

**For the Argus.**  
**Is the Liquor License system Right?**

One of the speakers at a late temperance meeting in Oregon City, presented a view of the license system which must commend itself to every candid mind. It was this:

First—If the traffic in intoxicating spirits as a beverage, is as the rummies maintain, right, then it ought to be left free and untrammelled like the traffic in dry goods, produce, or any other necessary article of trade. And those who engage in the traffic are just men, and ought to enjoy all the immunities of citizenship. In this case the license system makes invidious distinctions between freemen and equals, and is therefore wholly wrong, unjust and unequal.

Secondly, if however the traffic, is as the Temperance party contend, and as the license system seems to imply, wholly wrong, then to throw around it the protection of law, is to plight the faith of the country to wrong doing. Hence in this view the license system is wholly and radically wrong. So that take it which way we will the license system is wrong and ought to be repudiated from our legislation.

This representation of the subject is worthy of sober reflection. If the license system is anti-republican and morally wrong it is not high time that we should adopt a more consistent mode of legislation on this subject. Total prohibition is just the thing.

**KIRKMAN.**

**Solvency of Wells, Fargo & Co.**

We have received a circular from Wells, Fargo & Co. calling our attention to the "securities and facilities" of their firm, as Express forwarders, Commission agents and Bankers.

The circular sets forth that they have a joint stock cash capital of \$500,000, and that the whole "joint capital and property of the company," together with the "whole aggregate personal property and responsibility of the share-holders, stand pledged for its engagements."

The circular goes on to mention various other matters connected with the constitution of the firm, which operate as strong guarantees for the security of those who transact business with them.

A circular of this sort seems very well timed in these days, when the bones of bodies corporate in every direction, are yielding to the dreadful pressure in the money market, and being crushed in like the ribs of a spider under the foot of a giant. We hope the iron skeleton of Wells, Fargo & Co., will, like that of the ancient Mastodon, yield to nothing short of lightning.

**W. M. Boone.**

We are authorized to announce W. M. Boone, as a candidate for joint representative from Polk and Tillamook, subject to the majority of the votes cast next June.

**MARRIED.**

At Baker's Prairie, Clackamas Co., O. T., 31st March, by Rev. G. H. Atkinson, Mr. A. V. C. Danahy and Miss Hannah Penelton.

May 1st, by Rev. T. Condon, Mr. Royal T. Hawley, of Forest Grove, and Miss Lucy C. Daughter of Rev. J. S. Reesor.

On the 5th of May, by D. J. Schnebly, J. P. Mr. David Wall and Miss Margaret J. Roberts, all of Washington County, O. T.

May 16, in Oregon City, by Jos. N. Prescott Esq., Mr. Robert Potter and Miss Mary E. Patterson, both of Oregon City.

The first happy pair that has remembered the printer since we started our paper; and as your cake is sweet, we will append the sweetest extract we can find for your particular benefit.

"Here love his golden shafts employs, here lights His constant lamp, and waves his purple wings, Reigns here and revels."

**New Advertisements.**

**Notice.**

**THE Oregon Auxiliary Tract Society** will hold its seventh annual meeting at Corvallis, June 7th, at 9 o'clock, A. M.

Several addresses are expected, on topics previously assigned. **G. H. ATKINSON, Secy.**

**The Oregon Bible Society**

Will hold its annual meeting at Corvallis, on Wednesday the 6th of June, at 11 o'clock, A. M. All the friends of the Bible cause are requested to attend. **WILSON BLAIN, Secy.**  
May 10, 1855.

**Keel-Boat "Fre Trad"!!**

**SUMER NAVIGATION ON THE UPPER WILAMET RIVER: IS THERE SUCH A THING? HOW?**  
MAN HAZ DUN, MAN HAZ DO!!

I AM now building a keel-boat, or barge, of forty tons burthen for the purpose. Will be ready about the 20th of June. Aim to have it as cheap, or cheaper than can be made. Just let me suggest that if a boat can get the rating both ways, that she can do it cheaper, &c.

I will here state that if trading can be done cheaper than I can do it, the "Fre Trad" will "sit in" for my bunk. The river's duty not "belonging to me" or to the "Fre Trad," but I and the "Fre Trad" belong to the Wilamette river—and we are her for the good of the public. No indentment will be made for "combining" for the sake of making a "big pile" of or the public, if we can possibly live. A living it is we want, and want most, to be the material for a nut but hence this was our way. We can hold it ourselves or run it.

