain himself to the end. He will yet make the parties to the great fraud feel the potency of his determined antagonism.

EASTERN WASHINGTON.—Gov. Ferry in his message to the legislature, has the following reference to Eastern Washington: "The character, quality and extent of the agricultural lands East of the Cascade Mountains must be seen and examined to be fully appreciated. From careful estimates, I am assured that the productive capacity of that region is fifty millions of bushels of wheat per annum, and it is not impossible that the present generation may witness this result. The production of wheat in the eastern portion of the territory, the past season, is estimated to be fifty thousand tons of which forty thousand tons will be exported. When we take into consideration the extent of agricultural land, the immense yield per acre—forty to sixty bushels of wheat and other cereals in like proportion—that a serious drought is unknown, that a failure of crops never occurs, we may safely conclude that eastern Washington, for agricultural advantages is unsurpassed by any portion of the world."

TROOPS.—Orders have been received for Capt. Perry's company of Cavalry to proceed to Walla Walla. Capt. Boyle's company of the 2d Infantry to proceed to Fort Boise, also Capt. Banard's companies of Cavalry. Capt. Byrne's company of infantry go to California, 2 companies of 2d Infantry remain at Mt. Idaho, 2 companies go to Spokane Falls and one company to Colville and the remaining 5 companies of the 2d Infantry remain at Lapwai.—Teller.

THE NORTHERN PACIFIC.

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS AND ELECTION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS. The annual meeting of stockholders of the N. P. R. Co., was held September 26th, in the company's main office, corner of Fifth and North streets. The meeting lasted upward of three hours, and was perfectly harmonious. The following board of directors was re-elected for the ensuing year: Charles R. Wright, of Pennsylvania; Frederick Billings, of Vermont; George W. Cass, of New York; Benjamin P. Cheney, of Massachusetts; Charles M. Tower, of Pennsylvania; Johnston Livingston, of New York; Joseph Dilworth, of Pennsylvania; J. Frailey Smith, of Pennsylvania; George Stark, of New Hampshire; Alex. Mitchell, of Wisconsin; J. C. Ainsworth, of Oregon; John M. Denison, of Maryland; Richard L. Ashurst, of Pennsylvania. Charles R. Wright was re-elected president; George Stark, vice president; Samuel Wilkeson, secretary, and George E. Bebee, treasurer.

Twenty million dollars worth of preferred stock was represented at the meeting. The whole number of stockholders of the company is 10,000. The first resolution adopted was in relation to the extension and completion of the Northern Pacific Railroad: Resolved, That it is the judgment of the stockholders that the construction of the company's road westward from the Missouri river should be commenced forthwith, and eastward from the Columbia river on the Lake Pend d'Oreille division, as soon as practicable, and the board of directors is hereby urged to proceed with such construction as rapidly as possible, consistently with economy and the best interest of the company, keeping steadily in view the early completion of the entire road to the Pacific.

A resolution was also adopted requiring the bondholders' purchasing committee to fix a day within which all the bonds of the company now outstanding must be presented for conversion into preferred stock in accordance with the plan of reorganization, or be forever thereafter debarred of the privilege. A resolution of thanks to the officers of the company for fidelity and efficiency during the past year was adopted. The annual report of the President and directors show that the year has been a successful one and that the company has escaped the strikes and labor troubles from which other roads have suffered. The road now extends to Bismarck, on the Missouri river. The gross earnings of the year are \$965,823 37, and the expenses, \$573,124 90, leaving a net balance of \$392,698 47, or an increase of nearly twenty-five per cent over last year. The Congress to meet in extra session in October next will be asked to extend the time for the construction and completion of the road, which under the present law, now expires in 1879. A bill to have the time extended passed the Senate last year, but failed to meet the approval of the House before the day of adjournment. A vigorous effort will be made to secure its passage this year.—N. Y. Herald.

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FIRST DAY.—TUESDAY, Nov. 6, at 1 P. M.—Free for all horses that have never beaten 2:40. Best 2 in 5 to harness. Purse \$200; 1st horse \$150, 2d \$50, 3rd \$25. 2 P. M.—Running race; free for all; mile heats; 1st horse \$125; 2d horse \$75, 3d \$25.

FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS! First horse three hundred, 2d horse one hundred. TROTTERING: Free for all; best time to make one mile; 3 minutes. Best 3 in 5 to harness. Purse \$125; 1st horse \$75, 2d \$30, 3rd \$25. Same day, at 2 P. M.—Running race; free for all; 2 mile heats; single dash of a mile. Purse \$40; 1st horse \$25, 2d \$15.

FOUR HUNDRED DOLLARS! First horse \$200, 2d \$100, 3rd \$50. Running race; free for all; 2 mile heats; best two in three. Purse \$50; 1st horse \$30, 2d \$10.

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Don't Fail to Call and Examine Before Buying Elsewhere.

J. W. BRITCHEL, agent for the sale of Donnelly's yeast powders, visited Walla Walla last week, and after having canvassed the town was in such a hurry to get away that he omitted to pay his printing bill. If this meets his eyes he will understand that such omissions are out of order.

THE LOWER DISTRICT SCHOOL was opened Monday morning and has remained open through the week. The attendance has been limited, not averaging over 40 scholars. The scare is about over, and it is thought that the coming week will show a large attendance.

HAWLEY, DODD & Co. are doing a brisk business. One day this week they sold fourteen silky plows, to as many different persons. Their trade in other agricultural implements is equally brisk, and in many articles they find it difficult to keep up their stock. Farmers are gradually coming to understand the importance of dealing with responsible and reliable parties, and hence this house mainly controls the trade in agricultural implements.

THE GRAIN MARKET shows no special change. Merchants are now buying all the wheat that offers, paying at the rate of 70 cents. The arrangements for moving the crops have greatly improved. The railroad now takes down at the rate of 400 tons a day, and the steamboats carry away an equal amount. A large amount of grain is still piled up around the depot, but the present rate there is a fair prospect of getting it all off before the close of the season.

GOLD PENS.—Mr. Z. K. Straight, watchmaker and jeweler, is agent for the sale of the John Foley gold pens, and has now in store a full stock of the different varieties of pens manufactured by this celebrated house. Mr. Straight's arrangements are such that he can sell these pens for exactly the same price charged at the manufactory in New York. The maker's price is marked on each case of pens, and the agent supplies customers at these figures. Persons who desire to write neatly and readily should secure one of the John Foley gold pens.

FREIGHT FROM BELOW.—We notice that the railroad depot is crowded with freight from below. Walla Walla merchants are importing heavy stocks, but these goods are at once removed to storerooms and are never allowed to accumulate at the depot. We notice that very many of the packages are marked for Lewiston merchants, who seem to be getting all their fall and winter supplies via the railroad. The Dayton merchants, as also those of Colfax, are shipping this way, and these added to shipments to smaller localities, swell the grand total to nearly hundred tons of merchandise.

DESIRABLE LANDS.—Mr. John Hancock, a settler well known in this valley, has recently taken up a claim on the Alpowai, about four miles from the Snake river, and reports that there is still a large amount of land in that neighborhood open to settlement. Persons in search of good wheat lands are recommended to visit that locality, as without doubt in a year or two these lands will become quite valuable. With the building of light draft boats to navigate the Snake river, farmers in that part of the country will be able to ship their grain at a lower figure than their Walla Walla neighbors, and this fact alone will greatly enhance the value of the lands.

THE FAIR GROUNDS.—At the meeting of the Agricultural Society, held Saturday last, the question of laying the fair grounds came up for consideration, but without coming to any conclusion was laid over. We are authorized to say that Mr. Bush will sell the fair grounds, and that without naming any figure himself, he will accept of any price that three disinterested persons may agree upon. The land is admirably situated for the purpose of holding fairs, and the improvements cost a large outlay of ready money. It is desirable that the Society should own its fair grounds, and we feel confident that if the enterprise is taken hold of in the right spirit the purchase can be made.

GEORGE E. COLE, former delegate to Congress from Washington territory, and for the past three years postmaster at Portland, is at Walla Walla on official business and is a guest of O'Brien's Hotel. Mr. Cole was elected to Congress in 1863, succeeding Governor Wallace. He was elected as a democrat, and remained a democrat down to the advent of Ben Holladay in Oregon, when he followed the railroad chief into the radical camp, and like many others has been well rewarded for his change of principles. Like the Vicar of Bray, Mr. Cole swims with the current, and belongs to the party that has the distribution of the "loves and fishes." A general, social gentleman, we are glad that his services to the radical cause have been so well rewarded. With another election the democrats will control the offices, and then we expect to welcome Mr. Cole back to the grand old party.

