

THE TELLER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

Dr. Clowe is still in town repairing teeth. Rooms at the Hotel de France.

WOOD VERSUS COAL.—Winter is upon us and we are forcibly reminded of its presence by the demand which our stoves have for fuel and the drain upon our purse to pay for the same. As wood is our main kind of fuel used by our citizens, and as it has to be brought about forty miles, its price necessarily ranges high, and further, as but few persons engage in the business of supplying wood for the town, it often happens at a time when it is most needed, there is a scarcity in the market, and then those who have it to sell become quite exacting in their prices and terms for payment. This sometimes happens when there is the least money in circulation, so that the laboring poor find it quite difficult to obtain the requisite quantity for their comfort. Can we not find coal in such proximity to this place, that it may be made to take the place of wood, and at much less cost? It is claimed that one ton of good coal is equal to three cords of the best fir wood and we think the claim is not extravagant. It has been hinted to us that good coal has been found on the Nez Perce reservation not more than fifty miles from this place, and within less than one mile from the Clearwater river. But parties disavowing it are disposed to make no exertions towards opening the vein and working it, because it is upon an Indian reservation and citizens can acquire no rights there which will not constantly be subject to molestation and change, such as will defeat the success of any person who attempts to mine the Nez Perce Indian reservation. If it contains coal beds accessible to the river, the demands of the country are to have them worked upon some basis, that would be both just to the Indians and remunerative to those who work them. If good coal beds existed in the vicinity of Philadelphia, New York, Boston or any other city of the Atlantic and were embraced by forty Indian reservations how long do you suppose reservation boundaries would remain a barrier to their being operated, notwithstanding the amount of sickly, sentimental sympathy existing at the East for the rights of the Indians. Why should nature's gifts remain locked up here by reservation lines any more than at the East? The white man's necessities are paramount to the easy indolence of any tribe of Indians. If the Indian himself will not bring to use the natural products of the land, let him give way to those who will.

MAGIC ENTERTAINMENT.—On Tuesday evening Mr. J. M. Williams the Mute Magician gave to the people of Lewiston one of his imitable entertainments in the magic art. He came here a stranger and soon inspired the confidence of our people to that extent that they gave to him a good audience of our best citizens. From what we have learned Mr. Williams who is both deaf and dumb has been made the victim of an associate in his business who has assumed its management and received the money at his entertainments and squandered it in drinking and made no adequate return to him and he has of en been left destitute of the means to meet his necessities. He was thus forced to out loose from him and although at much disadvantage in making his preliminary arrangements to give public exhibitions by reason of his being a mule, yet he has resolved to go alone, and trust to a generous public to see that he receives what his merits, as an artist in his line, will command. Our people here express themselves highly pleased with his skill and some say that in many things he excels anything in the magic art they have ever witnessed. He will give another entertainment at Clark's Hall, this afternoon at 2 o'clock. Give to him the encouragement of a good and appreciative audience. After he leaves here he goes to Mt. Idaho.

MISSING.—From some unknown cause we failed to receive this week among our exchanges both the *W. W. Statesman* and the *Dayton News*. We always like to know what friends Newell and Cain have to say about passing events. They generally speak their mind with much frankness.

"THANKS."—Over the above signature we have received a letter from Camas Prairie which we decline to publish for the reason the author did not send us his real name. Correspondents must give to the publishers their true names, accompanying the signature they desire to be affixed to their letters.

NOTABLES IN TOWN.—Rev. Mr. Mathoney from Union Flat paid a visit to town this week. We also notice John McPherson, J. W. Poe, Dr. Morris, C. W. Case and Tom Clark, from Camas Prairie, and last of all comes the inflexible Dan. Gallagher, from Warrens.

SKATING.—Several sloughs where there was still water have been frozen over for several days the present week, and as a natural result the boys, some of them of larger growth have improved their opportunity and time in skating and sliding. No one has yet made tempts to gather ice for Summer use hoping that it may yet become thicker.

WHEAT.—We have noticed this week several wagons unloading wheat at Brearley & Co's granary. The roads leading to the country have much improved since the rains have subsided, and yet there is room for much more improvement.

THE GRADE.—The graded road leading from the Clearwater to the top of the hill north of the town is reported to be badly out up in places and to need repairs to make ingress and egress to and from the town with loaded teams comparatively easy.

LARGE VEGETABLES.—Mr. J. S. Howard, of Paradise Valley, left at our office an onion of very large size. He tells us he produced this season upon his place five parsnips whose aggregate weight was thirty-three pounds. One measured three and a half feet in length and six inches in diameter.

WEATHER.—During the present week we have had several sun shiny days with quite cold nights. No snow has appeared in the valley although a light snow has whitened the hills round about us.

RETURNED TO WINTER.—We noticed that Mr. Trimble has returned from the Clearwater mines to spend the Winter in Lewiston. Not much profitable work can be done in these mines in the months of December and January.

