

The mountains—they proclaim the everlasting creed of Liberty!

The NAME of Daniel Rothkopf, of Pioneer City, has been changed by the Legislature to Daniel Roth.

THE SUPREME COURT failed to convene at the Capital on the first Monday of December, owing to the continued absence of the Marshal, and one or two of the Judges.

TOLL ROAD.—An act authorizing Chas. DeLaruna and others to construct and maintain a Toll road between Placerville and Pioneer City, has passed both Houses of the Legislature.

Snow.—Mr. Goodrich of the South Boise Express, informs us that the snow on the divide beyond Roaring River is now eight feet deep, and in some places has drifted to a much greater depth.

THE MEMORIAL in favor of the re-division of the Territory of Idaho was defeated in the Council last week. This is understood to have been a pet scheme of Delegate Wallace, but like his re-nomination is a dead failure.

THE WAGON ROAD between Rocky Bar and Boise City, we learn from a resident of the former place, is entirely closed by snow. Provisions are said to be getting short in that camp and much anxiety is felt for the opening of communications.

THE SPECIFIC CONTRACT LAW.—Elsewhere we publish a copy of this act, which is now in force in this Territory. It will be observed that it goes far beyond any of the statutes heretofore passed by adjoining States.

THE DIVISION.—Among the proceedings of the Legislature published in the Age, we find the following:

Dec. 3rd, Mr. Dural presented a petition from citizens of Boise County for a division of that County, which was laid upon the table.

Mr. Dural introduced bill for division of Boise County. Read second time, and referred to a special committee of Boise delegation.

Dec. 5, Mr. Pierce presented a remonstrance from five hundred and ninety-four citizens of Boise County, against the division of Boise County.

THE NEW STEAMER.—A new boat called the OWYHEE, has been placed on the Columbia river, above Celilo. She is described by a correspondent of the Walla Walla Statesman, as follows:

"The Oregon Steam Navigation Company's new steamer, Owyhee, made her trial trip on the 6th, with full satisfaction to all. She left Celilo at 6 o'clock, for Wallula, and made Umatilla with ease same day. She is the best and finest little boat on the Columbia waters, and climbs the rapids with the most perfect ease.

THE ELECTION PLEASES THE REBELS.—The The London Index, the recognized organ of Jeff Davis, in England, has a correspondent in New York City, who, whatever may be his political feelings, writes with a candor and truthfulness, which is exceedingly rare among strictly partizan journalists.

"As a friend of the South, I hope Lincoln will be re-elected. Were I compelled to vote, I should vote for him in preference to McClellan, and in doing so I should feel that I was casting a vote for the Independence of the South; but as I am not compelled to vote, I shall stay at home and let the politicians fight it out.

LEGISLATIVE.—A bill authorizing Joseph Leitch et al to construct a bridge, or Ferry on Snake River, Boise and Alturas Counties, has passed the Council. Also an act to incorporate the Oneida Road, Bridge and Ferry Company. A bill incorporating Boise City, passed both Houses; also a bill locating the county seat of Alturas, at Rocky Bar.

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

The Board of County Commissioners of Boise county, convened at the County Seat on Wednesday last, perfected an organization and adjourned until the first Monday in January next. The right of the Commissioners, elected at the late general election, to their official seats at any time subsequent to the canvass of the votes, and the announcement of the result, is unquestionable.

In pursuance of the intention to make an exception to the general rule indicated by the act regulating elections, approved January 23d, 1864, the Legislature, twenty days later, by act approved February 13th, 1864, passed a special act relative to County Commissioners, expressly declaring "That the Commissioners now in office, or hereafter appointed to office, shall continue in office UNTIL a new Board of Commissioners shall be elected at the first annual election."

Neither can it be claimed that a vacancy exists between the election and the 1st of January. The object the Legislature entertained in the passage of the act, was evidently to enable the various counties to organize as soon as possible through the action of the various county Boards. In many of the counties, the Commissioners, or a portion of them, never qualified after their appointment by the Governor.

It was under these circumstances, and for this object, that this special statute was enacted. It was to obviate the irregularities necessarily accompanying the appointing system in a new country, much of it so far removed from the Capital, isolated by irregular and delayed communications, and constantly subjected to those frequent changes incident to a newly settled mining community.

But whether there was a vacancy or not, is immaterial as far as the legality of the proceedings of the late Board, subsequent to the late election, is concerned. That those Commissioners had no power to act as a Board is beyond equivocation or dispute.

Whatever may have been their motives, they have placed themselves in a position which admits of no defense. Their proceedings being void, of course the bills allowed are not legal charges against the county. The scrip is worthless, and the Treasurer has no power to pay them, without making his bondsmen liable—and should he consent to make payments on the warrants, payments can, and should be enjoined on behalf of the tax-payers and the county.

