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EDITOR STATESMAN.—The O. S. N. Co. have taken a synoptical view of the surrounding elements, came to the conclusion that seventeen dollars and fifty cents for freight from Walla Walla to Dalles was rather to steep, and dropped it to ten dollars. All right; so far—so good. Then, on the other hand, Lewiston, although being a long way off, and a hard road to travel, still it seemed to be destined to be the only place left to the Company, that was likely to give their boats above the Dalles any thing to do during the coming summer, seventy-five dollars per ton, measurement, looked a little too steep, now that there was no flour being shipped up. A ton of goods, measurement, would not average 1200 lbs, so they dropped the figure to sixty dollars per ton. The Company would have liked to lower their charges on freight, in the same ratio, to Walla, but they foresaw that they would only endanger their carrying trade to Lewiston, for the merchants at that place would then ship their goods to Walla by boat, and from thence it would go by teams, at two cents per pound. That would not do. So, to clinch the Lewiston trade for themselves, and keep off "bull teams," they raise the freight to Walla two dollars and fifty cents per ton, not that they were particularly down on Walla or Walla Walla, but they claimed they were forced to do so in self-defence, and that the Walla Walla Valley ought to be satisfied with the lopping off of seven dollars and fifty cents on their down freight, and the facilities they now have of shipping their flour or grain to the Dalles or Portland at the same price.

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Union County Convention.

In obedience to the call of the Walla Walla County Union Central Committee, the Union County Convention assembled, Mr. A. Cox, Vice President, in the Chair. Mr. W. M. Smith was appointed Assistant Secretary.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—1st, Nomination of Joint Councilman. 2nd, Councilman. 3d, Five Representatives. 4th, Prosecuting Attorney. 5th, Sheriff. 6th, Auditor. 7th, Treasurer. 8th, Probate Judge. 9th, Assessor. 10th, Coroner. 11th, Surveyor. 12th, Superintendent of Public Schools. 13th, Nomination of County Commissioners. 14th, Appointment of Central Committee of Five.

On motion, a Committee of eleven was appointed by the Chair to nominate a ticket for the consideration of the meeting. The following gentlemen were found entitled to seats in this Convention: S. B. Fargo, proxy for E. H. Day; L. S. Berry, proxy for Wm. F. Anderson; J. C. Paister, proxy for Wm. F. Anderson; J. C. Paister, proxy for Wm. F. Anderson; J. C. Paister, proxy for Wm. F. Anderson.

On motion, the action of the Vancouver Territorial Convention was endorsed, and their platform adopted. Mr. J. W. Stevens offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted: Resolved, That the citizens of this county are opposed to the payment by the United States of the Settlers and Iniquitous claims of the "Hudson's Bay Co." and of the "Puguet Sound Agricultural Co." regarding their infamous and unjust attempt to swindle the general Government out of six millions of gold, for their rotten and self abandoned mud houses and stockades.

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Mass Convention.

Pursuant to the adjournment of the Citizens Meeting, held on the 4th inst., the citizens of Walla Walla county met in Mass Convention, at the Court House in Walla Walla, on Tuesday, May 14th, for the purpose of nominating a county and representative ticket, to be voted for at the ensuing election.

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Board of County Commissioners.

The Board met in regular session, on Monday, May 6, 1867. Full Board present. Petition for a road from the Oregon line, along North side of Cottonwood creek to the Boise road, read, and Frank Shelton, J. M. DeWary, and R. P. Stein appointed viewers. Review ordered May 24, 1867.

Petition for a road from Boise road to Oregon line, near Robie's old mill site, read and H. Copeland, G. W. Roberts, and J. G. Gwin, appointed viewers. Review ordered May 24, 1867.

