

**THE TELLER.**

LEWISTON, NORTH IDAHO.

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**OUR AIM.**

THE TELLER makes its first appearance this morning upon a small sheet. It will only increase in size as the increased patronage will justify the publishers in incurring the necessary increased expense. It is not our purpose to impoverish ourselves by supplying our readers with a large newspaper "just for glory."

THE TELLER will tell its own tales in its own way, independent of all partisan political or personal considerations and with the view of achieving the "greatest good to the greatest number." It will not refrain from comment or just criticism where, in our judgment, the public weal of the people of North Idaho seems to demand at our hand either commendation or criticism. It will endeavor to be at all times a graphic as well as a truthful teller of the characteristic advantages of this section of our Territory, and industries of our people. It will suggest and urge, as occasion may seem to warrant, such improvements and changes in our industries and habits as our view of good policy may dictate, saying naught in malice but with good will towards all.

The present and prospective condition and advantages of the people of North Idaho, as well as their general purpose to remain as permanent citizens of this section of country, would indicate that a good newspaper published here ought to find a liberal support by its patrons. We shall hope for this till experience teaches us otherwise.

**WHEAT CROP IN THE EAST.**

From the monthly report of the Department of Agriculture for the months of August and September, we learn that the wheat yield in the states east of the Rocky Mountains, the present year will not be more than three-fourths of the usual crop. The largest yield which we find reported, is from Indiana, which produced 35 bushels per acre, while the larger acreage in Oregon made the average yield much below the former years. The report indicates a promising crop. We neither Washington or Idaho Territories mentioned in the report. East of Washington and North Idaho have produced much larger crops than the average yield per acre exceeded that of any of the former years, and we hope to continue a similar yield for years to come.

INDIAN WAR.—The war made by the whites on the Sioux Indians has thus far been attended with but little less than disaster to the whites, and it will always be so as long as those in charge of the Indian policy at Washington direct operations of the troops in the field. The whole present treaty and reservation system of the Government with Indians is a manifest humbug in the estimation of every enlightened citizen who is conversant with the Indian character, and is annually costing the Government millions of dollars without any apparent beneficial results, save to Indian agents and contractors for supplies.

SALMON.—The salmon product of the lower Columbia, the past season, was 528,780 cases, equivalent to 20,600,000 lbs.

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**LAND ACREAGE SURVEYED.**

By the permission of the gentlemanly receiver of the U. S. Land Office in this city, we obtained access to the plats and books of the office. From them we have gleaned the following statistics respecting the surveyed lands in this district, outside the Nez Perce Reservation. The surveys made in forty-seven townships aggregate 581,987 acres, about three fourths of which is prairie land. The other fourth is timbered land, and full four-fifths of the whole is well adapted to settlement and a high degree of cultivation. Of this amount there have been entered as homesteads 14,761 acres. Declaratory statements for pre-emptions have been filed on 83,750 acres, and timber culture filings amount to only 766 acres. The Pre-emption sales already completed, amount to 8,942 acres.

A few abandonments of homesteads and cancellations of pre-emptions have been made, which may aggregate to 5000 acres, leaving a balance now occupied by pre-emptors and homesteaders within the district, of 44,277 acres, equivalent to about 277 farms of 160 acres each.

It is estimated that upwards of 50 other settlers have recently gone upon quarter sections, who have not yet reported themselves to the Land Office for the purpose of homesteading or pre-empting, but who will do so as soon as the vacancy of Register in the Land Office is filled. These will absorb 6000 more acres of the surveyed lands of the district, making in all 50,277 acres, leaving as a balance of the surveyed lands of the district open for settlement by pre-emption and homestead the sum of 531,710 acres, full 400,000 acres of which is well adapted to settlement and cultivation, and equally as good as that now occupied. Hence North Idaho offers to farming immigrants 2500 farms of 160 acres each, at the government price, not one of which but what is either well timbered, or not removed more than fifteen miles from good building, fencing and fuel timber, and where water is not upon the surface, it can be obtained at a depth of less than from ten to eighteen feet beneath the surface, sufficient for all farming and stock purposes, and where no irrigation is required. It is the finest body of wheat land now unoccupied upon this coast.

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OCEAN NAVIGATION.—It is currently reported that J. H. Freeman Esq. formerly agent of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, about to place a line of opposition steamships on the route between Puget Sound and San Francisco.

**Nez Perce Indian Commission.**

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—Many of the Nez Perce Indians have never been parties to any treaty, and serious difficulties have arisen between the white settlers of Idaho and Eastern Oregon, the Indian Bureau is now preparing to send a special commission to them with a view to settle all questions in dispute and avert further trouble. The committee will consist of Gen. O. O. Howard and Major H. Clay Wood, his adjutant, Wm. Stickney, secretary board of Indian commissioners, D. H. Jerome, of Saginaw, Mich., and probably A. C. Barlow, of Providence, R. I., who leaves Washington to-day and the Eastern members of the commission will rendezvous in Chicago on Monday next.

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