The Bill to Fund the Debt of Boise County.

The bill to fund the county debt is of more importance than any measure likely to be acted upon by the present Legislature. In little more than one year, Boise county has fallen behind about seventy thousand dollars. The debt increases with accelerated velocity. As it enlarges, the value of county warrants diminishes, and the more of these are required to purchase any article necessary in carrying on the county government.

Some measure of this character is imperatively essential to save this county from inevitable financial ruin. The only interest opposing it comes from a few individuals largely interested in old scrip—mostly office-holders. In their case the bill would not work any serious injury. The bonds issued in lieu of the scrip would sell at as high a figure as the scrip will sell for now.

On a question of this magnitude, involving prosperity on one hand, and utter bankruptcy on the other, the people, irrespective of party, will hold their representatives in the Council and Assembly to strict account. Were the question submitted to the people, the bill would receive three-fourths of all the votes in the county.

TAKING THE MINES.—The following was telegraphed from the East under date of December 8th:

In connection with the subject of increased taxes and the necessity of providing additional revenue from ordinary sources, the Secretary of the Treasury, in his report, calls attention to our public domain, especially to that portion of it abounding in precious and other metals, which, by the policy of the Government, has been preserved to the nation.

When it was declared in this Territory a few months ago that such would be the policy of the Republicans, if re-elected, it was hooted by many as nothing more than partisan slander. They will scarcely deny the "loyalty" of the Secretary of the Treasury; nor will they doubt the "loyalty" of the present Congress when it passes, as it surely will, an act for seizure of the mines, and the condemnation and confiscation of every right heretofore acquired on the public lands by miners.

ITEMS ON THE ROAD.—Mr. T. M. Loup, W. F. & Co's messenger came through from Walla Walla, arriving here yesterday. We learn from him at the last trip of the OWYHEE, the ice was drifting very heavily in the river, rendering the steamer unmanageable. Three holes were knocked in her bottom, but she finally reached port.

A RESOLUTION to adjourn on the 23d Dec. has been introduced in the Legislature; whether it was adopted or not, we have not learned.

TELEGRAPHIC.

THE rebels under Rosser recently made a raid on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, capturing New Creek and Piedmont, 800 prisoners, 8 cannon, 1500 head of cattle and a large amount of other property. Charleston, in Western Virginia, has also been captured by the rebels.

LOST IN THE SNOW.—An attempt to carry the mail across the mountains between Boise City and Ruby City last Saturday, proved disastrous, resulting in the death of Mr. Myers, the mail carrier, and much suffering on the part of Mr. Geo. Owens, the Directory publisher, and a gentleman accompanying them.

Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Boise County.

Board met pursuant to notice, on the 21st day of December, A. D. 1864, at Idaho City. Present—John M. Cannady, Joseph Luckett and Benj. Anderson.

The Board organized by the election of John M. Cannady as President pro tem.

John M. Murphy was appointed temporary Clerk.

On motion of Benj. Anderson, the proceedings be published in the Idaho World.

On motion, the Board adjourned to meet on the first Monday of January, A. D. 1865.

JOHN M. MURPHY, CLERK PRO TEM of Board of County Commissioners.

Idaho City, Dec. 21st, 1864.

"INJURIOUS CONSEQUENCES."—The following extract is from Secretary Fessenden's Annual Report:

As to the foreign loans, he says the possible benefit to be derived has not seemed sufficient to overbalance other and opposing considerations. He does not believe that a patriotic people, struggling for national existence and in possession of means, should be compelled to adopt a measure so fraught with injurious consequences as an issue of paper money beyond the limits prescribed.

When the proposition was first broached to issue paper money, Fessenden—then in the U. S. Senate, in a very able speech, declared that Congress had no Constitutional authority to make other than gold and silver a legal tender. He has got over his legal scruples now, and instead of referring the matter to the Constitution, he recommends to the people to determine whether or not they shall adopt "a measure so fraught with injurious consequences" as the issue of more paper.

FROM OWYHEE.—The Territorial Treasurer received by the Stage on Sunday evening, from the County Treasurer of Owyhee County, \$1608 15, divided as follows: \$1045 in Legal Tender Notes, and \$563 15 in Owyhee gold dust, at \$16 per ounce.—Lewiston Age, Dec. 7th.

Owyhee dust at \$16 per ounce! whew! Who pocketed the difference between \$12 and \$16?

COMMUNICATION with the lower country has been nearly cut off by the snow-storms. The Columbia river is frozen over from Lewiston to the Dalles. A stage line is to be started between Walla Walla and the Dalles. The road across the Blue mountains is almost impassable.

