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### To Correspondents.

"Spider "shall be heard next week. The "thread of your discourse" was so long that we could not get it in this time, without a little "doubling and twisting." We thought it quite short enough already to sow up your budget of miners' inconveniences -We shall be glad to hear from the mines occasionally through friend "Spider."

We have received several other commi nications, which, for reasons, known to us, and too numerous to mention, we have been compelled to decline publishing.

### Temperance.

We hope our friends in different parts of territory, who are laboring in word and deed for the promotion of the temperance cause, will make it convenient to favor us with lectures, admonitions, and exhortations, in this city, as often as convenient. We have already had several favors of this kind, from our country friends, and we hope to have more. On last Saturday night, Hon. Aaron Payne, of Yambill, entertained our citizens, by way of "stirring up their pure minds" to a remembrance of their duties to their country and posterity, in working for a law which shall strike at the root of this great evil in Oregon. His friends in Illinois will be glad to learn that he has not put his light under a bushel out here, but is still battling away with his accustomed vigor for real democracy, and the overthrow of the dark empire of humbuggery.

We learn that the voters in Oregon have decided "against Convention" by a small majority. This has caused about two hundred would be "big men" to look considerably chop-fallen. The postponing by the people of letting out the numerous fat of fices connected with a State organization presents rather a gloomy future to a good many faithful party chaps, whose purses, below. The new mines may afford them a temporary relief. In parting with them, we can sentimentally use the language in which the Elders of Epheaus were described in parting with Paul, by leaving out the word "no:" "Sorrowing most of all that we shall see their faces more." .

## Mow to Please your Absent Friends.

We have the names of some thirty men in this country who have already ordered us to send a copy of our paper to their friends in the States, and we presume that many more would have done so if they had thought of it. What more acceptable present could be made to a friend in the States, than that of a paper printed in the far off country which we have chosen for a home! What more pleasing and acceptfor those we have left behind us, than such a token received every week from our hands, which faithfully chronicles the events that are transpiring in our new and interesting home! Verbum sat, de.

## They Come! They Come!

Our city is almost constantly blockaded with teams in from the country. The farmers are laying in their supplies preparatory put away, whilst taking an inventory of for harvest. We are glad to notice, that they carry along the Angus, as a sort of "market detecter." That is just as it The Weather. should be; always be sure to look at our Spring and summer seem at last to have come to town to trade; you will probably thermometer stood at 102 deg. in the shade save a great deal of money by it.

### Gold Excitement.

We hear from Madam Rumor that there of some weeks since.

them by sundry half-breeds, to abandon their provements. We notice a subscription is at issue and look for themselves.

informs us that, during his stay there, he they would be any the poorer, in this world, applied to rend it. heard from reliable sources, that letters or in that which is to come. If they want have been received in the French prairie to have a respectable business place, why on a bar of the Ponderray river, a few hun- and a poor editor could hardly be expected proval of the people of Oregon. dred yards above its junction with the Co- to do much towards such enterprises. We Down with the "Know Nothings" is the cryriver gold, but coarser.

Report says, that the young man who ourself. first discovered the bar has made some two or three thousand dollars. The bar is said to cover an area of only a few feet square.-No other diggings had been found by them at latest accounts. There is a tremendous excitement among the French, and many are leaving for these new mines. If the mines should prove to be extensive, which we are inclined to believe, the price of produce in Oregon will be rapidly advanced, long hoped for, such prices as will justify them in working a little closer than their your fields of golden grain to go to waste, six ounces a day.

It may yet prove another "Coose Bay humbug," but we hope not. Whether or not, save your grain before you go.

## Every Body can do some good.

We are happy to inform the community that our quondam friend and fellow traveler in the whig ranks, the present editor of the Standard, is engaged in the laudable mission of scouring the country, for the purpose of waking up his fellows to the transcendent importance of taking a newspaper, thus not only benefitting himself, and some of the people, but materially advancing our interests. Now don't understand us to intimate that he is our agent, by any means, for if you want the Argus just send us book. All we want to say is, that quite a number of our citizens who have hitherto lived without a newspaper in their families, have probably so had their opened to the importance of this matter, some day, a great place. by the eloquent, and convincing representations which have been made to them as to their duty and interest by Mr. Leland,that they have communicated to us their desire to become regular subscribers to our paper. We have always said that it was not only the duty, but the interest, of every head of a family to take an Oregon paper, but as many subscribers, have delayed entering their names on our books till this tween loating and drinking, have got very late date, we conclude that they were never fully awakened to the importance of the subject, until they were beset by our eloquent friend, Mr. Leland. He will please accept our thanks.

