

**THE TELLER.**  
**LOCAL INTELLIGENCE**

**KNIFING** was in town this week Almeta, W. T.

**Our mornings** of late have been frosty.

**Viewers** have traced out the new road from town to the Sweet and will soon report.

**Northwest** arrived here on Friday with freight and passengers, amount of which we did not learn.

**Clowe** is at his rooms at the Hotel de France repairing the jaws of all such as are of jaw and have the money to pay for work done.

**Camas Prairie**.—We notice in town week from Camas Prairie, Wm. Bald family, H. C. Brown, J. J. Manuel, A. Corum, M. H. Rice, Charles Rice, J. Rice, F. Sinclair, A. Tockington and others.

**The Oscar Brothers** entertained our people at Clark's Hall on Friday and Saturday nights with their tricks and songs to the great pleasure of their audiences, and Prof. Harmon followed Monday evening with equal success.

**On Thursday** there were two races over the Lewiston course. One was a colt race, purse \$60, in which there were four entries. Frank Holt's colt was the winner. The other was a saddle race for a \$100 saddle. There were five entries. Frank Holt's horse was winner. Distance 1 mile each case.

**The commissioners** for canvassing the vote on the Constitution will do their work as soon as a quorum can meet after the expiration of the ten days allowed for the returns. Most of the returns from this and Shoshone counties are already sent forward. Those of Idaho county are not yet but are expected to be brought by one of the commissioners from that county.

**Several families** from the city have recently moved upon their land claims south and east of this city. The prairie is becoming quite thickly dotted with new houses, and there seems to be a firm purpose to utilize these lands for agricultural purposes which have so long been left merely as a range for stock. Having found that water can be obtained for domestic purposes these lands loom up in value.

**S. M. Gillingham** who formerly was employed as typist on the Lewiston Journal, and afterwards worked on the He Jact mill in Warrens, is now the editor and proprietor of the Wyandot County Times, a sprightly newspaper published at Carey, Ohio. We have received two numbers of his paper which indicate that it is well sustained. Good luck to Gil. He was always an enterprising young gentleman.

**Blows up**.—**Life Lost**.—We learn that the boiler of the steam saw mill of Dan Stewart on the Polatch was blown up on Tuesday morning, and that Joseph Bronty was instantly killed. As we learn the man running the engine, fired up and raised steam to 170 lbs. and went with other hands to breakfast, during which time Bronty had gone to the mill to get a load of lumber sent into the engine room to warm himself and was near the fire box at the time of the explosion. His body was thrown many feet, and the boiler had both heads blown out. Since the above we have been told that it was not the boiler that gave way but the cylinder. If the above are the facts, there must have been great carelessness on the part of the man who ran the engine. It is of the utmost importance that safe and skilled men as engineers should alone be entrusted with such responsibilities, where human life is exposed.

**Pierce City**.—Last week we were called to Pierce City and made the trip there in a buggy in less than two days. The roads were splendid save a few bad ruts made by heavy wagons and about eight miles of this distance through the timber near Pierce City which was very muddy. We arrived at Pierce City on Tuesday noon Nov. 5th, just as they were voting and there cast our vote for the Constitution. About five-sixths of the voters of that precinct were at the polls. But little interest was manifested in the election, as but one ticket was in the field, save for two or three of the officers. While there the case of the People vs Chas. Brown was up for examination on a charge of manslaughter. Defendant waived an examination and the magistrate ordered that he give bail in the sum of \$3,000 for his appearance at the next term of the District Court, in default of which bail that he should stand committed to the jail till said court or till said bail be given. We noted considerable improvements in the place since we were there last year, among these were some three or four new buildings, and a substantial timber fort as a defence against hostile Indians. We visited the mining ground of Gallings & Bro. and their ditch, and examined their "Little Giant" and 8 inch iron pipe for hydraulic purposes. The amount of good ground under their ditch is

