

THE TELLER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE

THERE will be a Christmas tree at the school house next Christmas.

THANKSGIVING was generally observed as a legal holiday in Lewiston.

EVENING SOCIABLES are now customary in Lewiston.

THE first snow of the season was seen in Lewiston on Thanksgiving morning.

RETURNED.—Our sheriff and deputy marshal returned from Boise City on Monday night.

DUNWELL & MORRILL—Propose to establish another stage station at the Sweetwater.

DON'T FORGET.—Wm. B. Clowe is still at the Hotel de France, ready for any one who has bad teeth.

REV. MR. McALLISTER is making rapid improvements on his land immediately south of the town.

NEARLY SAWED.—The mill company has nearly cut what logs they saved from their drive into lumber.

WESLEY MULKEY is having his new house at the upper end of town finished—we are told for a new hotel.

A. S. WOLFSTIEN, teacher of the piano and organ. Terms \$15.00 per quarter of twenty-four lessons. Also tuning and repairing done at short notice. Leave orders at Grostein & Binard's store or at his office.

BALL.—The Thanksgiving ball at Clark's hall last evening was in every way a very creditable affair, and was well patronized by the citizens generally.

FROM WARRENS.—J. Dubuque, J. Clidinning and George Stevens came out from Warrens this week for the winter. They all look well and hearty.

NORTHWEST.—This steamer arrived here on Friday of last week with a few tons of freight and several passengers, and returned on Saturday.

ARRIVED.—Mme. Le Francois and her son, Eugene J. Bonhore, arrived here from San Francisco on Tuesday's stage to remain for the winter.

MILK.—M. H. Sprague, Esq., has now arrangements so made that he can furnish parties who desire to purchase, with milk by the pint, quart or gallon.

SHAKE THEM.—Now is the time to shake and turn your carpets 't'other side up. Those who have no carpets—well, it's all right.

ROBERT YANTIS, Esq., came down from Pierce City the other day and will go on his way to Boise City in time to take his seat in the legislature in January next.

ALEX. MCGREGOR, Esq., has just returned from California, where he went for medical treatment. He appears much improved in health.

AIXER has about 600 majority in the Bear lake and Oneida counties. This will elect him in the Territory by from 1,000 to 1,200 majority.

Attention Everybody! Photographs.—Montgomery, the celebrated artist, is here. Persons wanting photographs taken and finished the way they should be, have a chance now to do so. As none but good work leaves the gallery, and the public can rely on being satisfied.

How is this?—G. A. Manning placed upon our table this week two fine specimens of vegetables—a carrot weighing 6 pounds and a beet weighing 10 pounds, raised on his place just above this city.

A WAGON ROAD—Is in contemplation up Clearwater as far as Dunwell's ranch, which will ultimately be extended to the mouth of Lapwai creek. Such a road will be far better than the present road over the table lands and down the canyon.

IMPROVEMENT.—We notice a much needed improvement going on in the grading and widening of the river side street leading from town to the upper ferry on Snake river. This is an improvement that has long been needed, and will be highly appreciated by our citizens, both in the town and country.

NARROW ESCAPE.—Our young friend, Harry Thatcher, narrowly escaped serious injuries on Wednesday last, while riding in company with a number of men, seated on a board on a skeleton wagon, the board broke, throwing him to the ground, the hind wheels passing over his head and back but not seriously hurting him.

Tax People.—Living in the southern counties say that were they residents in North Idaho, they would be as earnest as we are for annexation to Washington, and yet they say they shall oppose our going there. This plainly evinces that they do not accede to us what they know to be for our own best interests as a people. They never did this and why should they now.

Dr. H. W. STANTON has been busy refitting his store. He has also laid in a large stock of drugs and chemicals.

FOR EUROPE.—Geo. Moeller of Pierce City arrived in town this week on his way to Europe. Success attend him.

EXPLOSION.—The telegraph announces the explosion of a coal mine in Pennsylvania on the 22d in which 13 were killed and 8 or 10 seriously wounded.