MARRIED:

At Idaho City, December 19th, by Justice Walker, Mr. WILLIAM CALVERT to Miss DELIAH MELISSA TITTLER.

December 22d, by Rev. C. S. Kingsley, Mr. JOHN H. POPE to Miss ALICE M. WILLIAMS—all of Idaho City.

DIED:

At Clifton, South Boise, on the 9th inst., JOHN C. THUISSEL, aged 35 years; a native of Vermont.

The deceased was an honest, temperate, and industrious gentleman. Those who knew him best estimated him most. He was working the Idaho ledge, at South Boise, when the tunnel caved in, crushing him so severely that he lived only a few hours. He leaves an estimable wife to mourn his loss.

New this Week.

CHALLENGE!

THE "IDAHO SLIDING CLUB" hereby extend a challenge to any club in this county, to run for from \$100 to \$1,000, on our Wall-street track. Money always ready, on a communication with the Secretary. JOHN CODY, President. WM. WILSON, Secretary. 9w1

Advertisement for Funningham & Roberts Ice Houses, featuring the text 'ICE HOUSES' and 'AND WILL HAVE ABUNDANCE FOR THE ENSUING SEASON.'

NEW YEAR'S DANCE!! Pickwick Hall, MONDAY, JANUARY 2D, 1865!

Committee of Invitation—BARNEY & HARTWELL. Com'tee of Arrangements—BARNEY & HARTWELL. Committee of Reception—BARNEY & HARTWELL. Floor Managers—BARNEY & HARTWELL.

Those having invitations to our Assemblies can procure tickets in the Saloon over the Hall. Hours of dancing—7 1/2 to 12 o'clock p. m. Music by Barney's Band. Tickets—\$3.50. 9w2

NOTICE!

AS the Partnership of J. W. Buckland & Co. is about to be dissolved, all persons are hereby notified that I will pay no debts which may be contracted by said J. W. Buckland, after the date of this notice, in the name of said firm.

E. RATHBUN. Idaho City, December 24th, 1864. 9w3\*

HEADQUARTERS' SANTA CLAUS!?

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF TOYS & FANCY GOODS! JUST RECEIVED AT BROOKS'

EVERYTHING suitable for Holiday Presents. Dolls of every description. Sword Canes. Ladies' Cloaks and Hats, all of the latest style and fashion.

A fine lot of Gentlemen's Beaver Business Coats. Also, a lot of Fancy Wall Paper. Go and see what they have! 9w2

ROBERTSON & CO., Watchmakers, Jewelers, Assayers,

Opposite White's Exchange, Main Street, Idaho City. HAVE FOR SALE a fine and well-selected Stock of American and English Levers, Anchor, Duplex, and Chronometer Watches, Diamonds, Pins, Rings, Chains, Bracelets, and Ladies' Sets, of the most approved styles: Clocks, Silver and Silver-Plated Castors, Wine Caskets, Cups, Baskets, Spoons and Forks, Fine Pocket Cutlery, Colt's and Deringer's Pistols, Meerschaum Pipes, Toys, Notions, &c., &c.

Particular attention given to the REPAIRING OF WATCHES. SOLID GOLD JEWELRY MADE TO ORDER, of the latest Style. ALL KINDS OF Ores and Metals Assayed, and RETURNS MADE WITHIN FOUR HOURS.

We guarantee our assays, and will pay any difference which may arise between them and any of the UNITED STATES MINTS. Sit

NEW YEAR'S BALL

ON Monday Ev'g, January 2d, 1865.

A GRAND BALL, IN CELEBRATION OF the New Year, will be given on the 2d of January, 1865, at

MAGNOLIA HALL, IDAHO CITY!!

Every arrangement will be made for comfort and enjoyment.

COMMITTEE OF INVITATION: IDAHO CITY—L. H. Barber, A. O. Bowen, C. D. Vaejn, J. H. Wickersham, PLACERVILLE—P. W. Lynch, CENTERVILLE—E. Hutchings, PIONEER—W. W. Chapman, Jr. BOISE CITY—J. Agnew.

FLOOR MANAGERS: J. B. Oldham, S. Thompson, J. C. Henley, F. F. Marks. Music by Paston's Quadrille Band. 9w2

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

Estate of Geo. A. Nutall, Deceased. NOTICE is hereby given by the Undersigned, Administrator of the above-named estate, to the creditors of, and all persons having claims against, said deceased, to exhibit the same with the necessary vouchers within ten months from the first publication of this notice, to the undersigned at the "Oneonta Saloon," on Main street, Idaho City, Boise county, Idaho Territory.

FRANK DAVIS, Administrator. Idaho City, December 18th, 1864. 9w1