INDIANS PUGNACIOUS.—We are told that two Indians had a rough and tumble fight near "The Neighbor's" on Thursday, and one of them fared the worse.

HOW ABOUT THE BERTS?—Since the result of the Canvassing Boards in counting in Hayes and Wheeler, will stakeholders disgorge the money which friend Newell said was locked up in Lewiston?

GOOD DUST.—Mr. Breareley during the present week made an assay of 30 ounces of gold dust from Cedar Creek mines, which ran up to 980 in fineness or \$19 50 per ounce. This beats the Palouse dust which is 928 fine.

PORK.—It is in contemplation to open the business of pork packing at this place the ensuing season and shipping abroad.

ANNUAL MEETING.—The annual meeting of the Lewiston Ditch Co. will be holden on Monday next.

THE GRIST-MILL.—Brearley & Co's new mill is all inclosed.

TERRIBLE DISASTER AT BROOKLYN, N. Y.

370 LIVES LOST.

The following we condense from the *Oregonian*:

On the night of the fifth the Park Theatre in the city of Brooklyn, N. Y. was burned, 1,050 persons were in the building at the time it took fire. The wildest and most heartrending excitement followed. The interior of the building was soon filled with the most dense and suffocating smoke, in which, one of the eye witnesses, an old and experienced fireman, says no human being could live two minutes. The rush for the places of egress was so great that several of them soon became choked, by falling human beings and further egress became impossible. The whole interior of the building was a mass of burning ruins in less than five minutes after the fire was discovered, as it was constructed of so combustible materials. On Dec. 7th the burial committee reported 286 bodies taken from the ruins, and it was thought about seventy-five more remained. Harry S. Murdock and Claude Burroughs, actors, were among the victims.

At last accounts the excitement both in Brooklyn and New York was intense and put a quietus upon every other excitement. Only about seventy-five of the bodies taken from the ruins had been identified on the 6th inst. Dion Boucicault gave \$5,000 to the sufferers and other actors were ready to give. The fire originated in the scenery upon the stage, and yet but two of the actors became its victims.

THE OREGON ELECTORS.

It was ascertained that Dr. Watts one of the Republican electors of Oregon was a U. S. Postmaster on the day of election, and although he was chosen as an elector from the State of Oregon by over 1,000 majority, and although Watts had resigned his office of Postmaster before it was known that he was chosen elector, yet the Democrats claimed that he was ineligible to the position of elector and when the Governor and Secretary met to canvass the votes and issue certificates of election to the successful candidates, they made a formal protest against the issuing of a certificate to Watts, and offered arguments before his Excellency in opposition to his eligibility. The Republicans claimed that by the Constitution and laws of Oregon, the Governor had nothing to do with the eligibility of the candidates and therefore could not sit in judgment upon that matter, but could only canvass the returns as they appeared upon their face and issue certificates to three candidates having the highest number of votes, and refused to argue the question of eligibility before the Governor as a judicial tribunal competent to sit and determine the question, but simply filed their objections to his jurisdiction in the case.

The Governor entertained his jurisdiction in the case and heard arguments from Senator Kelly, H. G. Thompson Esq, W. W. Thayer Esq, Col. Essinger and Judge Strong against Watts eligibility. No one appeared in favor of the ground, as before stated, that there was no jurisdiction in the Governor to hear and decide the case.

The Governor then declared Watts ineligible and refused to give him his certificate, but gave the certificate to Mr. Cronin who had the highest vote on the Democratic ticket. He prepared certificates for the other two Republican electors Odell and Cartwright, and delivered them to Cronin with his own in one envelope. Cronin refused to give the certified lists to Cartwright and Odell, and they in turn refused to recognize him as an elector. Then Cronin claimed that Cartwright's and Odell's places were vacant in the College, and proceeded to fill the vacancies with the names of J. N. T. Miller and John Parker, and these three assumed to cast the electoral vote of Oregon, giving one vote for Tilden and Hendricks and two for Hayes and Wheeler, and chose Cronin to carry the vote to Washington. When Cronin refused to give the certified lists to Cartwright and Odell, they knowing that no certificate had been prepared by the Governor for Watts, proceeded as though the College was not full, and chose Watts to fill the vacancy and obtained full certified copies of the official canvass of the votes, and then all three cast their votes for Hayes and Wheeler and chose Odell to carry the vote to Washington.

Great excitement is reported to have existed at Salem growing out of this action of the Governor, and indignation meetings were held by the Republicans and highly denunciatory speeches made against the Governor for this usurpation of power which is claimed he does not possess. It would seem to an outsider that Governor Grover was determined to give Tilden and Hendricks that one more vote required to make him President, even if he had to strain a point and usurp jurisdiction that is questionable. The end is not yet.

IDaho LEGISLATURE.—The Legislature of Idaho permanently organized on the 5th inst with the Hon. E. T. Beatty as President of the Council and Hon. T. J. Curtis as Speaker of the House. We notice that B. F. Morris Esq, of Idaho county was chosen Assistant Clerk of the Council.

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