

THE TELLER.

LEWISTON, NORTH IDAHO.

SATURDAY.....MARCH 30th, 1878.

Lewiston Prospects.

We are inclined to the opinion that Lewiston has experienced its darkest days. It is the oldest town in Idaho territory, and was once a place of large mining trade, and it has derived most of its former support from the mines East of it. As these mines have gradually lessened in their annual yield from their placers, the town has lessened in its trade and scores of men who reaped a good harvest here, have taken their gains—pulled up stakes and gone to San Francisco, Portland and other large towns and established themselves in business. But very little of the money made here was ever reinvested here in the way of building up the place or in making any general improvements. The quartz mining has up to the present time failed to secure the investment of the capital needed to properly develop their wealth, tho' there is now a prospect that these mines will not much longer be neglected by those capable of bringing them to the front, and when this is done the wealth of those mines will add materially to the trade and wealth of Lewiston. But the permanent settlement of the wheat and other agricultural lands in the country surrounding, which has been and is still going forward is causing a great change in the purposes of traders and business men in regard to making Lewiston a permanent location for business, and causing some little effort to secure the trade of the agricultural portion of the country around. If this purpose to cater to this class of trade had been earlier formed, it is reasonable to suppose that it would have saved the practicability of establishing several other small trading towns in the surrounding region, which now hold a check upon the growth and prosperity of Lewiston. But better late than never, and as our town site is one of great advantage in many important respects, it is not an unwarrantable prediction that energy, good will and perseverance will soon make large improvements in the extent and character of our trade with the whole surrounding country. Already we hear of several parties contemplating the building of brick fire proof stores and ware houses, so soon as they can procure the brick and lime, with which to build, and to this end some permanent arrangements should be made with the Government and the Indians to utilize the extensive and excellent lime stone quarries that exist on the Lapwai Indian reservation. The necessities of the people all through the country demand this. If our citizens do not adopt and continue the "dog in the manger" policy, Lewiston will from this time forward show a healthy growth, and become one of the most desirable locations for business, health and comfortable living, of any interior town on the coast, and soon regain what it lost in popularity from the supineness and carelessness of its inhabitants. It needs but united and steady effort in the right direction to make our influence and character respected and honored, both at home and abroad.

Sitting Bull.

St. PAUL, March 20.—There is great excitement in the northwest territory over a reported combination by Sitting Bull Sioux, Blackfeet and other tribes to attack the settlements in the Spring. Many settlers are moving.

CHICAGO, March 21.—Captain Constance Williams, of the seventh infantry, stationed at Fort Belknap, has sent to military headquarters the result of several scouting expeditions, which confirms the report recently telegraphed by U. S. Consul Taylor at Winnipeg, Manitoba. Capt. Williams learns the forces under Sitting Bull aggregate, with what

he has assurances of receiving in the way of reinforcements, nearly 7,000 fighting men. The talk among them is that they will fight nobody, but if any one comes across their path they will get it just the same. The Indians are well supplied with ammunition and the situation is regarded as critical, and decisive measures are urged.

OTTAWA, March 21.—The report from Battleford to the effect that Sitting Bull had formed an alliance with the Blackfeet and other Indian tribes for the purposes of attacking the northwest settlements, is discredited by the government.

WASHINGTON, March 20.—The latest advices from Sitting Bull's camps are conflicting in their nature. General Sherman reports he is by no means apprehensive of any alarming results.

Indian Prospects.

The dispatches about Sitting Bull and his purposes, and his force of allies are by no means calculated to tranquilize the people on the frontier. The omens which settlers in the vicinity of Moses observe according to the *W. W. Union*, are making these exposed settlers very uneasy, and their families are being sent to places of safety in consequence. The promise of Gen. Howard not to disturb these Indians, dont seem to inspire them with confidence. The authorities at Washington City dont seem to anticipate hostilities. But from their stand point they are not so well situated to know the facts, as are many frontiersmen who with cool heads view the signs in closer proximity. We all hope and pray for peace, but "to be forewarned is to be forearmed," and our suggestion is, men exposed, should possess themselves of good arms, keep them in trim, and easy of access at all times, and their ammunition dry. Take no false alarm, but face the facts with fortitude. It will be the surest way of averting a war, mistreat no Indian nor suffer any to mistreat you with impunity. Delegate Fenn in a letter to Gov. Brayman of date March 2nd, adds this in his postscript:

"The military authorities and especially the Indian Bureau appear to think there is no serious apprehensions of offensive action by Sitting Bull and his Sioux. I am confident it is only a lull before a storm. The continuous excitement among the Sioux at their various agencies; the fact that large bands are daily leaving their agencies with threats of vengeance, that the mass of the hostile Nez Perce warriors are still living some with Sitting Bull with their brains White Bird at their head, and that the remainder are scattered among the Crows, Flat-heads and Blackfeet the hereditary enemies of the Sioux but friends of the Nez Perces, satisfies me fully that there is an effort being made to form a grand combination of all the Northern and North Western Indians, and I believe it will be, in part at least, successful, and that we will have an Indian War the coming summer that will dwarf the Nez Perce War to a secondary matter. Nothing but prompt measures can avert it, with an entire new policy on the part of the Indian Bureau."