sufficient to last them ten years, and the elevation of their ditch above it is such as to furnish all needed hydraulic pressure for rapid and extensive work. They estimate that their ground will pay to the hand with their present appliances from ten to twenty dollars per day. We hope they may not be disappointed. Their ditch is 22 miles in length and takes water from Oro Fino creek. I. B. Cowen, Esq., takes water from the same creek by a good ditch to good mining ground on the north side some distance above Pierce City. We did not visit his works, but learn that he has good prospects. Several other American mines in the vicinity of the town are reported as doing well. Several claims near Bald mountain are still good. From a prominent Chinaman we learn that about 275 of his people had profitable employment in that section. Several of the men of the camp have tested the soil for oats, vegetables and timothy hay. We were shown cabbage produced there weighing from 20 to 25 lbs. each, and as large and good variety of potatoes, turnips, beets, carrots and parsnips as we raise anywhere in this section. Rutabaga turnips weighing from ten to fifteen pounds each are not uncommon. One man raised on five-eighths of an acre sown in timothy 5,500 pounds from the first cutting and 1,800 pounds from the second cutting the same year. Out on the open lands several persons have produced from 35 to 40 bushels of wheat per acre. These facts clearly demonstrate that a greater portion of the land on the east side of the south fork of Clearwater from the summit near the ferry as far back as the mining camps are susceptible of tillage with certainty of good results, and all this land should be surveyed. We are specially indebted to Mr. and Mrs. Frazer for their hospitality while we were in camp, and the general attention and good will shown us while there was marked with gratitude.

**Letter from Genesee Valley.**

**GENESEE VALLEY, Nov. 11th, 1878.**  
**ED. TELLER:**—Hurrah! for the banner precinct, Genesee is Republican to the backbone and two inches into the marrow. Bonner being the only democrat receiving a majority. Election at this place passed off in a quiet manner, very little conversation, nothing but water was drank by either parties, candidate cigars were smoked freely and the merits of each commented upon, especially those from a box labeled "Vote for J. J. Bonner." I would here remark that B's majority was not due to his cigars, but to his many good qualities, and his untiring efforts in trying to bring about a revolution in our county politics. He has worked hard for the formation of a third party, in order that the people might pick from among themselves intelligent and honest men to fill our county offices. We are sorry that we had not a better turnout, fully one third of our voters were at the mill, or at home attending to their farms, not being able to spare so much valuable time for their country's good.

Our little town is growing rapidly. R. H. Beeman is building a large store on Main street. Mr. Spencer has a sash, blind and general job factory on Genesee street. Austin & Jones are coming here with a full line of agricultural implements and have made arrangements for a building 30x60 feet. Mr. Wilson is about to open a cooper shop, and there is some talk of J. P. Vollmer coming out here, we hope he will, "the more the merrier." There will be trade enough for all and more too.

Yours &c.,  
E. F. W.

**Letter from Mount Idaho.**

**Mount Idaho I. T. Nov. 7th 1878**  
**EDITOR TELLER:**—To-day we had to let the man go that shot and killed Gallagher, as the evidence that was given at the coroner's inquest would not allow us to do otherwise; but we gave him 12 hours to leave the country. It is expected that he will go to Lewiston, I would advise the people to make him move on, as he is a dangerous character in any quiet community and ought not to be allowed to remain. He is about 5 feet 8 inches high, dark complexioned, is a blacksmith by profession, he was discharged at Fort Lapwai last June out of the 2d Infantry and has been employed as blacksmith at Camp Howard. His name is John White. Please notify your exchanges in Washington Territory in regard to him; by doing so you will confer an everlasting favor on the people of this community, and on all that he may come amongst.

Yours truly,  
F. OLIVER.