THE SHIPMENT OF GRAIN.—Visiting the railroad depot yesterday, we were pleased to notice that the huge piles of grain were rapidly disappearing, and that produce is now being shipped about as speedily as it comes to hand. The cars are now taking down an average of four hundred tons daily, and the boats carry it off as fast as it reaches the landing. Three boats are now on the route between Wallula and Celilo, and these boats make an average of nine trips a week. The Company operating on the river was taken by surprise, not anticipating the many thousands tons of grain that would come forward for shipment. Since the situation was understood they have strained every nerve to meet the emergency, and are now moving the grain with such rapidity as to leave no cause for complaint. The shipments run over two thousand tons a week, and at this rate producers have the assurance that before the close of the season the bulk of grain will reach tide-water. It is proper to say that the railroad is not running to its full capacity. Owing to the absence of warehouses at the river, there is no place to store grain, and so the railroad is restricted to the tonnage that the boats can carry away. If there was another boat on the river, the railroad could readily furnish the additional freight required, but as it is the cars only move sufficient grain to load the three boats employed in the trade.

NOVITIATES.—Miss Mary Newland and Miss Maggie Nibler, of this valley, have gone to Vancouver to enter the novitiate, preparatory to joining the order of Sisters of Charity. The young ladies above named were pupils of Father Duffy's, and graduates of St. Vincent's Academy, in this place.

ORGANS.—Just received a lot of the justly celebrated Mason & Hamlin organs. Don't fail to see them. Prices to suit the times. KIMBALL & SON.

ATTEMPTED MURDER OF A WIFE.—A man named Holman, who with his wife and family live in a neat cottage, on Main street, near the steam plating mill, has got himself into serious trouble. For several months he has been engaged in peddling spring mattresses around the country, and was generally supposed to be a fair sort of a man. It seems that all this time his home has been unpleasant—the trouble being jealousy. The wife who is described as a fine looking woman, is highly esteemed by the neighbors, who pronounce the husband's jealousy unfounded. Monday, Holman had been drinking to excess, and, going home that night, beat his wife severely. To escape from his brutality, Mrs. Holman took refuge in a neighbor's house and remained there over night. Tuesday morning, about 10 o'clock, Holman went after his wife, and after some words drew a pistol, at the same time declaring his intention to kill his wife. Fortunately Mrs. Waggoner, the lady of the house, had a broom in her hand and with this she struck the pistol aside. This time the pistol was aimed directly at the woman's head. He made a second attempt, this time shooting his wife through the body, the ball entering in front and coming out at the back. By this time the neighbors were alarmed, and Holman, leaving his weapon behind, beat a hasty retreat. Col. Kraft, chief engineer of the fire department, happened to be in the neighborhood, and summoning J. B. Thompson, the deputy sheriff, pursuit was at once made. The fugitive was traced to a corn field owned by Maj. Truax, and after a slight search was found hid in a corn shock. Mr. Thompson had his pistol on him before he had time to move, and so Holman surrendered and was escorted to the county jail, where he is now in quarters. Dr. Bingham, the attending physician, pronounces Mrs. Holman's wound dangerous, but not necessarily fatal, and thinks it probable that she will recover.

BAD TASTE.—We notice that several papers received at this office—notably the Tacoma Herald—are in the habit of running the same articles from day to day, and week to week. This is in bad taste, and may be fairly termed an imposition upon readers. One takes up the paper and commences to read about Squaw Prairie, only to find that it is an article that he has already read in the same paper for the third or fourth time. In case of an emergency it may be pardonable for a printer to "double up" advertisements, but when it comes to publishing the same reading matter in edition after edition of the same paper, it is crowding the numbers. If there is not business to pay for setting type for each edition of the paper, then issue it less frequently, or stop it altogether. The practice lacks in dignity and gives the outside world the impression that space in newspapers is of little value. Abandon the practice altogether, and if you have only two columns of news matter, cut your paper down to that size. Shams are always objectionable, and the newspaper sham is least of all excusable.