Wud lik to see a model or patronage—at least enuf to "pay the printer." Tak do notis therov and send on ur orders akording.

**LENURD HWIT.**  
Wilamette River, Ma 19, 1855-56

**Wanted!**

A WOMAN—to do housework in a private family. Address the Argus Office.

**Oranges**

RECEIVED upon the arrival of every steamer. Don't fail to call on **CHARMAN & WARNER.**

**Friends of Freedom, Attention!!!**

THERE will be a general MASS MEETING of the friends of Free Soil, and Human Liberty, held in Albany, Linn Co., Oregon, on the last Wednesday (7th) of June, 1855, to determine a course of action for the opponents in Oregon to all Slavery Extension. Our foes in the Territory are already actively engaged, while we are slumbering. Let us rally to oppose them.

MARY CITIZENS.

**Administrator's Notice.**

Oregon Territory, Clackamas County, ss: NOTICE is hereby given, to all persons interested in the estate of Joseph W. Alfrey, deceased, that James C. Robinson, administrator on said estate, will make final settlement at the term of the Probate court to be held at Oregon City, in said county, on the first Thursday of July next at 10 o'clock, A. M.

**HECTOR CAMPBELL,**  
Judge of Probate.  
Oregon City, May 14, 1855-56

**Divorce Notice.**

Rachel Maybee vs. Samuel S. Maybee. District Court, Clackamas County.

**Geo. C. Robbins.**

**PRACTICAL WATCH MAKER,** Portland, Oregon, devotes his entire attention to repairing fine watches—and having an experienced Jeweller in his employ, is prepared to manufacture every description of Jewelry, and execute engraving neatly.

C. R. keeps constantly on hand a fine assortment of clocks, watches, and new and fashionable Jewelry—to which he invites the attention of the Public.

May 12, 1855-56

**40 LBS of Orange seed for sale by JAMES O'NEILL.**

**30 LBS of APPLE seed for sale cheap by JAMES O'NEILL.**

**Just Received.**

A Splendid assortment of Family Groceries, such as tea, syrup, sugar, &c.; also fine and coarse salt, cream tartar, apple, chili, paprika, molasses, wine, clams, yeast powder, also a large quantity of superior cigar, and tobacco of every brand—and almost every thing else in our line of business—all of which will be sold as low as at any other place in town, for cash or produce.

**CHARMAN & WARNER.**

**Our bakery we keep constantly on hand**

bread, crackers, cakes, pies, &c.

**CHARMAN & WARNER.**

**CANDIES, nuts, raisins, of an excellent quality just received and for sale low by CHARMAN & WARNER.**

**CIGARS—The best chance to pick it at the store of CHARMAN & WARNER.**

**Lot and House for Sale!!**

LOT No. one (1) in Block No. five (5) in Oregon City—with the building thereon lately occupied by Messrs. Albright & Price as a meat market. For terms and particulars as to title, address, **TREVETT & CO.,** Portland, O. T.

May 12, 1855-56

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

By virtue of a certain execution issued out of the District Court for Clackamas County, and to me directed, in favor of Thomas Charman and Arthur Warner, against Robert Moore, and for want of personal property whereof to make the same I have levied upon and shall proceed to sell, to the highest bidder, for cash, at Public Auction, all the right title and interest of the above named Robert Moore, in a certain land claim situated and lying in the county of Clackamas, and generally known as the Linn City claim, and described in notification No. 680 now on file in the Register's office of Oregon Territory, as follows:

Beginning at a point 7.88 chains south and 16, 25 chains west of the N. E. corner of sec 36, in T 2 S of R 1 E running