## Do you File Away your Papers?

We intended to put this question a long time ago, but in our multiplicity of business we neglected it till now, and we are just reminded of it by a request from a new subscriber, (a highly intelligent lady of Yamhill,) who expresses a great anxiety to have all the back numbers sent, as she is so well pleased with our paper that she wishes "to keep the whole file on hand." We have sent them to her, but cannot favor any one else in like manner, as we have had to nearly rob ourself to do so. It speaks a great deal for the intelligence and love of order in an able mements of our enduring friendship, individual, to see him careful of his newsmercy of the children, and we thought that Salem. an editor would be dreadfully distressed to Robbery. see his work, over which he had toiled and spent the midnight oil, so ruthlessly treated. When we visit our subscribers we shall be sure to look for their file of papers, nicely their household effects, whether we see

advertising columns carefully before you both come down upon us all at once. The

## Saxa Votant.

Some of our citizens who have lain for is some excitement in different parts of the something less than a quarter of a century, county, in reference to the reported gold in a sort of torpid condition down here "in discovery near Fort Colville, which we spoke the canyon," are beginning to crawl out of their shells a little at last, and seem just now It is said, that some of the Prench have to be taking seriously into account the posbeen induced from representations made to sibility and practicability of interna! im the questions which have in the late canvass been

### Lane Got the ... Know Nothing! Vote. "The Statesman might have made some 'know

Then we are to understand that the 2000 majority which elected Lane were "know nothings" of your manufacture. And we suppose when you inform us that they were "not of the 'Sam' kind," you wish us to understand that they were of the pure natural until farmers will realize what they have so breed. That is exactly what we thought, but if we had spoken out this truth ourself, some of the progeny you claim might have late gloomy prospects have induced them to thought us quite tart; but as it comes from do. Now don't all run away and leave the source that made them, we hope they will not find fault with us for assenting to cessity adopted, and its object is to give to the even if you hear that the mines are paying its truth. As it is said that "like begets like," we conclude that we have seen several specimens of your manufacture since elector Americans and American interests, to be conthe most of their heads behind their ears.

We can therefore say to you in answer to your enquiries as to the whereabouts of "Sam," that we have had a peep at your "Sam," and that, too, without resorting to the humiliating medium of a "knot hole."

## Ready to Run.

We understand that Capt. White, of Canemah, has finished his batteau, and is about to commence his up river trips. He expects to penetrate the "up country" as high as Corvallis, thus affording an excellent opportunity for shipping, to and from the interior during the summer months, whilst your names by some other conveyance, as the steam-boats are unable to run. He in- this objection? they might (through mistake) be recorded forms us that he will reduce the "rates" to

We are glad to see that the enterprising citizens of Canemah, are pushing along imconsciences wrought upon and their eyes sure foundation on which will be built at Morgan tragedy had aroused a strong temporary

## Jeopardy !

The Standard thinks that Lane's prospects for the Presidency are materially injured by his name having been floated at the masthead of the Statesman and Times as a candidate for nomination in 1856. Our opinion is that his prospects are affected by it to about the same extent that they would be by a similar announcement chalked on a slab, with a piece of coal, and packed round the country by a Calapooia.

## The 4th at Bethel.

BETHEL, OREGON, June 11, 1855. Editor of the Oregon Argus-Sin: The friends f Bethel Institute intend to give a public dinner on the Fourth of July, and I am authorized to request you to attend and deliver a discourse on the subject

There will probably be some lots sold on that day Please take such notice as the above may require, in your valuable paper.

### Most Respectfully, Yours, &c., W. C. WARRINER.

from various sections of the country. We

We are informed that the house of Mr. Ferguson, in Linn city, was entered on last Wednesday, and robbed of jewelry to the amount of fifty dollars, also of some \$20

18 of which were for Gaines and 2 for Lane, urge this objection.)

