

THE TELLER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Clowe will be here soon, look out for him.

MAIL ROUTE.—It is claimed by some that the mail route from Wallowa to Lewiston which has been lately established should be changed to pass through the Assotin settlements. There is certainly want of mail facilities for the settlers on the Assotin. But Waha Prairie settlers would much object to any change that would leave them unprovided for, and a route which would supply both these settlements would be very circuitous. We need a route in operation that will connect us directly with the Grand Rond valley to intercept the Northwestern Stage Company's route overland, and either one of the above routes alluded to will supply this need, and save the people of this vicinity about ninety miles distance in mail transmission, to Boise City, and the East. It is claimed for the Assotin route that it will pass through a better country for settlement, will be more free from snow in the winter, and is a route over which a good wagon road can be built, while the Waha Prairie route is shorter but portions of it more subject to snows and is impracticable for a wagon road. If both of these routes cannot be practicable and mail facilities be secured for both, let us have the one that will best serve the people, and let us have it in full operation as early as practicable.

SNAKE RIVER IMPROVEMENT.—We learn that J. B. Montgomery Esq. who has the contract for clearing Snake river at Pine Tree rapids, is already preparing for the work, and is expected to clear out the channel before the last of next April. The amount of appropriation for the Snake river is \$19,000, and we know not how much of this is to be expended at the Pine Tree rapids. Other places in the river can be much improved, and if the appropriation is not adequate to make the river navigable for steamers of 200 tons at all seasons, then let us so represent to Congress by petition and obtain additional money for this work.

NOT MUCH POTATO.—A California exchange mentions the raising of three potatoes whose aggregate weight was seven and one-half pounds as a remarkable growth. We mentioned in a former number, the receipt at this office of six potatoes whose aggregate weight was over eighteen pounds, or a little over three pounds each. California will have to try again. But the W. W. Union speaks of a potato raised in Walla Walla valley weighing four and a half pounds, as an offset to this we say to the Union that we now have suspended in our office a potato raised on the flat above Lewiston, which weighs seven and one-fourth pounds. We are "some potatoes" up here. Call and see us.

GREAT LOSS.—The Daisy Ainsworth which has just been wrecked at the Cascades was the finest boat owned by the O. S. N. Co., and is reported to have cost \$30,000, at the present time the Company have no other boat of the capacity of the Ainsworth to take her place and they will be compelled to build one to do the carrying trade of the Upper Columbia between The Dalles and Cascades.

PROBABLE.—Now that the rains have subsided and the roads are becoming better, we may expect to see teams hauling grain to market. Our grist mill is looming up and already casts a tall shadow at the foot of Montgomery Street. The machinery is nearly all on the ground, and work of construction progresses steadily, so that farmers need have no fear that the mill will not be in full blast at the promised time.

DELEGATESHIP.—The returns of the votes for Delegate to Congress show that Fenn carried five of the ten counties of the Territory by majorities aggregating 551, and that Clark carried the other five counties by majorities aggregating 241, giving Fenn 310 majority in the whole Territory.

THE TELLER.—A. B. Leland is canvassing for subscriptions to THE TELLER, and is fully authorized to receipt for monies paid on subscription. We hope the citizens of North Idaho and Eastern Washington will so consider the importance of our journal as to make his canvassing a success, notwithstanding the scarcity of money.

MAILS WET.—The mail of Monday from Walla Walla was submerged in one of the streams along the route. We are not advised whether it was the Touchet or Tucanon where the ducking took place.

PERSONAL.—John Dowd put in an appearance here this week, after an absence of twenty months. He has been much of the time at the "Leopard" mine in Nevada. He speaks favorably of the times in that locality. Capitalists expend their money liberally in quartz mining in that section.

IN THE CHAIR AGAIN.—We have received a number of the *Salina City Index*, published in Monterey County Cal., by W. J. Hill, who formerly edited and published the *Avalanche* at Silver City. The editorial chair is just the place for friend Hill who wields a pen vigorously and to the purpose.

COAL.—A discovery has been made near Dick Ruddy's place on the north side of Clearwater which some think is the croppings of a coal mine. It is not sufficiently prospected to determine the qualities. It is said to resemble the croppings of the Seattle coal mines.

FOUND DEAD.—On the 24th ult. Hiram Young a prominent and worthy citizen of Pine Creek, was found dead in his house. No one was present at the time of his death. He had complained of being ill on several occasions and it is supposed that he suffered from heart disease. He was 61 years of age.

REMOVED.—The U. S. Land Office of this city has been removed to Judge Clark's building opposite the City Hotel. This office is greatly in need of a Register in place of Mr. Slater deceased.

STARTED FOR BOISE.—W. G. Langford Esq. Councilman elect from this county, started for Boise on Tuesday morning. He was accompanied by his wife, who contemplates a visit to Washington City.

CHANGED CROSSINGS.—The stage from Walla Walla has been compelled to cross the Snake river above town several times this week, owing to stage of water on Clearwater.