GROWING.—On visiting the railroad depot we noticed many improvements that have been commenced within the last fortnight. Hawley, Dodd & Co., are building a second warehouse that is truly mammoth in its proportions. Other warehouses are being enlarged, all going to show that the business of this season has taken the country by surprise, and now that the traders are awake to the grand future that opens up before them, are preparing to meet the emergency. The slight interruption in the freighting line should not dampen the energies of the producing classes. With another season all these difficulties will disappear, and if our surplus products should run way up in the millions, the means will be provided to move the crop. The European war goes on and every pound of wheat this country can produce will be needed the coming year to feed the nations of Europe.

THE FREIGHT QUESTION.—Petitions are being circulated and numerous signed, asking the legislature to fix the rates for freights on all railroads within the limits of this territory. A private letter from Olympia informs us that two of the representatives of this county favor a law of this kind, and two others of the delegation are decidedly opposed to any legislation upon the subject. Hon. Dan Stewart, in the council, is understood to have a bill prepared that fixes the maximum rates to be charged, and it is supposed that he will introduce his bill early in the session, when it is expected that a bitter and prolonged struggle will follow. The right to legislate upon this subject is conceded. The only question is that of policy, and this must be left for the wisdom of the members to determine.

REAL ESTATE.—Transactions in real estate have not been very brisk for the present month. Up to date, however, there has been a decided increase compared with a corresponding period last year. Several town lots, with quite a number of quarter sections of land having already changed hands. September was an unusually active month; quite a large amount of property being sold; notably the farm of Mr. M. B. Ward, purchased by T. P. Page, Esq., for \$10,000. This is a most desirable piece of property, and is one of the finest farms in the county. We understand that a large number of mortgages have of late been cancelled in the county auditors' office, which we accept as showing a healthy tone in the financial condition of our farmers.

SISTERS' ACADEMY.—The attendance at the Sisters' Academy in this place has never been better. There are now 25 boarders at the school, and 75 day-scholars. The sister superior having been compelled on account of insufficiency of room to refuse several applicants to board at the convent, she is now increasing the facilities for taking boarders. The appreciation of the moral and mental training the scholars receive at the Academy is manifested by the arrival of scholars from all sections of country who belong to many different denominations.

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THE FREIGHT QUESTION.—In conversation with farmers we find the sentiment universal in favor of a law fixing the rate of freights over railroads. On this question the producing classes are a unit, and the legislature should understand. Merchants and shippers hold a different view of the matter, and take the position that time and experience will regulate these matters better than any law that can be framed and placed upon the statute books. It is proper that the members of the legislature should understand the views of the two classes, and be prepared to act understandingly. The writer is convinced of the propriety of legislating upon this subject, but he is not disposed to press his opinion when he finds that those who have large interests at stake take a different view. The argument used by shippers is, that legislation of the kind indicated will prevent capital coming into the territory, and thus retard the general prosperity. Per contra, the farmers claim that the freights now charged are a terrible tax upon the producers, and that if continued they will be forced to abandon the cultivation of the soil. In this as in all other matters our sympathies are with the working classes, and we certainly will rejoice if the legislature in its wisdom devises a measure that will protect their interests.

THE SNOQUALMIE ROAD SWINDLE is sure to be up at the present session of the legislature, and an attempt will be made to drag members into its support. Money appropriated to the Snoqualmie Pass may possibly benefit a few men in King county, but so far as opening a road is concerned, it is all moonshine. As early as 1867, some five thousand dollars of the people's money was thus appropriated, but it served no good purpose and might just as well have been thrown away. To make a road over the Cascades requires more money than the territory has to spare, and to commence it in a small way is to waste the public revenue without accomplishing any good purpose. Members from the eastern counties will be careful how they place themselves on record as favoring the Snoqualmie swindle.

FALL RACES.—It will be noticed that Mr. C. S. Bush, proprietor of the Walla Walla Driving Park, announces a series of races, to commence November 6th, and continue five days. The purses are exceedingly liberal, and without doubt will attract the owners of fast horses from all parts of the country. In offering these purses Mr. Bush displays great liberality, and we certainly hope that his efforts to place the turf upon a firm footing will be appreciated.

GRAND ENTERTAINMENT.—It will be noticed that a grand entertainment is announced for Saturday and Monday evening, at the City Hall. The company is known as the "Australian Team," the members of which in their respective lines are all first class. Mr. C. Morning, director of the troupe informs us that he purposes to remain at Walla Walla, and hence it is proper that he and his company should have a kindly and liberal reception.