Thence east 30.75 chains	"	"	"
" S 43 1/2 W to the Wilamette river.	"	"	"
" S 51 W 18.00 chains	"	"	"
" South 12.50 "	"	"	"
" S 51 W 13.00 "	"	"	"
" N 73 W 15.00 "	"	"	"
" S 89 W 24.75 "	"	"	"
" S 66 W 50.00 "	"	"	"
" S 51 W 49.50 "	"	"	" to the Tuality river.
" N 71 W 14.30 "	"	"	"
" N 72 W 31.00 "	"	"	"
" N 53 E 172.00 "	"	"	" This course passes over a point bearing S 38 E 4.40 chains from the S W corner of S E 4 of sec 35 in T 2 S of R 1 E to the place of beginning. The same being parts of Sec 35 and 36 in T 2 S of R 1 E
" " 31 "	"	"	"
" " 1 1/2 "	"	"	"
" " 3 "	"	"	"
and containing 640 acres more or less.	"	"	"

Sale to take place on Wednesday the 6th day of June, 1855, at 9 o'clock, P. M., on the premises.

**W. M. HOLMES,**  
Sheriff Clackamas County.

**Pr SEP HUELAT, Deputy.**  
Oregon City, May 5, 1855-56

**SHERIFF'S SALE.**

BY virtue of sundry executions issued out of the Supreme Court of Oregon Territory, and to me directed, in favor of various persons as follows: Wells Lake against Daniel H. Ferguson and Robert Moore; R. Herford against the same defendants; James Farlow against the same defendants and Sawyer and Milvain against the said defendants, and for want of personal property whereof to make the same, I have levied upon and shall proceed to sell to the highest bidder for cash, at public Auction, on Wednesday the 6th day of June 1855, at two o'clock in the afternoon, all the right title and interest of the above named Robert Moore in and to a certain tract of land situated in the county of Clackamas, and generally known as the Linn City claim, and described in notification No. 680 now on file in the Register's office of Oregon Territory, as follows:

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**Portland Prices Current.**

**CORRECTED WEEKLY.**

<b>Dry Goods.</b>	Cinnamon.....55a90
Sheeting, 4-4.....10a100	Soap.....8a10
Drilling.....10a100	<b>Drugs &amp; Med.</b>
Bleached drilling.....10a100	over N. Y. cost.
Striped do.....12a120	<b>Fruit.</b>
Ticking.....12a120	Wheat, per bu.....\$1
Denims.....none.	Oats do.....\$1
Blue drilling.....12a120	Potatoes do.....\$1
Laid linses.....14a20	Oilons do.....\$1
Satinet.....70a90	Flour.....\$3
Kentucky jeans.....25a30	Corn Meal, fresh.....6
Tweeds.....55a70	Back wheat Flour.....7
<b>Fruits.</b>	<b>Fruit.</b>
Blue and white.....11	Apples 1st pr lb.....30a10
Blue and orange.....11	" do do.....13a
" super.....12a15	" do do.....13
Furniture do.....8a12	" Chili, dried.....20a22
do wide.....12	" do.....22
M. de laime.....14a25	Pork, clear.....\$24
Ginghams.....11a15	" mow.....\$30
Alpacas.....50a75	" Scotch.....20a25
Table damask.....50a75	" do.....16
" cloth.....75a85	Harard pr ca.....\$15
Irish linses.....40a81	" pr keg.....\$11
<b>Clothing.</b>	<b>Shot.</b>
Sheep gray pants \$24a30	Small sizes.....\$24a24
Satinet do \$24a30	Buck.....\$30a30
Fancy cass. do \$3a5	<b>Lead.</b>
Black cass do \$4a5	Bar.....13
White clothing.....35	White lead, in oil.....14
" fine sewed.....none.	German.....\$30a30
Red flannel shirts \$12a18	Mantilla, small.....28
Blue do do \$12a18	" large.....25
Hickory shirts.....40a60	Hemp.....10a15
Calico do.....8a12	<b>Candles.</b>
<b>Boots &amp; shoes.</b>	Admanite.....32
Men's kip boots \$34a50	Sperm.....50
" super do do \$4a	" do.....\$40
" heavy wax do \$41	Havana.....\$40
" fine sewed.....none.	German.....\$10a25
Boys' kip boots.....\$25	American.....\$30a50
" h'ry w'x do \$14a20	<b>Tobacco.</b>
Men's brg's pr. do \$17	Pride of the Union.....40
" kip brg's pr. do \$18	Sum.....37a40
" calf sewed do \$8	Luke's.....33
Women's h'ry sh's.....\$1	<b>Hardware.</b>
" fine do \$14	Shovels.....\$10a15
" buck do \$11	" do.....\$14
Children's shoes 25a30	Spades.....\$13a17
at advance on N. Y. Mill saws.....90a114	cut saws.....75a81
cost.	X cut saws.....75a81
<b>Groceries.</b>	Table cutlery, 10 to pr set
Coffee.....16	adv. on N. Y. cost
Tea.....55a70	Pocket cutlery, 25 pr set
Sugar, no 1 Ch'rs.....10	adv. on N. Y. cost
" Feeravin Ch'rs.....10	Other articles of hardware
" fine new.....15	from 20 to 40 pr
Saleratus.....10	at advance.
Starsh.....12a18	Nails, ass'd sizes, pr kg \$7
Syrup E Boston.....80	" horseshoe.....30a35
S S Island.....80	<b>Oils.</b>
Liv. Salt 2c fine salt 34	Lamp.....\$14a14
Pepper.....25	Lined bowl.....\$12
Alspice.....50	Turpentine pr gal \$13