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Correspondence.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., May 15th, 1867. JAS. McATREY, Esq., Sir: As you were nominated yesterday by the Bolters, or Law and Order party, as Treasurer, the Democratic Central Committee of this county desire you to answer this question. Do you accept or reject that nomination? An early answer is respectfully requested, so that the Committee can take such action as they deem best. Respectfully yours, J. H. LASATER, Chairman Democratic Central Committee.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., May 15th, 1867. Mr. J. H. LASATER, Chairman Democratic Central Committee, Sir: I am in receipt of your note of this date, in which you ask the question, "Do you (I) accept or reject the nomination made on yesterday by the 'Bolters' or Law and Order party?" In reply, I have only this to say: I did accept the nomination of the Democratic Convention, and am its regular nominee for the office of County Treasurer. I have neither asked nor sought, either directly or indirectly, any nomination from any other party. But understanding that the Law and Order party placed my name on their ticket, without having consulted me in regard to it, but from a desire, as they declare, of electing good and competent men to office. I cannot perceive any necessity why I should reject the support which they thus voluntarily tender me. If it be your intention to prescribe me on that account, I appreciate the Democratic party, at the election in June, will endorse the action of its Convention, rather than that of a committee to whom it has delegated no such power as your note would seem to indicate that you assume to possess. Hoping that a humble individual like myself will not prove an obstacle to the success of the Democratic party, even should I be forced from its ranks. I am, Sir, yours respectfully, JAMES McATREY.

WALLA WALLA, W. T., May 15th, 1867. J. H. LASATER, Chairman of the Democratic Central Committee, Sir:—Your note of the 15th was duly received. In reply I have to say that I accepted in good faith, the nomination of the Democratic Convention of May 6th, for the office of county Surveyor, and that in accordance with party usage, and my own convictions of right, I cannot become the candidate of any party or faction opposed to the Democratic organization. Should the opponents of democracy aid in my election, I have only to say that I will feel gratified for their support; but at the same time assure them that my first and only alliance is due the Democratic party, of which I claim to be a humble member. Yours, W. L. GASTON.

Council Proceedings—May 14, 1867. Council met at the usual hour. Present: Messrs. Winsett, Kolbhauff, and Brown. Minutes read and approved. Petition of J. H. Short, private watchman, was read, asking the appropriation of \$20.00 per month, from the City, and, on motion, laid on table. Petition for foot bridge, on 3d street crossing, was read, and, on motion, laid on table. Bill of W. J. Tompkins, fees for attending Council from Dec. 31, 1866 to April 9, 1867. On motion, referred to Finance Committee. Bill of City Marshal for police service, from April 9th to May 9th, \$100.00. On motion, allowed, and warrant ordered. Specifications for repairing Main street bridge were read, and, on motion, referred to Committee on Streets and Public Improvements, with instructions to receive bids and to contract with responsible parties at the lowest figure. On motion, the Marshal was instructed to post notices on Fifth street foot bridge, forbidding the crossing of stock, and authorizing him to make arrests on the premises. Adjourned. H. M. CHASE, Secy.

H. PARKER VINDICATED. JOHN H. DUGGER, being first duly sworn, deposes and says that he was called in the month of November last to witness a settlement between H. Parker and Jeptha Arrierson. Said Arrierson did then agree to pay said H. Parker, in gold coin, one hundred and forty-one \$1.00 dollars, within five weeks from the date of said settlement. I make this affidavit to contradict some of the statements that H. Parker has made, to wit: that he had not received the money. JOHN H. DUGGER. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of May, A. D. 1867. J. H. BLAZER, County Auditor.

A CARD. As parties have made statements calculated to injure and prejudice some against H. Parker, who I left as my Agent, to transact business for me, I in justice to him, refute any charge I have had dealings with him for the past few years, and have found him correct in every particular, and he has not used any of my money, as he has been charged to do. PHILIP RITZ. Walla Walla, W. T., May 16th, 1867.

A CARD. WALLA WALLA, W. T., May 16th, 1867. F. W. COLMAN, Drought, Walla Walla, Sir:—I met the 15th day of September last, I used language in relation to you, reflecting seriously upon your character as a gentleman and an apothecary. By that language I injured you, and I hereby retract the statements made by me upon that occasion. Very respectfully, A. FRANK.

FOR SALE! TWO SPAN FINE LARGE TEAM HORSES, weighing about 1,300 each. If desired, time will be given on part, or on amount, by making it secure. For further particulars enquire of J. D. COOK. Walla Walla, May 17th, 1867.

United States Internal Revenue Notice. THE ANNUAL RETURNS OF INCOME FOR 1866, and application for License or Special Tax certificate, for the year 1867, is now due, and it is the duty of all persons, liable to any of the tax under the Internal Revenue Law, to make the returns, return regular and promptly, to avoid the penalties for failure to make such returns. J. D. LAMAN, Assistant Assessor, Int. Rev. Sec. Division, W. T. Office, corner 3d and Alder Sts., Walla Walla, W. T.