

THE TELLER.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

LAND MATIA.—The rise in wheat with the prospect of permanent navigation of the Snake and Columbia rivers has caused considerable attention to the prospective value of the wheat lands in this neighborhood, and many persons who have long been here are prompted to take the benefit of the liberal land laws of the government and make locations. Some pre-empt, some homestead but the majority are seeking to make timber culture entries. The belt of land lying between this and Sweetwater seems to have great attractions for our town people, as they are near at hand and can be attended to as timber culture entries while the parties entering them can reside and do business in town. Some 15 new entries have been made on the above mentioned tract and more good locations are being viewed out for the purpose of being located. Much of this land is excellent wheat land and will require no artificial irrigation to make them yield from 25 to 40 bushels of wheat per acre. They are not well provided with water for domestic and stock purposes, although many claims can be found where springs and running water can be found the entire season. But no season has yet been so dry that they would not produce good crops of wheat by fall sowing. They will also grow the popular and locust and other varieties of timber which in a few years will add materially to the value of the lands. The best of these lands are across the Indian reservation line near the brink of the canyon of Lapwai and Sweetwater, and some of our citizens seem to wish they were Indians that they might occupy them. Of course it is human nature to covet that we are forbidden to take while there is a plenty as good in other localities inviting the settler.

AVERTED.—A correspondent of the *W. Statesman* with the cognomen of "War Whoop" renders our difficulties with renegade Nez Perces very vivid and would induce the belief that we had been on the verge of an extensive Indian war, which the prompt action of Gen. Howard has averted. Our people cannot see the facts in quite so strong a light. There was never the purpose of 50 of these Indians to make war upon the settlers, and those who were inclined to go on the war path have been completely held in check by the friendly Indians. The promptness of Howard has changed the purpose of the disaffected and induced their promise to go upon the reservation. Similar peremptory orders would have effected the same end years ago. Dalliance on the part of the government had inspired contempt of authority on the part of some of the outlaws, and they assumed defiance, that's all.

MADE LOCATION.—We are informed that S. M. Waite and son visited Genesee Valley and were highly pleased with the valley and its surroundings, so much so that they bought two 160 tracts with a view to location upon them. Mr. Waite says "talk about your Walla Walla valley, it is nowhere in comparison with the Genesee Valley and the Potlatch country east of it." He expressed great and agreeable surprise to find so much and so good land in that section, and his knowledge of the wheat land in the Touchet valley where he has so long operated with his flouring mills ought to qualify him to be a good judge of land. He now more strongly than ever favors the annexation of North Idaho to Washington Territory. Thus would it be with every Washingtonian who would take the trouble to carefully inspect our section of country.

RAIN.—We have had during the week much rain fall and the ground is very wet. Roads in the country are very soft which delays hauling of produce to the river.

RISEING.—Both Snake and Clearwater rivers are on the rise quite rapidly at this point. Sweetwater at the Twelve Mile house is also very high.

MUSIC BY THE BAND.—Several of our young bloods have organized a brass band and sent to San Francisco and obtained some of the best instruments that could be had in that market. They have placed themselves under the expert musician, J. R. Yane, and commenced tooting their horns. It may be expected that for a few weeks they will blow more wind than music. But as it is believed they are very tractable, attentive practice will soon enable them to reverse things and give us music in place of wind.

REPAIRING.—Owing to leakages in a flume of the ditch in the rear of residences in the south part of the town, causing annoyance and damage, the flume has been abandoned and a ditch instead has been dug next to the hill which, it is thought, will perfectly protect the property holders in that vicinity from further annoyance and trouble from surplus water of the ditch. Pending this repair the mill has suspended operations.

TIMBER LANDS.—Complaints are frequent that settlers in Washington Territory cross the line and cut and destroy much of the timber on the public lands in Idaho. New instructions have been issued for clerks and employees of the General Land Office to investigate such cases and report to the department.

EXPENSES OF THE VIEWERS.—The viewers who went out to examine the route for a wagon road to Grand Ronde river, incurred the following expenses: Team \$12 00 supplies \$19 87. Amount contributed and paid \$11 25, still unpaid \$11 62.