### Hore Inconsistences of Demagogues.

LAFAVETTE, June 15, 1855. Epiron Angus-Dear Sir :- As the election has passed by, and the doorn of Oregon, politically, is scaled for another year in the hands of our con-

them by sundry half-breeds, to abandon their provements. We notice a subscription is incoming harvest and leave for the "diggins." on foot for rasing \$500, to enable some of phrase about as often quoted by the leaders of discovery, or, as some aver, another "humbasaltic formation," east of Caufield's right of the people to govern themselves" and usuenough to make something of a passable. we have conversed with Mr. McKinly, who about five thousand dollars, for improve- the lordly oak when sought to be riven, gain re-

"Principles are eternal," and, although those that about thirty of them are now at work, business of the property holders of the place, in the late election has obtained the misguided appurposes.

> confine himself to generalities about the improprie- petuity of our government to rule the land. ty of "secret organization," "proscription," &c., and often enough perhaps will acknowledge he knows nothing of the party, and is perhaps doing them injustice.

Does the objection to secret associations, we ask apply where the motives principles and objects of such associations are constantly kept before the pub-

The American party boldly proclaims its mo tives to be to purify and cleanse the political system so deeply infected with the foul contagion of demagogueism, and in order to the accomplish ment of this end, the principle of excluding the foreigner from office-a class that the history of the sacrifice at the altar of demagogueism-is of necountry a pure administration, uncorrupted, untainted and uninfluenced by the dangerous leaven of foreign influence; an administration strictly

Such are their objects and when dispassion ly discussed without prejudice or feeling we believe three-fourths of the people of Oregon are believers in these principles.

In fact we believe the worst enemy which the American party has to encounter, is the emphatic know-nothingism of many of its loudest opposers. They knew nothing of its objects and do not try to inform themselves ; they learn that it is a secret society and imagine at once there is something monstrous in it ; forthwith denounce it and make war open it. Such is the sum of the reasons which give front

to the opposition to this new movement. But with what sort of grace can the party

making the present opposition to Americanism urge

How long has the Tammany Society of Newauxiliary to Democratic success, without that purty ever intimating the least abhorrence of secret sucieties. How firmly it defended the Masonic fraprovements in that quarter, and laying a ternity a few years ago when the infamy of the sentiment against secret societies, and how cosily it nestles in the South Western States, now, un-Lane's Prospects for the Presidency to der the protecting wings of the "Sag Nichts," an organization set on foot in the foreign population, and perhaps veiled in the deepest secresy of any in existence.

> And lastly how many of the political scheme existence in caucuses so dark and secret that even the best and purest friends to them often remain entirely ignorant of their origin.

Yes sir, this party to Oregon has brewed itspo litical beer, in secret cauldrons: amid the dark and mysterious orgies of midnight revelers and debaucheries, and yet it raises its front of impudence, and arouses an opposition to secret organizations ! But the next cry is "proscription," for opinion

sake, &c. And now in all good earnest, we ask where has

there ever been a more proscriptive party than the modern Democratic party has been and is ? If the American Party choose to vote against

foreigners or Catholics it is an offence with their sympathies that "smells to heaven" against constitutional privileges; and yet give them the power and they will proscribe and drive from every office in the land native born citizens, who are as patriotic men as breathe, because they are Whigs. We have thought the publication of the Yes, because men equally patriotic and republiabove note from Dr. Warriner would be a can differ with them in a few points they will prosufficient notice of the intended celebration scribe and vote against them forever, and yet when of the coming 4th at Bethel. There will Americans, in order to protect their institutions probably be quite a turn out of the friends from the murderous fangs of a dangerous foreign shall try to be on hand at the appointed with denounced by this party as traitors, plotting paper. It always did shock us to see a time. Bethel Institute is situated in Polk their Country's ruin, as unfit to be witnesses or family paper lying around the house, at the County, some eight miles north-west of jurymen in our Courts of Justice, as ready, and worn, to commit rank treason ; in fine, as composing the very essence of distilled deviltry. This is leties of all kinds. We recollect to have their beautiful consistency !

Proscribe men for differing with them on questions of domestic polity, with the utmost rigor, and when an effort is made to counteract influences calculated to sap the foundations of our institu. perance as institutions very nearly allied to in cash. The suspected thief was seen early that would blot the American government from propitious to the growth of religion. Evtion, and preserve them from the ruthless hands the works of the Devil, and exceedingly unthe next morning making track for "up existence, denounce that effort as traitorous and ery intelligent man knows that these prejucountry." He was a stranger, who was and treasonable-proscription intolerable! We dices are more the consequence of igno. risdiction, and cannot be recognized, and have no of the government a most treasonable work.