**Letter From Genesee Valley.**

**GENESEE VALLEY, Nov. 10th, 1878.**  
**EDITOR TELLER.** DEAR SIR: In my last TELLER I see a very good letter from our valley, I am highly in favor of any improvement connected with the general welfare of this or any part of our country. It is not long since it was nearly impossible to get down the hill, not long since the ferry was looked upon as a great favor, even at the immense cost of \$2, but our country is advancing, and to-day the people on this side of Clearwater look at Lewiston and the ferry with a different eye, and from a different view, than they did two years ago. Lewiston is situated between two kinds of trade and also two kinds of interests, the mining and agricultural, and the agricultural interests will soon prove to be the greatest, and demand the attention of business, if the merchants neglect this side of Clearwater other men will not neglect it, and warehouses will be built on this side and a much easier road made down the hill, and Lewiston will then have to depend on the other side, and if Clearwater is made navigable for steamers the best interests of Lewiston is forever gone. Some of the merchants proposed to lend several thousand dollars to this county to build a free bridge, at ten per cent., and I understand even that proposal is withdrawn by one firm. Well, if there is no other way to get over the river than to throw our county in debt for from \$25,000 to \$50,000 besides repairs and annual expenses, then I think we may as well go to Almeta and Colfax, for we have to go to Colfax for our flour now, and the road pays well, and it appears to me that no one is particularly anxious to secure the loose change at Lewiston and bind ourselves to Lewiston like a dog to a post. It is better for us to club together and make a new road down to the mouth of Hatwai, and if no one will help to build a warehouse, why we will turn a helping hand to the merchants in Genesee City and build our own warehouses, we will soon have a flour mill here on the Polatch water power, and then we can get along, let us patronize home institutions and keep out of the rich mans clutches, better far be a little boss than a big man's servant. We must work and wait and pay as we go along, and if Lewiston wants our trade they must do all they can to make it for our interest to go there. T. E. M.

**CAPT. BAUGHMAN'S TRIAL.**  
**He Comes Clear.—The Jury Bring in a Verdict of Not Guilty.**

The trial of Capt. Baughman for the killing of Pat Whalen is over. It has been the principal topic of conversation on our streets since the commencement of the court. Some ill informed people had concluded that he, Baughman was guilty, as charged in the indictment, never stopped to think that only one side of a case is ever presented to a grand jury. The jury impaneled in the case was among the most prominent citizens of Unatilla county. The State exhausted all their challenges in the case, while Baughman challenged very few, leaving a margin of five or six if he had wanted to avail himself of technicalities. We are satisfied that the witnesses gave their testimony fairly. Sometimes it seemed as though some would like to convict for vengeance instead that the rights and liberties of defendant should be respected. Though we are, as we said before satisfied that what they swore to was the truth as they understood it. Capt. Baughman after having passed through the ordeal of a trial comes out unscathed; the jury declared he did his duty, nothing more. In the discharge of his duty Whalen was killed. He is exonerated from all blame by a jury of his countrymen, and we cannot help but congratulate him in having been tried by a good honest sensible jury.—*East Oregonian.*

**Indian Matters.—Prominent Chiefs Advise for Peace.**

**CHICAGO, Nov. 7.**—The Times says: A Camp Robinson, Nebraska, courier just arrived from the seventh cavalry command on Ash creek states that Little Wolf's trail was discovered yesterday going south from the head of Ash creek, in the direction of Running Water. The hostiles are endeavoring to cross the road between Fort Laramie and this post. Four companies of the third and seventh cavalry, Capt. J. F. Simpson commanding, are in full pursuit and will doubtless capture them, not, however, without loss of life. Red Cloud, Red Dog, Little Wound and other chiefs arrived at this post to-day and requested permission to see the Cheyenne prisoners,

and were admitted to the prison room under military discipline and police regulations. They held their council in the presence of Lieut G. F. Chase, of the 3d cavalry, commanding officer of the Indian guard. Many of the Sioux chieftains' friends and relatives were among the Cheyenne prisoners. The scene at the meeting was very affecting. Tears trickled down the cheeks of the most savage of Indian warriors. Red Cloud made a speech and most eloquently urged all to accept the inevitable peace, as he and his had done, for the sake of their posterity. In the same strain Red Dog said: "Red Cloud and I have come to see you. We have been north a long time, and then we came here. The whites gave us good advice; we took it. You, young men, look to your fathers, mothers and your little ones. They look very hard have pity on them and do right."

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