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Correspondence of the Argus.

JACKSONVILLE, O. T., June 11, 1855. Mn. Annes :-- I have just returned from a trip down to Walla-walla, as the Willamette is termed in this part of the Territory. I was pleased, of course with the natural prospect, for the country unrolls itself before the traveler like a great map bound round with a dark rim of mountains, intersected here and there by a stream enclosed with its thick border of fir timber, and stretching out in the distance like a linge serpent. The eye takes in at one view more substantial wealth, more substance for real prosperity than ever has been or ia ; and more true poetry, noble images, exquisite I am not a flying traveler, jotting down the peharmony of form, brooks growing to rivers, valleys expanding to fertile plains, groves diverging into rising midst the clouds, than ever was written, save by Him whose ep'c is the Universe.

as it probably was thought years ago, when the first explorer beheld this country of which I am speaking; but there are other impressions which strike the traveler of the present day more directly, and certainly, if he comes like me from Jack-

Rogue river-valley rejoices in a fertile soil, and a climate peahaps more favorable than that of the Willamette, but it really suffers from the vicinity of the mines to which interest the agricultural plays second. The farmer not only calculating to I ve of of the miner, but expecting to make a fortune out-of him in the course of a few years, is therefore unsettled; his calculations are temporary, he thinks the country will be worth nothing when the mines are exhausted, (and heaven knows they have needly reached that state at this day) the ridiculous idea that he is making hay while rial of the community appears upon the surface, time our informant left. afford him a legitimate profit.

Last year the Walla-wallas hauled flour through the canyon and undersold the Rogue rogues, and drave no doubt if the road was planked through it but that they woold continue to supply us for some time to come. If But the canyon is now impassable, and our farmers can have their own terms, which are just low enough to shut out the packers from Crescent Caty.

We have a few turnips of the present year a the remarkably low price of ten cents per pound. . Potatoes, there are none in the valley, which show what enormous enters we gold diggers are, or, (and I believe it is the true view.) that our farmers are on unthrifty set, unfit for prosperty. And here there occurs an anomaly; notwithstanding the fertility of the soil, the unexampled increase, both vegetable and admal, the high price, and the madequacy of the supply to meet the demand, still othe merchants (our friends) refuse to give them credit, and they always seem to be tight up, which I can sonly account for upon the hypothesis that they are lazy. If you travel on the road they will regale you with fried pork and heavy black bread, stowing you away at night in some nameless hole, with two or three dirty blankets, to become the miserable prey of hungry verm'n, for which supper and bed you are too happy to pay one dollar nd a half, and empe without your breakfast. I appeal to every one-whose eyes may fall upon this, my remembrance of a night at the "Six-bit House" one at the "Turtle Creek Mills," if there is any better conson for the continuance of the dirt and faith of "four-snine" at this day in Oregon than t there is for the preservation of the exorbitant prices of shut your.

advantages upon others than upon themselves.

We feel, and I speak confidently for the class to which I belong, as if all others were compiring to get our money, without an equivalent; the relaxacies in which we cannot indulge. Our daily food start, but the boy did not make his appear- bored a thought nor mediated an action a handsome income in a properly regulated agricultural community. And so we have no alternative but to remain in our cabins with the hope that industry and parsimony may at some time enable

sing through the Umpqua you feel that you are in shake of his fist at the boy, who coolly apthe vie nity of civilization. You stop over night with Estia, at the foot of the mountain, he is a plied his thumb to his nose, and cried out model landlord, and will entertain you not only "does your mother know you're out." principles of temperance, morality, and with good fare for the body, but he has all the chit power of the errors of the day. Same body and fearless defiance of the errors of the day. Same body and the peace and by softening sectional aspertites, to promote the day and the peace and by softening sectional aspertites, to promote the day and the peace and by softening sectional aspertites, to promote the day. Same body and the peace and by softening sectional aspertites, to promote the day.

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Knows nought of Coroleis, and Stars, and Strings."

give you, together with a sketch of Reid its eccen- Great tric owner, who is living on bread and water in the hope of prolonging his life to such a time as his mber may come in demand.

