Washington Territory.

WAITSBUEG, WALLA, WALLA CO., January 24, 1880. EDITOR JOURNAL: It was my intention to write to the JOURNAL sooner. Waiting to learn more of the country must be my apology for delay. There is much to interest the reader by giving a description of the whole route from Boise City, Idaho, to Walla Walla City, but I

must overlook the route for the

present, and speak of Walla. After crossing the Blue mountains by the Thomas and Nuckles tollroad, we cross a corner of the Unatills reservation and reach the town of Weston, situated in a fine farming district. It was the 5th of September and the harvest was not near all cut, but the headers were at work in the fields and the header wagons were coming back and from the threshing machine; then in a trot for another load. The horses are generally large and well built, at ty has been immense the past sealeast I never saw on an average as fine teams in any farming communiwas ripe but freighters were startty as I did here and in Grand Round ing out with loads of apples to Valley, Oregon. There are two things strike the eye of the stranger as rather odd, one is to see no level districts. land, all high rolling country; and another is to see the piles of sacked frost, nor are there any severe grain corded up in the fields as if in storms, yet some would as soon a ware-house, six hundred to one have the climate of Nebraska as this; thousand bushels sometimes in the reason is there is so little sunpile, you would naturally ask Does shine. I have seen two whole it never rain? weeks together in which there were

The roads are deep with dry dust and looking at the dry appearance of things generally, you are surprised to see such fine fields of

grain. There is very little prairie, the land being pretty much all farmed and well fenced; occasionally there is a farm where they have not been able to reach water, and here we see them hadling water for the harvest ers and the teams; this is the picture presented all along in the fields. while many who have got their threshing done, are hauling the wheat to market, "When did you have any rain?" we ask of some of the farmers. "Not since last May, was the answer, and the rain don't generally commence till October. It looks strange to see forty or fifty bushels of wheat to an acre where there has been no rain for three or four months. The point is this, that the sea, and will melt off the snow the grain is sown any time along and dry up the ground faster than through the winter, when the ground strong sunshine. is not froze, but the greater part is sown in February and March: then the grain is well rooted before dry weather and when that does set in. it is not hot; the weather in summer is seldom hot and the nights are always cool. Another point is, the soil is a heavy loam. You can dig | ing but a grove of timber to shelter post holes and never press the spade in, and some hay to feed in bad with your foot, and yet wells are weather. All open sheds are built dag and left without curbing, and to face the north, the wind being so remain good for years. The moisture appears to rise to the surface. I have seen pieces of boards which dry-goods and grocery stores, two had been left on the dry ground in hardware and drug-stores, two sa the evening around the camps, have loons, two butcher shops, and any the under side wet in the morning. number of citizens who rejoice in It is generally regarded as one of the title of professor, judge, major, the evils of this territory that the preacher, etc. There is a fine school atmosphere is too damp, and while building with three teachers, and it promotes the growth of crops, it over 100 pupils. School is kept up is severe on those who are most for nine months in the year. subject to throat and lung diseases, Some one will naturally ask, when and also on young children. We harvest commences. I believe about seldom hear any one complaining of the first of August, generally, and anything else than colds; fever and | continues till the grain is cut, which ague, and kindred diseases are un- is often six weeks after it has been known. Diphtheria was very severe ripe, without damage, or loss by a year and two years ago; great shelling.

winter. This territory has settled very fast parts of eastern Oregon are as adfor the past two years; a heavy vantageous to settlers, and afford immigration from California is better stock ranges than this terripouring in all the time, and the land tory. is being taken up very fast. The place I write from is about eighteen | ho, and Baker City, Oregon, about miles nearly due north from Walla a month in all, and worked at har-Walls City, and I know of one farm vesting in both places; this recruited of 160 acres about a mile from town my team, which was getting pretty being sold about a month ago for well tired out, but, as George Bar-\$5,000, and this is not an exceptional num told me when I traded with case; farms are all held at high him for the mules, they never left figures.

numbers of children died of it, but

I have not heard of it anywhere this coming in, this territory will be

Nearly all the immigration of the once on the whole route did I hitch past season has located north of the another team ahead of them, and Snake river, in what is known as this was while fording the Platte Polluse country and Spokeane Falls, river, west of Laramie. Four Lakes and Deep creek. A considerable town called Colfax is central in the Polluse county, has the U. S. land office there, and is distant from here about sixty miles. Spokeane Falls is one hundred miles thinking perhaps some one else nearly due north from here. The could write up the "news" from this Northern Pacific R. R. is surveyed vicinity better than I. During this through the latter town, and will be long time the pen has indeed been built past that point the coming silent as regards the business activisummer; the graders are at work ty and prosperity of our town. since October last; they have comstitute the present grading force; have her railway. the contracts for the ties were let | We have now a large lumber yard | ment on page 498 made by Hewer some time ago. The division which just starting under the favorable Bros., of Belvidere, Ill., to the effect \$1.50 they intend to complete next sum- auspices of your wide-awake and that a Berkshire sow of theirs far-Pen Deoral lake, which is some ways & Schupbach. furnishing beef to the company us.