A LITTLE DECLINE.—The prices of both wheat and flour have receded a little in San Francisco which has caused a corresponding reduction in Portland. Portland quotations, Eastern Ogn. and Washington Wheat from \$2 10 to \$2 30 per cental. Flour \$7 50 to \$8 50 per Barrel.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENT.—Mr. Brearley contemplates building a new ware house on the bank of Snake river immediately in the rear of his present wheat granary, and have it convenient for loading and unloading to and from the steamboats.

NEW TENINO.—This boat arrived 7 o'clock Thursday morning with about a dozen passengers and 60 tons of freight, among the passengers we noticed our townsman B. Loewenberg and his bride. This boat left at 12 A. M. of the same day with some 20 tons of flour.

LAND OFFICE BUSINESS.—At the Land Office in Lewiston during the month of May, just closed, there were 4 pre-emption cash entries, 29 pre-emption declaratory statements, 15 homestead filings and 19 timber culture entries. Beside the cash entries these filings absorbed 10,080 acres of our good lands.

PERSONAL.—Capt. Hopkins U. S. Marshal of Washington Territory gave us a call on Thursday. He was en route for Colfax to attend the District Court commencing there next Monday.

BLACK HILLS.—F. H. Woody received last week from the Black Hills a letter from Alfred Mahlar, who built and at one time owned the brewery at this place. His letter is dated April 17th. He says that about 15,000 people had arrived in the Hills this spring up to that date, and that hundreds were arriving daily. He reports water high and doing much damage in the gulches. He predicts that business will be overdone and that labor will come down. He states that the quartz mines are the main reliance of the Hills; that there are already six mills and a number of arrastras there, and that the quartz is good. —*Missoulian.*

STOCK REDEEMED.—During Feb. and Mar. the N. P. R. R. Co. redeemed \$55,416 of their preferred stock outstanding, by the sale to holders of 193,818 acres of their earned lands in Minnesota and Dakota, the average price realized being over \$1 per acre. —*Ec.*

APPRECIATED.

The *Oregonian* under the head of "The Upper Rivers" in an article alluding to THE TELLER's position upon the postponement of the opening the portages at The Dalles and Cascades endorses our views and claims that the work on these portages and on the upper rivers should go forward conjointly, but that the work of the portages being of much greater magnitude, would of necessity require much longer time to complete it. We simply ask that the Oregon delegation in Congress, and that of Washington and Idaho should not slumber sleep on their right and privileges to urge appropriations for both as fast as they can be judiciously expended.

UNHEALTHY FOR RUSSIANS.—The valley of the lower Danube is not a healthy place for the Russians. In the campaign of 1828 they lost 80,000 men, mostly from malarial diseases; in 1829 they lost 60,000, and out of 100,000 the Russian general had left but 10,000 or 12,000. The lower Danube has been a pest house for their armies. —*Ec.*

FINE COUNTRY.—Camas Prairie, in Idaho county, has the handsomest area of farming land and the best improved section in Idaho Territory. There is an immense tract of country there still unsettled. —*Oregonian.*

SUMMONS.

In the District Court, 1st Judicial District Territory of Idaho, County of Nez Perce. Lottie E. Reed, Plaintiff vs. Calvin M. Reed, Defendant.

To Calvin M. Reed Defendant,
WHEREAS, LOTTIE E. REED AS plaintiff has brought an Action against you in the above named Court, the Complaint in which is filed in said County, which Action is for a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony, and for the custody of the minor children, for Attorney's fees, and the costs of this action and for general relief. You are, therefore, hereby required to appear and answer the said complaint within the time following, to-wit: If served within said County, ten days; if served out of said County but within said District, twenty days; in all other cases, 30 days, exclusive in either case of the day of service. Otherwise judgement by default will be taken against you, according to the Prayer of said complaint by which Prayer the plaintiff asks for a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony, and for the custody of the minor children, for Attorney's fees and the costs of this action and for general relief, and you will take notice that if you fail to answer the said complaint, the plaintiff will take judgement by default according to the prayer of the complaint on file herein. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court this 19th day of May A. D. 1877. H. SQUIER, Clerk of the 1st Judicial District. A. LELAND, Att. for plaintiff.

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