EXAMINATION.—The case of L. F. Holman, the man who endeavored to murder his wife, was up for examination before Justice Lacy, yesterday morning. After hearing the evidence of Mrs. Waggoner, who was an eyewitness of the assault, and the statements of Drs. Bingham and McCurdy, the accused was committed, in default of \$500 bail, to answer the next term of the District Court, T. J. Anders for the territory; N. T. Caton for defendant.

HOP CULTURE.—Mr. Geo. W. Goodwin, just over from Yakima city, informs us that the farmers in that quarter of the territory within the last year have given much attention to hop culture, and with gratifying results. He says that the returns show over a ton to the acre, and that the crops sell at the rate of \$12 per barrel. If these figures are correct, the man who owns a good hop farm has a sure thing on a future.

BEIRIAH BROWN is supposed to be the old ingrate who forged Judge Lewis' resignation. The old leper had been kicked out of the clerk's office on account of incompetency, and hence the attempt to wrong the man who had befriended him. Judas had the decency to hang himself. The Seattle Judas lacks this sense of propriety.

MISS ALICIA THOMAS, daughter of Sheriff Thomas, kindly offered her services as assistant teacher at the Sisters' Academy, which position she has occupied since the opening of the school in September.

CLOCKS! CLOCKS!—Call and examine the fine line of clocks just received from the manufacturers and for sale at the Book and Music store of KIMBALL & SON.

JUDGE GURCHARD'S late visit to Olympia was in the interest of Free Masonry, and had no connection whatever with freight complications.

OYSTERS at Tom Taylor's are all the go. Epicures now have an opportunity to feast on the luscious bivalves.

Agricultural Society. The annual meeting of the stock holders of the Walla Walla Agricultural Society was held at the court house in Walla Walla city, Oct. 6, 1877. President F. M. Lowden, in the chair. Reports of secretary, treasurer, and finance committee read and accepted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mark A. Evans, president; J. C. Smith, vice president; E. J. Williams, treasurer; J. D. Laman, secretary; T. P. Page, Alex. Cameron, John Bryant, H. S. Copeland, James Swainey, Hiram Nelson and Joe Herbert, trustees.

Ex-president F. M. Lowden, in a few well timed remarks, thanked the society for the many honors conferred and the courtesy extended by the society while acting as their president in the past, vacated the chair and escorted the president elect, Mark Evans, to the chair, who also in a few brief remarks thanked the society for the honor conferred, and he hoped that he might merit the confidence reposed in him, and declared the meeting ready to proceed with business.

The president then appointed Hiram Nelson, H. S. Copeland and Alex. Cameron as finance committee. On motion, the secretary's salary was fixed at \$100 for the ensuing year. On motion, meeting adjourned to meet on the last Saturday in November next. J. D. LAMAN, Sec'y.

WALLA WALLA VALLEY. A STRANGER'S OBSERVATIONS. We have already quoted largely from the letters written by Col. D. M. Baker, editor of the Chariton (Iowa) Leader, who during the last summer made a general tour of the Pacific coast. In the Leader of September 25th, we had the editor's observations in relation to THE TOWN OF WALLA WALLA. Our last communication while upon our recent trip was written in the beautiful town of Walla Walla, the prettiest and most fertile town of its size, situated in the best country we saw upon our journey. The city has a population of nearly three thousand souls, and is built on an inclined plane running down west from the Blue Mountains, and is a charmingly located in many particulars. The location of the town is a beautiful mountain stream called Mill Creek, which furnishes ample water for the people of the town, besides water power sufficient to run the largest mill and flouring mill we saw in the territory. On the east lies the Blue Mountains, about ten miles from the city. From there the Walla Walla valley is supplied with an abundance of fine timber, principally fir and pine. On the south, north and west lies a level plain, or prairie, some of it rich and fertile soil, and bearing fine crops of wheat and other small grains. A number of small, clear water streams come down from the mountains, adding materially to the beauty of the valley and furnishing an abundance of pure water for all purposes. Many of the farms in the vicinity are in a high state of cultivation and are adorned with as fine orchards as the west can boast.