**OATS wanted at the store of C. POPE, Jr.**

**SEED buckwheat for sale by C. POPE, Jr.**

**CHAIN pumps for sale by C. POPE, Jr.**

**Dr. Jayne's medicines for sale by C. POPE, Jr.**

**EAU de Cologne, a superior article, at POPES.**

**BARRY'S Tricopherous for sale by C. POPE, Jr.**

**Administrator's Notice.**

NOTICE is hereby given that letters of administration have been issued by the Probate court of Clackamas county, Oregon Territory, to the undersigned upon the estate of A. J. Cutting, deceased, late of said county and territory, bearing date April 17, 1855. All persons having claims against the said estate are requested to present the same with necessary vouchers within one year from the date of this notice, to the subscriber residing on Milk creek in said county, and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

**MARY JANE CUTTING.**  
Administratrix.

April 28, 1855-56

**All those indebted to Preston, O'Neill & Co.**

are requested to call and settle the same immediately, by Cash or Produce. All debts remaining unpaid 1st of June, will be left for collection.

[ap21f] **JAMES O'NEILL.**

**LOCKS!—Beautiful time keepers, at very low prices.**

**FURNITURE—Best made and chairs for sale low to close the invoice.**

**Central Produce Depot.**

**CONSTANTLY RECEIVING fresh from ranch,**

wheat, oats, bacon, lard, butter and potatoes.

ap21 **JOHN P. BROOKS.**

**Just Received,**

At the 'Old Stand,' Canemah, April 21, '55.  
4,000 Lbs Light Brown Sugar,  
1,000 lbs. China No. 1, do,  
1,000 lbs. Rio Coffee,  
15 Tons coarse salt; 500 lbs. fine do,  
3,000 lbs. Oregon Bacon;  
1,000 bushels oats, for sale wholesale or retail, by  
**JOHN P. BROOKS.**

**PROBATE NOTICE.**

Territory of Oregon, Clackamas County, ss:

To all persons to whom these presents shall come greeting: Know ye that whereas Joseph Church, guardian of Chevalier Richardson, an insane person of said county, has filed his petition in the probate office of said county, praying for a license to sell the real estate of said Richardson, and it appearing from said petition that said real estate should be sold in order to defray the expenses already incurred, and for the support and maintenance of said Richardson. Therefore it is ordered that the same be referred to the next term of the Probate court, to be held in Oregon City on the first Tuesday of June next.

And it is further ordered that the next of kin and all concerned, be notified thereof by the publication of this order three weeks successively in the Oregon Argus, a newspaper printed in Oregon City, that they may appear and if they see cause, object to said license being granted.

**HECTOR CAMPBELL,**  
Judge of Probate.  
Oregon City, May 1, 1855-56

**REAPERS & THRASHERS—See the subscriber's advertisement.**

**10 tons Salt, imported direct from Sandwich Islands, for sale in lots to suit purchasers.**

**LARGE assortment of household furniture for sale by (ap21f) THOS. JOHNSON.**

**PAPER Hangings, a new lot, for sale by (ap21f) T. JOHNSON.**

**25,000 feet Boards for sale in lots to suit, by T. JOHNSON.**

**500 lbs. Feathers for sale by (ap21f) T. JOHNSON.**

**BUSINESS CARDS.**

**ALLAN, M'KINLAY & CO.**

General Commission Merchants and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, &c., &c.  
George T. Allan, Archibald M'Kinlay, Thomas Lowe.  
Oregon City, May 5.