Mr. Fenn is watching the present Indian movements as closely as any man at Washington, and would not form his opinion except upon some tangible evidence, and hence his views are entitled to consideration, however much may be hoped to the contrary.

The Northern Pacific.

The *Oregonian* says that this company in consequence of the quarrel of the people of Portland about the provisions upon which this company shall have an extension of their grant, have determined to survey a route through the Cascades Mountains on the Packwood pass into the Yakima valley. We are informed that it avoids the Columbia river pass altogether, and this will avoid Portland and the lower Columbia and be a more direct route from the mouth of Snake river to the Sound. We of the upper Columbia and Snake rivers, have no fault to find with this new programme, provided they will go to work and build the road as early as practicable. We then will have an outlet directly to the Sound, and the most of our freighting to and from this country will be done over this route until the navigation is made continuous from the

mouth of the Columbia to this point. If Portland chooses to "bite off her nose to spite her face" let her do so. What matters it to us so long as we get relief. If the company choose they can not only survey this new route but can construct their road over it before the expiration of their franchise in 1879. They will then hold the key to all this vast wheat country, and have a business on this end of their line that will pay them handsomely from the day of completion forward, and make their connection with their road East of the Rockies such a necessity that a future congress will extend the grant without opposition. We wish no evil to Portland, but if her people cant agree, it is no reason why we should suffer.

NOTICE.

U. S. INTERNAL-REVENUE SPECIAL TAXES.

UNDER THE REVISED STATUTES OF the United States, Sections 3232, 3257, 3258, and 3239, every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment, which renders him liable to a special tax, is required to procure and place and keep conspicuously in his establishment or place of business a STAMP denoting the payment of said special tax for the special-tax year beginning May 1, 1878. Section 3244, Revised Statutes, designates who are liable to special tax. A return, as prescribed on Form 11, is also required by law of every person liable to special tax as above. Severe penalties are prescribed for non-compliance with the foregoing requirements, or for continuing in business after April 30, 1878, without payment of tax.

Application should be made to COLUMBUS WALKER, Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue, at Lewiston, I. T. 24-4w.

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, }
Lewiston, I. T., Mar. 11th, 1878. }

COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN ENTERED at this office by CHRISTIAN SCHORNBORST against JACOB WILD, for abandoning his Homestead Entry, No. 58, dated July 18, 1873, upon the south half of northeast quarter and southeast quarter of northwest quarter and Lot two, section 18, township 37 north, range 5 west, in Nez Perce County, Idaho Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 8th day of April, 1878, at 1 o'clock P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment.

JONATHAN M. HOWE, R. J. MONROE,
Register. Receiver.
22-4w.

Administrators Notice.

Estate of James Gage, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE undersigned Administrators of the estate of James Gage, deceased, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against said estate, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers within ten months after the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned at Lewiston, I. T. COLUMBUS WALKER, T. M. E. SCHANK, Administrators.
22-4w.

March 14th, 1878,

NOTICE.

U. S. LAND OFFICE, }
Lewiston, I. T., Mar. 20, 1878. }

COMPLAINT HAVING BEEN ENTERED at this office by DITLEF SMITH against NATHAN P. FREEMAN for abandoning his Timber Claim Entry, No. 6, dated March 19, 1877, upon the northwest quarter, section 23, township 38 north, Range 5 west, in Nez Perce County, Idaho Territory, with a view to the cancellation of said entry: the said parties are hereby summoned to appear at this office on the 22nd day of April, 1878, at 1 o'clock, P. M., to respond and furnish testimony concerning said alleged abandonment. J. M. HOWE, R. J. MONROE, Register. Receiver.
23-4w.

NO OBSTRUCTIONS.

ALL PERSONS ARE FORBIDDEN TO deposit filth and rubbish in the Lewiston ditch on penalty of being prosecuted.

JOHN BREARLEY, Proprietor.
Lewiston, March 23d, 1877. 23-1f.

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17-6w.