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EDITOR POST: Instead of coming from the cool and foggy regions inhabited by the "webfeet," as we had intended, our second letter finds birth in the tropical seas, at the close of one of those days when motion and exhaustion are synonymous...

After crossing the lake we felt that we were on the home stretch, and were prepared for some tall riding; at least we had our mind made up to it, but willing as was the spirit, alas, the flesh was weak, and we may add, sore, as well.

ver confined his gaze to the main street. Here our saddle journey ended, and casting aside the spur, we placed ourselves upon the rear seat of the Wallula coach, sharing said lofty perch with some jolly miners from Idaho, a pet dog Frank and certain heavy cantinas that could not fail to awaken in us a spirit of coqueness.

Umatilla is a dilapidated specimen of a town, with one principal street running along the bank of the river and having but one side to it. It has not far from eight hundred inhabitants, who derive the very limited amount of spending money at their disposal from the sale of "sheep clodders" and the persistent working of numerous whiskey mills.

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At the time of our arrival at Portland in a rain-storm, which continued during our three days' stay there. In fact the web had commenced growing between our toes, and the fear of an early completion of the work commenced hastened our departure.

Thus our trip from Montana to the coast, by the Pen D'Oreille Lake route, was completed; and we can speak unequivocally in its favor, as an avenue of travel for freighters and, under many circumstances, for travelers. We must indeed regard it as a grand natural highway, which requires but a little judicious expenditure to render it everything that can be desired.

as it will be the coming season, there remains but a very few miles of bad land travel. What is to be possible within two years is this—for a man to leave Portland on the first of the month, reach Wallula, two hundred and thirty-five miles distant, as at present, on the night of the second; reach Pen D'Oreille city by stage, over a splendid natural road, two hundred miles in length, on the evening of the fourth, arrive at the Jocko by two hundred miles of water travel, on the night of the sixth; reach Helena, two hundred miles by stage, on the evening of the eighth; Fort Benton at night on the ninth, and St. Louis, by steamer, at certain seasons, on the twenty-fourth.

We cannot conclude without saying a word for the O. S. N. Company, much abused an oppressive monopoly and, as we think without cause. In 1860, the gentlemen composing this company risked their money in a grand undertaking which might or might not prove successful. It proved the latter, and now, with a capital of two million dollars, eighteen steamers and twenty miles of railroad, they are reaping the reward of their enterprise.

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gations and propositions won't do it; public enterprise and subscriptions will also fail to connect, unless a company is formed, or a charter for a toll road procured, to repair and put in order the Mullan road for wagons to travel over at all seasons, then the investment, profit and enterprise would prove a benefit, of which but few know its extent.

FROM FORT COOK. EDITOR POST: Permit me in this instance to inquire through the medium of your widely extended journal, why complaint is not formally made to the authorities at Washington, concerning the intolerable imposition and abominable nuisance of sending troops to this country in charge of intemperate and indifferent commanders, who care not one iota of the Indian outrages being perpetrated, and who are contented to be just distant enough to escape the scalping knife yet warm with the blood of innocent women and children.

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he inquired of a meek looking participant the nature of the performance: "One of Lannigan's balls." The stranger opened his mouth, gazed for awhile longer upon the ludicrous scene, and just as he had imagined that a revolver and knife or two were about to make their appearance in the settlement of some disputed point of etiquette, incontinently bolted the scene, muttering as he disappeared through the door: "May I never see the other!" But time will speed on, and in its march must dissipate all of these little irregularities; the influx of a proportionate number of the gentler sex will soften the rough nature of the "boys," causing them to abandon their heathenish practices, etc. etc.—Reese River Reelle.

The Course of Mineral Veins. It is very common for the uneducated prospector or miner to speak in derision of the theories and deductions of the scientific mineralogist or engineer, when he is apparently unaware that he is continually advancing theories of his own, and acting upon them often to his serious loss.

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REGULAR meetings of the Virginia City, R. A. Chapter, every Monday evening, at 7 o'clock p. m.

LETTERS WRITTEN ME prior to April 1st, will reach me if addressed to Tallmadge Hotel, January 1, 1867. (3m) W. F. SANDERS.

NOTICE.—During my absence from this Territory, Mr. L. Newman will act as my legal and authorized agent. R. BACHMAN, Helena City, M. T., Jan. 11, '66. 113-1w-1m

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