Passing over the mountain you descend into the Willamette valley, and realize something of the prospect which I have attempted to describe in the pening of my letter. If, as unfortunate as I, you have spent the last three or four years in the mines and mountains of California, you awaken as if it were the remembrances of a dream. It is not Oregon; you are in an old country, old farms, old ouses, old orchards, and dear old remembrances urround you, or at least it seemed so to me.

Though some of the houses at which I stopped were even wanting in what are considered necessuries of life will everything had that unpretending air of neatness which is found only in farming mmunities; that cleanliness which so agreeably urprises those who come from the mines.

The population, however poor at present, however laughed and jeered at by those who sweat their lives away in the sunless gulches of Californ- of animosity between the two factions. a and Oregon for the poor compensation of merely handling a few bright scales of gold, which must inevetably pass into the hunds of expressmen, packers and merchants, are building up for themselves a permanent wealth which ere long will depend upon no contingencies, whilst we poor miners are palpably exhausting our resources each day : and there is the difference, the farmer increases the value of the ground upon which he labors, whilst the miner destroys it.

culiarities of a people among whom I have spent only a day, but the personal embodiment of what I write, having learned by the best opportunities of observation and ample experience the cvils which we suffer as a class ; and I think that I know All this and much more might have been said which are inevitable, springing from the nature of our pursuit, and which are conventional and might be prevented. In the first place we have no concert of action except upon very special and exciting occasions where the whole community is immed ately interested; we are always ready to punish a murder or their, simply because it is an moved him to the fort, two miles distant, act of self-protection, but take no further interest in the morals of a community in which we feel that we are only transient observers with no permanent interest : we are not social, have no correspondence name are all mysteries to us—it is true we might by three or four hundred names, requesting find all these things out simply by asking him, the officers in command at the fort to give but it would be an act of idle curiosity, the same up the prisoner, promising to give him the in effect as if we should put those questions to a quences of this are very apparent : the raw mate- was still confined in the guard house at the

> Rapacity and selfishness have the field to themelves against them individuals are left to protect themselves-there is no united voice of the community to cry out. Like a flock of sheep we are taken, one at a time, and sheared; first by the banker, and if we escape the gambler, then by the nierchant, and whilst we all stand in the pen, not one poor fool amongst us dreams that his turn may come the next.

It is fortunate for us that nature has provided us with some wonderful instincts, though our reason has not inducted us into the true state of the case; by being sheared so often and so close we become cold, and being cold we naturally look about us to see what has become of our covering. It is unnecessary to go into details, every miner understands that he has not been benefited by the reduction of the price of mild dust to \$16 per oz, that it has neither made the article plentier nor reduced the price of grub; he still pays for the same quantity of rag around his bacon which he can not cat, and 1

My subject is only opening out, and yet my time and space are exhausted. I had wished to say omething of the election last Monday, and have a However, I shall take another opportunity. Aside from the moral view of the case, the election in Jacksonville offers ample material for a letter-a exposure of the frauds committed by them fine field for descriptive talent.

SPIDER. My first thread is spon.

troit were slightly "done for" on the Satur- turned forthwith on receiving information If these who are fixed to the soil, whose destinies are permanently interwoven with the country
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Meeting --- The Perpetrator Threatened with Lynch Law --- Mob Violence Ap-

(From the St. Louis Intelligencer, May 5.) We are indebted to passengers on the Mis-souri river packets down, for the following second of a homicide at Leavenworth City, which created the most intense excitement zens of the town and neighborhood generally, in Leavenworth City, on Monday, 30th April, got together for the purpose of making a public demonstration of opinion with regard to the claims of the squatters, the election, the slavery agitation.

to the other. Malcomb Clark, a prominent swered, "It's a lie;" whereupon Clark advanced upon him, and struck him with a must prevail. club, which would have felled him had he not been prevented by staggering against As soon as he recovered from fled, hotly pursued by a number of Clark's friends, who fired several shots at him, none of which, however, took effect. He ran to the river, and sought shelter behind the bank, which was abrupt and high, whence his friends took him in their protection, reand delivered him to the military authorities, who locked him up in the guard house.