ARRIVED.—C. Spaulding has just received a new stock of California made jewelry and he don't want the young ladies to rush upon him too fast, he wants to be able to serve all customers.

THANKSGIVING.—Our people were not over observant of the national thanksgiving on Thursday. We suppose Christmas will have more attractions as a holiday.

LUMBER.—A raft containing about 30,000 feet of lumber was brought down from the Elk creek mill on the 26th ult.

WEATHER.—The weather changed from wet to dry on Tuesday and it has since been quite cold so that ice formed in the pools and the ground has stiffened with frost.

LOSS OF THE DAISY AINSWORTH.

Through the kindness of S. G. Whitman, the telegraph operator of this place, we are furnished with the report of the loss of the fine steamer Daisy Ainsworth: On Wednesday morning, the 22d, she left The Dalles for the Cascades with something like 200 head of cattle. When nearly opposite of the warehouse, at the Upper Cascades, she struck a rock about under the fire room. She commenced to settle immediately, breaking her main hog chains right off, also some of the smaller ones. They shoved the cattle overboard, and succeeded in getting about 130 to main land. About twenty of them swam to an island, and the balance were lost. The steamer settling off and down on to another rock, right in the neck of the Falls, where she now lies hard fast. Yesterday they succeeded in dropping a large barge down alongside of her with long lines. They are going to strip her, and save what they can of the wreck. They will save the cabin and most of the machinery. She was the most valuable boat the Company owned, her engines alone having cost about \$25,000. The boat cost about \$60,000.—W. W. Union.

THE DALLES & SALT LAKE RAILROAD.

A letter from Kelson, Utah, to the *Sentinel*, published at Unfou Oregon, written by Mr. Harry Ellsworth, gives the following item of news in relation to the building of the railroad from Corinne.

" * * * By the way, I saw the principal contractor for grading the new route, a day or two ago, and inquired how he was getting on; said he was waiting to see the 'equivalents' (as Geo. Knaggs used to say); said promises to 'put up' were getting a little thin. But the 'circulating medium' will be sent from Portland in a few days and you are liable to have the iron horse over there before you know it.

WET SEASON.

One of our contemporaries makes the statement "that for the same time last year we had more rain in the month of November than we have had this year." Mr. I. Straight, who for several years has kept a regular "weather record," in this city, by the aid of proper instruments, has kindly furnished us with the measured, not guessed amount, of the rain fall during October and November since 1872. He says: "I give below the amount of rain fall for the months of October and November for the three years last past; and for October of the current year, and November up to the 18th inst. inclusive:

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
October.....	0.00	0.56	2.05	4.37
November.....	0.41	2.29	1.51	2.64

Total..... 0.41 2.85 3.56 7.01

From this statement it appears that the universal claim "that this is a very wet season" is based on reality. Instead of less rain falling during part of November 1876, than last year, the fall only lacks thirty-eight hundredths of an inch of being twice as much as the total rain fall in November 1875.—W. W. Union.

TURN OVER THE SOD.

During the past week every man who owned an acre of ground, that would grow wheat has been busy with his teams and plows putting it in readiness for seeding. Hundreds of acres of new ground have been and are being broken up. The plows have commenced to turn over the sod on one field of 300 acres between town and Dry creek. Every indication now points to the putting in and harvesting of hundreds of acres more of wheat and other grains than last year. Then, too, the yield should far exceed the average of any previous year, as the ground is now soaked to a greater depth than it has been in years. It is safe to estimate the surplus crop of the coming harvest at over 1,250,000 bushels. This immense amount of grain will have to find a market down the Columbia in one form or other. The O. S. N. Co. have already announced the dimensions of a new boat to be built at Celilo early in the Spring, and we believe the railroad company will try and provide ample means of transportation to the river. The outlook for lively times next year is very encouraging. Men with surplus capital would find it to their interest to visit this section and examine the numerous opportunities for profitable investment.—W. W. Union.

A NEW STEAMER.—The *Oregonian* says: We learn that the O. S. N. Co. propose to build a large new steamer to take the place of the Daisy Ainsworth. Work will commence at once.

SAVED.—The *Oregonian* says that of the 202 head of cattle on board the Ainsworth at the time of her wreck, all but forty-five head are safe.

VOTE DIRECT.—The *Oregonian* of the 24th ult advocates the direct vote for President and Vice-President, instead of voting for Electors. That policy is endorsed by a large portion of the people of the Union.

THE CASCADE CANAL.—Surveys of the Cascade Canal will commence about the 1st of December. Mr. Bolton, the engineer who will have personal superintendence of the work, is expected to arrive at Portland to-day on the Elder.—*Mountaineer*.

SUICIDE.—A man named Wm. McGinn a native of Ireland committed suicide in Walla Walla, Nov. 18th, by cutting his throat. A bottle of liquor was found near him.

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