the Polluse country, that is it will country surrounding us and reachbe warmer; most of the country ing out to the vast rich lands miles north of Snake river is pretty cold northwest of us; these will be tribfor farming; wheat does well, but utary to this town for many years for garden stuff, such as vines of all to come. We are now where Cokinds, the frosts very often injure lumbus was one year ago, or apthem, and for fruit it is pretty cold, proaching that point in our business but everywhere on this side of the relations that will give an impetus Suske river fruit does splendid. to the growth of our town and the When we came to Walla Walla last general prosperity of its citizens. fall the apple, pear and peach trees This will be a large shipping point were all loaded down with fruit; for all kinds of grains and products trees such as I never before saw in of the farm, including that of stock any country; all had to be propped | business. to keep the branches from breaking off, and grapes of the finest quality in great abundance; apples sold at

The climate is something that is

scarcely two days of sunshine all

put together, and this is the way it

four days, ending on Christmas day

the coldest here has 23° below zero.

from cold to warm weather here the

have seen six inches of snow on the

ground at 9 o'clock at night, and

is farmed, and no stock range left,

but in some other parts of the terri-

have no sheds for their sheep-noth-

At the rate immigration has been

overcrowded in a short time. Some

I stopped over at Boise City, Ida

seldom from that point.

the orchards at one-half cent per lb. for windfalls, and three-fourths of a cent to a cent and pick them off the trees; peaches were a little higher. Lewis Bros. are still the old pro-There were several people camped in a grove east of town who had

prietors of the Reliable drug-store. long tables made for drying apples on, and were likewise canning fruit. colors and is gaining a liberal pat-The fruit crop of Walla Walla counronage from the people.

We have three doctors in our son; scarcely a day after the fruit midst, but we are glad to say that at present there is but little sickness, which relieves them of growing rich different points in the newer settled

Nine lawyers I believe can be seen bard to describe; there is not much on our streets every day and it is a dilemma to us how they all can prosper, as but little disturbances of any kind take place among our people, who are disposed to settle their own little affairs between

stores, and they all seem to be pros-

Three blacksmith shops are in full blast all the time. Two harness shops are kept busy

constantly.

zens that we need plenty of houses to let, which would be a paying inwhile in the Polluse country it was vestment to those erecting them. about 35° below zero. It can change Riley & Clark have a large hardware stock and are preparing for barrels with dry sand. If this is quickest of any place I ever saw. I

then the wind shift suddenly, and Galbraith Bros. are a great acquiblow a strong gale from the southsition to this town as business men; west, and in the morning wake up and find the snow all gone. These winds are called Chinnooks, an In- full of stoves and shelf hardware, all the radiance of those pale blue dian name. I think they come from anything in the shape of farm ma- vet the tongue refused its utterance.

This part is not much of a place ing on your space, give you still mustache is beginning to grow." for stock, as all the land fit to farm more items. We will try at some other time to give other and varied information. tory they keep large herds of cattle

and sheep. Sheep men say they For the JOURNAL. Stock Gossip.

The town of Waitsburg has three stock. While the general small farmer can have only one or two

any extent. He may also raise a colt or two by having them in pasture with some one. But there is one kind of stock that everybody can raise and that is hogs. Every farmaccording to his liking and ability, and if he only gets the right kind he can make money by it. We say the right kind. Each one of the prevailing finer breeds have their good points. No one can despise the Poland China, the Chesterwhites, the Essex and others, but the writer, after trying a number of other breeds, prefers the Berkshires, or at least a good cross from them. They are easily kept. In the spring, summer and fall they board themselves on prairie grass, wild artichokes and other roots which latter they dig in the sloughs and ravines. And then

ment made at the Illinois Industrial

University farm, the substance of

which is as follows as far as it re-

lated to difference between a Berk-

shire and a Poland China, both fed

Berkshire, 150 lbs. 175 225 75 Po'd China, 170 4 190 214 39

The same advantage of the Berk-

established by many facts. Their

Sept. 15, 180 lbs., on the 23d, 194 lbs.

the preference to the Berkshire

blood in full or in part. More anon.

Sept. 19. Oct. 17. Gain.

on old corn:

Weight Sept. 5.