WHEAT IS THE GREAT ARTICLE OF PRODUCE, and the quantity raised this year are almost incredible. No less than 1,900 tons of wheat are shipped down the river to the sea ports, while the amount awaiting shipment is gradually increasing. Since we left there we notice that the Northern States are about 15,000 in the city awaiting transportation.

WALLA WALLA AND COLUMBIA RIVER RAILROAD. A narrow gauge road built from Walla Walla to Wallula, on the Columbia river, connecting with the steamers that ply between the latter place and the Dalles. Prior to its construction the country was in an isolated condition, produce was at a low price, business dull, and but little inducement to capital or industry to seek a permanent home at Walla Walla. The farmer's wheat when shipped abroad barely paid the expenses, and the prospect was everything but cheering. Of course the people locally clamored and petitioned for a railway, and were ready to low in humble acknowledgment to the man who would risk his money in the uncertainties of railroading.

A GOOD WAGON FOR AN AGRICULTURIST. Finally a man was found who knew and felt the necessities of the people, and who believed that such institutions were a public blessing. This man was Mr. D. S. Baker, a pioneer settler of Oregon, who crossed the mountains over a quarter of a century ago with an ox team, and landed in the Willamette valley, like nearly every one else, dead broke and a stranger to the virtues of spurs, energy and perseverance, to an admirable extent, as well as a man of fine business tact, and the most unshakable integrity. By dint of severe industry he had accumulated a large fortune, but finding the climate of Oregon unsuited to his health and comfort, some years ago he sold his property and returned to his native land. It was to him all eyes turned for relief, and he, alone, undertook the task of building the road. It was completed about three years ago, and is now in full operation.

EXTENSION OF RAILROADS and other monopolies, and each year the clamor against the only benefactor they ever had grew louder than ever, until it almost assumed the shape of violence in the past year. "Reduce your freight charges," is the cry of the people who have grown wealthy through the advantages of the road. "Pay what you say," is the cry of the man who has his hand in the city, and couldn't help but reflect upon man's inhumanity to man as we looked upon the prosperous condition of the country around us. The time will come, however, when Walla Walla territory will have more than one railroad, and furthermore, in our judgment the time is not far distant when she will annually have forty millions of bushels of surplus wheat to sell. That fact alone will meet new railroad enterprises.

Yakima Court. Court convened Monday, Oct. 1st, 1877. Present Hon. S. C. Wingard, Judge; Chas. Hopkins, Marshal; J. B. Allen, U. S. Attorney; J. R. Millican, Sheriff, and A. R. Ayres, Clerk. Attorneys from Walla Walla present, W. A. George, N. T. Caton and T. H. Brents.

Territory vs. Arnold Kesting, charged with assisting a prisoner to escape from jail; grand jury returned "Not a true bill."

Territory vs. James Demott and Weston Abbott, assault and battery; grand jury returned "Not a true bill."

Territory vs. S. B. Olmstead, assault and battery; grand jury returned "Not a true bill."

Territory vs. David Murray, appeal from justice's court; dismissed on motion of the plaintiff.

United States vs. John D. Olmstead, carrying on the business of a retail liquor dealer without license; grand jury returned a true bill. Plea of guilty entered and afterwards withdrawn, and *nolle prosequi* entered.

United States vs. John D. Olmstead, evading U. S. internal revenue law; grand jury returned a true bill. Plea guilty; sentence to pay fine and costs, amounting in all to \$134.43.

Yakima County vs. E. P. Boyle et al, motion to quash summons overruled; judgment by default for the sum of \$26.40 and costs. Motion to set aside judgment overruled.

Mouth A. Bently vs. William L. Spawm and Thomas McAuslin, judgment of non suit.

L. H. Goodwin & Son vs. A. O'Neal, jury returned a verdict of \$3.00 for defendant.

J. W. Hamilton vs. A. Cleman, jury returned a verdict of \$32.50 for plaintiff.

A. Cleman vs. George W. and Margaret Shaser; stricken from the docket on motion of the defendant.

A. Cleman vs. John W. Hamilton and C. Schanno, dismissed at plaintiff's costs.

Wm. Eaton vs. Nellie Eaton, divorce; cause transferred to Walla Walla for trial.

Pearson vs. T. R. Pearson; dismissed on plaintiff's motion.

A. C. Gervais vs. Mary G. Gervais; divorce granted plaintiff on grounds of cruelty.

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