INDIAN WAR CLOUD.—We learn from the Standard that 60 troops have left Vancouver for Willow Creek to apprehend a band of Umatillas who have left the reservation and refuse to return.

NEW SHOP.—C. G. Kress has fitted up a room in the old store of Grostein & Binard and opened out a jeweler shop where he is ready for any work in his line.

TAXES.—All persons who have not paid their taxes, have until the second Monday in December to do so, after which time they will be placed on the delinquent list. We are so informed by sheriff Baird.

Why Should it be so?

The constitution, although unquestionably adopted, is now almost certain to remain a dead letter. This result, however, is just what certain parties have most desired, and they have achieved it.—P. Tribune.

Why should the constitution remain a dead letter? What have the enemies of the constitution accomplished in the late election but their own defeat? Have you no faith in the people who have so nobly come forward and given their sanction to the state movement? The power that opposed is driven to the wall, and the friends of the movement must not now concede to them a victory. We apprehend that your discouragement arises from the defeat of Caton for delegate. Did not the Republicans pledge their candidate to use all his influence to secure the admission of the state if the constitution was adopted? And this was more than the Democrats did before the election, although Caton himself endorsed the state movement. The vote shows that the Democrats, as well as Republicans, in nearly all the counties, voted for the constitution, although they voted for Brentz in many of the counties. Your discouragement must arise from the fact that Congress, which is Democratic, will not admit a state whose majority vote is cast for a Republican nominee. This is too much of a partisan view. You may be correct as to the effect of the election upon our admission before the next presidential election, but its influence will not go beyond, if it does go that far, and the constitution will not spoil before that time. No doubt the monopolists of the territory and of Oregon and California will use all their influence in case of delay in our admission to get a new constitution that will give them a greater power to oppress the people; but the people themselves will see to it that they do not succeed, and the press of the country that is not subsidized will be equally vigilant to apprise the people of efforts made against their interests; but we do not see why the present Congress cannot be induced to pass an enabling act to admit Washington as a state with her present constitution, to take effect immediately after the next presidential election. No Democratic member of Congress ought to object to this, and no Republican will, we think, for by that time our population will be largely increased, and our development more prominent and the necessity for a state government be more apparent to all. We think, then, that our contemporary of the Tribune ought not to take the case so much at heart because Caton was not elected. Brentz himself cannot oppose our admission without doing great violence to his pledge to carry out the expressed will of the convention which nominated him, and we have no faith that he will attempt to oppose, but, on the contrary, we believe that he will greatly disappoint the expectations of the Tribune itself in regard to his ability and his purposes to obey the wish of the people.

INDIANS.—Gen. Sheridan, in vindication of his reports adverse to the policy of the Indian department in removing Indians, says:

I know nothing in the relations of the military to the civil administration which should prevent me from calling the attention of my superiors to an unnecessary waste of public money through bad administration of the Indian bureau.

Letter from Columbia County.

COLUMBIA COUNTY, Nov. 23, 1878.

ED. TELLER:—Your outspoken sentiments relating to what you designate the rights of the people, irrespective of what the mere politicians or the monopolists of the country may say or do, are but the echo of the feelings and wishes of the great mass of the people. A fearless press which first consults the best interests of the masses is almost an oasis in this country. A great majority of the newspapers I read on this coast are servile to some political scheme of some project of monopolists who seek to further aggrandize themselves by taking money from the pockets of the masses of the people, or, still worse, they have not boldness sufficient to stem the opposition an independent and manly defense of the rights of the people would arouse from politicians and monopolists.