In answer to this I will just make a statement

the necessity of the new organization Both of the old political parties for the last two Presidential contests have appealed to the foreign and Catholic element of our population for support, amprofitable to protract those discussions which are and that party which in these cases obtained the an open organization? The ends of most seforeign and Catholic vote have succeded in electing their ticket. And here we say whenever it comes to this, that this vote distinct and separate from the principles involved in the canvass, is open to be bargained for, and bought, having too the

before many moons, as we understand that wagon road out of the city. We think this tion. Yes sir, "principles" though often crushed party appealing to foreigners to rally around them enterprising young men will soon go out is a move that is highly important, and by the iron heel of professed friends, though "cast as the true party of the people, and the special seems to look in the right direction. If out to be trodden under foot of men," like the low-P. S.— Since the above was in type, some of our proprietors would fork over to have conversed with Mr. McKinly, who about five thousand dollars for improve. blarney of "the rich Irish brogue and the sweet ty of our citizens must adopt before they has lately returned from Champoog. He ments of a similar kind, we don't believe doubled force for the reaction from the very power German accent." And the result of this and all other late elections shows that the great mass of foreign born citizens do not vote like ourselves upon which we now advocate have suffered a seeming principles; whichever party flatters them most, defeat, and our opponents are shouting over the and bids the highest, they vote for in a body, and by from certain half-breeds who are now work- not try to make it accessible to the farming defeat, and our opponents are shouting over the demise of "Sam" and "Whiggery," we believe thus holding the balance of power a small handful many of their present bitterest opponents ing in the Columbia mines. They state, community? This is emphatically the they will yet triumph over the corrupt faction that of them control the government to suit their own are compelled to acknowledge their excel-

We now put it to every mans experience, to say if a foreigner or Catholic is a candidate foreigners lumbia, and making from twenty-five to will show our good will however, by giving thirty dollars each per day. The gold is our mite writing this exhortation and when these gentlemen, and ask him his objections to the their election? We must either make it an issue American party and you will find that he will or permit foreigners caring nothing for the per-Freemen of America, which will you choose

Yours, AMERICUS. For the information of those of our readers who may not be aware of the existence and character of this society in the States, we will state that the "Sag Nichts" is a sewhole influence, not only to defeat the Amer- humbuggery? tion, in the persons of a few chaps carrying trolled and governed by Americans in heart and in ican ticket, but to crush out the Anti-Nebraska and Temperance principles by defeating those who were candidates for ofschool, has, we believe, invariably had the city. benefit of their support. We have never yet read of a political organization more anobjects were more in harmony with the C. L. Goodston chosen Secretary. views and feelings of hungry office-seeking glomeration of foreign vipers and natural accomplished could they see the Pope of make, or cause to be made, with the a Rome sitting in the Presidential chair of the every corner of all our cities and villages a city on the 4th day of July, proximo. licensed grog-shop, with a board hung out, inviting the passer-by, as they once did in nothing." Now the fact that the leading Dr. A. H. Steele. organs of Douglasism in the States, whilst they are so violent in their hostility to the Know Nothings because theirs is a secret at the same time they have never raised a into effect the wishes of the convention. warning voice against the plottings of their allies, the ignorant and vicious "Sag Nichts,"

> the success of which they have hung their hopes of future promotion. The "Sag Nichts" are probably already on their way to this country, and whenever they are in operation as a society we shall expect to see the very men who have of late at Canemah and conducted below the falls. cret political kennel; at least we will ven- down safe, for \$1350. ture the prediction that not one of the papers which have denounced secret societies here, will be found, which will feel inclined influence, organize and vote against those who have to say aught against it. We speak now of political leaders, and not of the people,

to the people about the danger of "secret

political organizations," are hypocritical in

the most glaring degree, and that their real

opposition grows out of a fear that the

American party will prove a death blow to

their hopes by breaking down a party, on

We know that there is, and always has been, a deep scated prejudice among a vast number of our citizens against secret sociseen many "simple minded" people, in all parts of the world, who looked upon even the Masonic fraternity and the Sons of Tem-We learn that this county polled 20 votes, truth compels me to say that comparatively few ical, are not in contravention with any law, than the fees of their respective offices. human or divine.

But as long as we know that this prejuwhich I think will demonstrate the propriety and dice exists, what good reason can be given why this prejudice should not be humored, at least to the extent of removing the strong objection of the people to our enterprise, by Fellows, &c., may probably be secured by the co-operation of a minority of our citizens. As long as this is the case, perhaps there is no particular need of their throwing off the mask of secreey, in order to calist a Look, at the contest of 1852. The democratic majority of voters, so as to be able to seems the object of their organization.