EDITOR JOURNAL: - For a long

Albion indeed, is rising above menced between the forks of the boasting of a very few houses, and Columbia and Snake rivers, and that | doing scarcely anything in the line | point is called Ainsworth. Rail- of improvements and prosperity. road iron and all supplies are On the other hand she is all life and shipped by boat up to this point. business activity since it is a cer- early and fast maturing is beyond General Repairing Done. About one hundred white men and tainty that she like the many other all question. Let me quote once some four hundred Chinamen con- towns throughout the State is to more from the same journal of No-

mer will extend from Ainsworth to energetic townsmen, Messrs. Jæggi rowed April 21, 1879, weighed on

east of Spokeane Falls. I was talk- George Rieder is doing a flourish- on the 30th, 204 lbs., on Oct. 7th, ing to-day with Mr. Cooncy, broth- ing business here in the merchantile 220 lbs., and Oct. 13th, 236 lbs. She er to our friend Clark Cooncy; he line, and gains customers every day, was then 5 months and 22 days old. has a large herd of cattle and horses which speaks well for one who has Such facts as these and the writer's down near Ainsworth, and has been recently "pitched" his tent among own experience induce him to give

there. He is well posted in regard Our railroad, when completed, to the country, and he thinks that will give to us varied exhaustless the emigration the coming season advantages which could not be over-

We have a bank; the proprietor of the same is from Red Oak, Iowa and seems to be a man well and thoroughly experienced in that busi-This indeed has been an institution which the community has wanted for the past three years.

L. C. Dearborn, who has settled here, has a drug-store under flying

at the expense of the public.

We have four general dry goods

is in winter. A little rain or snow. perous.

sometimes foggy for two or three days. There was only one cold spell, and that was the only time

since I came here that the wind was A new hotel is going up, and still from the north; it lasted three or the demands are such upon our citi-

the spring demand. They keep all done you may have sweet potatoes kinds of farming implements on the year round. hands for the farming public.

vate the soil with.

MR. EDITOR: It is an undisputed fact that our beautiful State is well adapted to stock of any kind. No one can deny that stock as a general barley which chiefly are fed to stock you are bigger than I am." are the surest and most prolific crops. From all this follows that it is best to raise stock, and yet not everybody can raise any kind of

cows and raise a couple of calves he | if he didn't. is soon for want of room, or pasture, or hay, or money, compelled to sell his calves. He at least realizes a little something for them. But he cannot enter upon cattle raising to

me stuck in a mud-hole, and only JAMES SCULLY. they easily fatten. The National Boone County. Live Stock Journal of December last contains a report of an experi-

time I have deferred corresponding,

BREEDER. When two funerals meet at the will go further west down near the come while we were without the cemetery, it is embarrassing to have big bend of the Columbia river; the rail transportation facilities. We one undertaker call to the other, Mass. If you desire both, send by climate will be better there than in have a good stock and agricultural "How's business?"

Sweet Potato Cultivation.

First, select your ground, which should be very loose and mellow, sandy land being the best; but any soil is good if not too hard, and i your ground was plowed last Spring it is all the better. Have your plants all ready, and commence and plow furrows lengthwise, running north and south being best, four feet apart, and when this is done, turn and run the plow right back in the same furrow, making it deeper and throwing the soil out at the other side; now, turn and plow this right back, going twice on each side; thus you have large ridges of loose soil, and if naturally loose it will not pack with heavy rains, and, being loose deeper under the ridges, the rain will work under right where it is wanted. Now take a plank about ten feet long, tying the ends of a rope to each end of the plank, having the rope three feet longer than the plank, and hitch the team to the center of the rope. Turn the team in, one on each side of the second ridge, and go back and forth on every third ridge, making the top of the ridge about one foot wide. Now the ground is ready for the plants and it is necessary to have the plants ready for the ground, and set the plants on the ridge two feet apart, and making a hole for the plants with a smooth, sharp stick one and a half inches in diameter. Drop the plant into the hole, leaving one or two inches out of the ground, and press the soil around the plants. Always set the plants in the afternoon or as near night as possible, Wagon Material keep clear from weeds, and keep the vines rolled up on the top of the ridges so as not to let them take root along the vines. If not dog when the vines are killed by frost, the vines may be cut off close to the potato immediately, or the; will soon spoil. Then, the sooner the potatoes are dug the better. Keep in a dry, warm cellar, packed in

JOHN TANNAHILLL.

besides in their yard can be found eyes. Her heart would speak and chinery, that man desires to culti- But love and admiration broke the spell and from the rapture of her We could, if we were not crowd- soul she breathed forth: "Your

> A great many boys and girls fall desperately in love with each other, and rave over disappointed hopes, before they are old enough to tell the difference between the heartache prove fatal.

Said a parent to his little son, who had committed some act of indiscrething pays best. Add to this the tion: "Do you know that I am A. fact that of the different kinds of going to whip you?" "Yes," said produce of our soil, corn, oats and the boy, "I suppose you are, because

> A horse in Chicago drank two gallons of beer by mistake for water, and in about fifteen minutes he danced around the wagon and wanted to know who run the town Much is said about the healing

be something in it, because many a man supposes he is well "heel'd" when it is only in his mind. Sin always begins with pleasure

power of imagination. There must

and ends with bitterness. It is like a colt which the little boy said was very tame in front and very wild

"A hair on the head is worth dozen in the hash!" says an exchange. But then it doesn't attract near so much attention.

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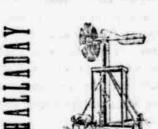
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