I have been an attentive reader of the TELLER during the last eighteen months, and while at times I have been fearful you might succumb to the influences brought to bear against an independent course, yet I must confess you have maintained your avowed purpose to publish an independent paper. Give to the people an independent and fearless press as an exponent of their rights and there is not much danger that their conduct at the polls on all elections will not demonstrate that the people themselves mean to do as near right as their information qualifies them to do. Your course on the question of the union of the three northern counties of Idaho with our own territory and your bold and fearless course on the question of a state government, while other journals have been tame and insipid, has been the subject of much comment among the people of many localities, even in this county. I am glad to see that your efforts are so generally appreciated in your own counties, and had we been as well informed in this county by the reading of your paper generally among the people, I am quite sure that neither the threat of Mr. Ladd nor the false construction which Wingard placed upon our constitution would have produced a vote in this county so adverse to the people's own interest. I am told that since the vote of Walla Walla and this county was so strong against the constitution it has revived the hopes of a few that the people of these counties will yet accede to the proposition for annexing these counties to Oregon; but never you mind, no men were ever more deluded in their hopes. Our people will never give their consent to go to Oregon. The constitution is adopted in this territory by a fair majority, and, if the thing could be done, many of our county people who voted against the constitution would to-day change that vote and vote for it with a will. Some have acknowledged to me that they had been deceived into a belief that it was only a scheme of artful politicians and connected to aggrandize them to the detriment of the people; but now they are satisfied that they have been fooled into opposition to their own interests and fooled into the belief that it never would be adopted, while the vote throughout other portions of the territory shows that the people think well of the state movement and of the constitution.

SUBSCRIBER.

Gen. Crooks' Report.

In this report Gen. Crooks uses the following in relation to the Bannocks:

I visited this agency in March and April last. \* \* \* The apportionment of rations for the supply of this agency was ridiculously inadequate. The Indians complained that three days out of the seven they had nothing to eat, and the agent informed me that the allowance had never been sufficient. I at once telegraphed the state of affairs to the department and urged that something be done immediately to remedy it. It was a matter of surprise to no one acquainted with the facts that some of these Indians should soon after break out into hostilities. The great wonder is that so many of them have remained so long on their reservations. With the Bannocks and Shoshones our Indian policy has resolved itself into a question of war path or starvation, and being human many of them will always choose the former alternative, in which death shall at least be glorious. They cannot hunt for subsistence, and the influx of immigration of each day is adding to the cordon of settlements around them; and if for any purpose they have the reservation it is only the merest accident in the world that they

can avoid a conflict of some kind with the whites. The savages know nothing and can be made to understand nothing of such things as the failure of an appropriation or the cumbersome and dilatory complications of administrative "red tape." They only know that we have promised faithfully to feed and clothe them and teach them to earn their own living; and they insist upon our living up to the contract or they will, if driven to the war path, wreak their vengeance upon the unprotected ranchmen and miners around them.

Let them be Annexed.

As the voters of Northern Idaho gave an almost unanimous expression in favor of the constitution of the State of Washington, it may be taken for granted that they are in favor of annexing the three counties occupied by them to this territory. It is so loud an expression that the delegate from Idaho will do well to heed it. There is neither sense or wisdom in compelling North Idaho to pay tribute to the rest of that territory. A range of mountains, impassable for pack animals eight months in the year, divides the two portions, making it necessary for the resident of Lewiston having business at the capital, to travel 100 miles through Washington and 200 miles through Oregon to attend to it. Northern Idaho has no business relations with the rest of the territory except the payment of taxes, and no social relations beyond the biennial visits made by the members of the legislature, and the occasional trips of the sheriff's with prisoners. Mr. Fenn can make himself "the beloved" of North Idaho by annexing the three counties of Washington this winter. Do it, sir.—W. W. Union.

Mr. Fenn has been endorsed twice by the people of North Idaho by a large vote. Mr. Fenn has learned at Washington that Congress prefers that North Idaho come in with Washington as a state to making any change of boundaries, while both are territories, and hence the people of North Idaho have accepted the situation and voted for the constitution. You would have done better had you followed her example.

The Goldenvalley says:

Lately in the Kittitas valley, an Indian went to the house of a white settler and politely requested him to move, that the house was his. The settler refused and the Indian started for help, it is supposed. When he had gone about 100 yards the settler shot and seriously wounded him.

An Indian came into Father Wilbur's house a few days ago and was twice requested to take off his hat. The third time he threw his hat on the floor and sprang at Father Wilbur and a regular rough and tumble fight ensued, in which the Indian rather got the better of it. The noise of the scuffle was heard and assistance rendered.

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