The American party, on the other hand, professes to have planted itself upon a platform of political principles, which a majorican be made efficacious to the salvation of our country from the threatening disasters which hang over us. These principles are all so reasonable and axiomatic that even lence, whilst at the same time, through prejudice to secret policy, created for the most part by the senseless and violent declamation of office seekers, they practically thirty dollars each per day. The gold is our mite, writing this exhortation, and when the dominant party is quartered or a blatant demrepresented to be similar to the Feather you get to work, just call us out, and we agogue can find fools enough for followers to echo it to elect their man are we doing them a wrong porting men who are not the representatives will try to lay shoulder to a few boulders his denunciations. And yet, approach coolly one of to meet them on the same issue, and try to prevent of principles which their own better judgment approves, simply because they make great pretensions to openness of organization and publicity of policy. If, therefore, all has now been accomplished that was first expected to be secured by secrecy, and if the future dissemination of truth among the people can be accelerated by throwing off the mask, and if we have arrived at a period cret oath-bound political organization, got- when future accessions to the ranks of the ten up of late, and becoming quite numer. only truly democratic organization in the ous in some sections of the country. It is country would be materially promoted by a as its name would indicate, composed most- new line of policy, why not act the part of ly of foreigners, of the lowest and most ig. wisdom by taking up the gauntlet of definorant class, together with the very filth ance which the old parties have thrown down country proves to have always been ready to offer and soum of society, banded together for the and meet them fair and square upon such an purgose of resisting the American move- arena of controversy as shall best exhibit to ment, and of opposing the reforms of the the world the superiority of truth over fulse. day. In every election, so far as we have hood, of genuine republicanism and true been able to learn, they have exerted their democracy over old fogyism and political

## Arrangements for the 4th.

A respectable portion of the citizens of Oregon City and vicinity met in convention fice and running upon any of these issues. at Dr. McLaughlin's Hall on last 'Tuesday The "regular democratic ticket," or that part evening, (June 19th.) to make arrangements of the democracy which is of the Douglas to celebrate the coming 4th of July in this

After considerable debate as to who should preside over the meeting, W. C. ti-republican, whose motives, principles, and Johnson, Esq., was called to the Chair, and

On motion, it was resolved that a commitdemagogues than that of this snaky convention, whose duty it shall be to obtain the know nothings, which would think the object of their highest earthly aspirations was of the Declaration of Independence, and toance of the citizens, all other preparations United States, and be permitted to pass at necessary to a grand National Jubilee in this-

Ou motion, the following gentlemen were each separately chosen: His Honor, the England, to be "drunk for a penny, dead Mayor, Thos. Johnson; J. B. Price, F. S. drunk for two pence, and straw to lie on for Holland, E. L. Bradley, Wm. Whitlock,

On motion, these proceedings were ordered to be published in the OREGON ARGUS. On motion, the committee was requested And lastly how many of the political schemes organization, and therefore a dangerous one, to take prompt and early action in carrying

On motion, the convention adjourned, to meet at the call of the committee, at such we say this fact shows that all their appeals time as they may deem necessary to ask the aid of the public in carrying into effect the wishes of this convention, and the community. W. C. JOHNSON, Ch'n. C. L. GOODRICH, Sec'v.

### Price Current. After this week we expect to print a

weekly price current, of merchandize in Oregon City. The Steamer Gazelle

Is about to be taken from her moorings been so violent in their denunciations of "se- The contract has been let to Mr. Barnum, of cret societies," the first to crawl into this se- Linn city, who has undertaken to see her

Seems to be in great demand just at this particular crisis. Temperance men are finding a great relief from the heat, in this cooling and delicious beverage. Those who are in want of the right sort of an article will find it just where we did, at Dr. Steele's popular drug store.

### [From the Corvallis Statesman.] District Court Clerks.

SALEM, May 27th, 1855. rance than the result of honest independ. claim upon the United States for compensation." the government a most treasonable work.

But they say that it is unjust to our foreign ent scrutiny. That such associations, for les will understand, from this decision, that they are But they say that it is unjust to our toregn born citizens to exclude them from office. (Suil, laudable purposes, religious, moral, or politential to no remuneration as such clerks, other Yours truly, GEO. H. WILLIAMS.