**ALLAN, M'KINLAY & CO., Lower**

Scottsburg, Umpqua, Oregon.  
Oregon Territory.  
May 5.

**JAMES O'NEILL,**

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN PROVISIONS & HARDWARE,  
No. 1, Main Street.

**GEO. ABERNETHY & CO.,**

MERCHANTS,  
OREGON CITY, OREGON TERRITORY.  
GEO. ABERNETHY, THOMAS POPE,  
HIRAM CLARKE, JAS. H. ROBE.

**CHARLES POPE, JR.,**

DEALER IN Hardware, Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots & Shoes, Medicines, Books & Stationery.  
Main-st., Oregon City, April 21, 1855-56

**JOHN R. M'BRIDE,**

ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW,  
Lafayette, Yamhill County, O. T.

**WILL** faithfully attend to all business entrusted to his professional care.  
April 21, 1855-56

**JOHN P. BROOKS,**

Wholesale & Retail Dealer in Groceries, Produce, Provisions, &c., Main Street.  
A General Assortment kept up of Selected Goods.  
Canemah, April 21, 1855-56

**FRESH ARRIVAL OF GROCERIES, &C.**

THE subscriber has just received a fresh supply of Groceries, Provisions and Hardware, which, in addition to his former stock, he will sell at extremely low prices for Cash or Produce. His stock consists in part of the following articles:

New Orleans sugar,	Sandwich Island sugar,
Crushed do,	Powdered do,
Rio & Java coffee,	Young Hyson and Imperial teas,
New Orleans syrup,	Dried Apples & Peaches
Sandwich Islands do,	Yeast & Soap Powders,
Pepper,	Cinnamon & Cloves,
Pepper & Allspice,	East Boston syrup,

Stoves.—Cast and German steel, mill and cross-cut, hand, panel, and whip-saws.

Files and Rasps.—Mill saw files from 10 to 16 inches; flat bastard files from 10 to 14 inches; taper files from 3 to 7 inches; half round files from 7 to 14 inches; round do. from 5 to 7 inches; horse rasps from 11 to 14 inches.

Carpenters' Tools.—Firm chisels and gouges in sets or single; lockset chisels; bench planes; iron and steel squares; try squares; scratch saws and saw drivers; plain and flatted marking gauges and bevels; common and concave augurs; hand axes; hammers and hatchets.

Buildlers' Hardware.—Rim, flat, pad and mortice locks and latches; brass, mineral and white knobs; complete round, town and flat spring bolts; cast butts of all sizes; screws; also, round and flat bar iron; nail rod, do.; horse shoe bar, do. and plow steel.

ap21f **JAMES O'NEILL.**

**WINDOW glass, by the box or single light, at POPES.**

**RIFLE powder, also blasting powder, wholesale and retail, at POPES.**

**SANDS' susuparilla for sale by C. POPE, Jr.**

**5 doz. maple chairs for sale cheap by C. POPE, Jr.**

**LADIES Gaiter Shoes selling cheap at the store of C. POPE, Jr.**

**MARBLE toilet ware, a few more sets left at POPES.**

**BIBLES and Testaments, all sizes, may be found at (ap21f) POPES.**

**BOSTON syrup, New Orleans sugar, and Liverpool salt, for sale, wholesale and retail, by C. POPE, Jr.**

**Blacksmiths! Attention!!**

ON HAND—Plow steel, iron, bellows, anvils, horse shoes, vices, horse nails, mule shoes, cross bars, wrought nails, and English bar iron at 6 cents per lb.

ap21 **G. ABERNETHY & CO.**

**WHEAT, Oats, and Flour wanted in exchange for merchandise.**

**For San Francisco.**

THE staunch and fast Bark C. Devens, HALCY, master, will load with produce for San Francisco about the 23d April. Freight \$10 per ton. Shippers can consign to our house in San Francisco if desired.

ap21 **G. ABERNETHY & CO.**

**FERRY ROPE—2 and 3 inch cable, suitable for Ferry Ropes, just received.**

**For Sale—Less than Cost!**