Great excitement ensued. Threats of mob violence and Lynch law were circulated, but with our next neighbor, don't know whether he is no unlawful demonstrations made. A petidoing well or bad; his politics, his religion, and his tion was gotten up by the mob, and signed benefit of an impartial trial by jury. The man whom we met on the highway. The conse- petition was not acceded to, and the prisoner

A handbill was printed and circulated all sas, to neet on Thursday at Leavenworth City, to take into consideration the aspect of affairs, and to adopt measures of proceeding in the present crisis. The handbill is signed by B. F. Stringfellow and John W. Kelley, editors of the "Squatter Sovereign." J. Marion Alexander, and a number of

We learn by the St. Louis Democrat of the same date that there was to be another mobocratic display at Parkville on the 5th. at the bidding of the Self Defensive Associa tion. The crowd was to be divided off into squads, to be detailed as follows: One company to Kansas City, to destroy the Amercan Hotel, used as the reception house for the Eastern men who come to settle in Kansas; another to proceed at the right time to Kansas Territory, to break up the Herald of Freedom office; and others to do business in other counties.

The Democrat also publishes a letter to the public from George S. Park, of Parkam sure that he is sensible that the Sunday law is ville. Mo, on the subject of the destruction not avoided by the Stores and Saloons wholly for of the printing office by the mob. He was absent in Kansas at the time, but forthwith returned home on hearing of the outrage. The Democrat says:

"It is a manly and dignified appeal to the lick at the new system, or more properly the oun! honor and patriotism of the people of Missouri, against the ruffians who have violated

TO THE PUBLIC.

When our printing office was destroyed Two well known gentlemen of De- I was absent in Kansas Territory, and rea pack of cards for their amusement. Ac-cordingly a boy was dispatched with a three dollar bill to purchase the desired article. took no part in it; and why my life and property should be destroyed by any portion of this community I cannot tell; the charge train and chastise the rougish messenger duty has compelled me to cross their path, of the people of that Territory to get rid of which has brought on my devoted head the a Governor who is obnoxious to them. bitterest persecution.

Our paper can be read—it will speak for itself. It does not claim perfection-the leading objects have been to promote the

and almost superhuman exertion, the independence of that vast country was achieved -now one of the brightest stars in the constellation of States; and refer to my fellow citizens to attest the fact, while I have re-

election, the slavery agitation, and other I have to leave the grave or my wife, the noise prominent questions agitated in that section. There was a large attendance of both growth and prosperity of the country, and proslave y and anti-slavery men, and the free for no offense, like a base culprit—I ayes to one side of the house and the nays an humble individual is in the power of large increase in population during the year, there politician of the pro-slavery faction, and a large owner of or a squatter on land in and about the town, cried out, "We have the majority," to which a lawyer named Mc-crea, a leader of the Freesoil faction, and it will gush up like a perpetual fountain forever! God has impressed on his universe.

Numbers are principle and cattery for the requisition of the requisition of the citizens of the supply any profitable demand to supply any profitable demand for provisions.

Tamingrants are still arriving by land and water.

Numbers are prospecting and taking claims, and On motion of J. Marion Alexander, a Commit-

Washington-If an American home affords rarely been equaled. You can no longer feel loneno protection-if the time has arrived when the stun, McCrea drew a revolver and shot this Union must be dissolved, and all its Clark, killing him instantly. McCrea then kindred ties and mighty interest broken and destroyed, and our land drenched with fraternal blood, then let me be buried beneath the turbid waters of the Missouri rather than live to behold such a scene. God save our country. GEO. S. PARK.

A report was current in St. Louis on the 5th, that Geo. S. Park had been severely lynched in Kansas, and his dwelling house burned. This the Democrat pronounces "a There fabrication of his enemies." Argus, however, warns both Park and Pat terson not to appear in Weston on the 5th. The mob resolutions, it will be recollected, 13 were to the effect that if these men were found in Weston on that day, they should lowed to Kansas and hung. The Argus of the citizens of Clay county. further says that "the course of those who

the St. Louis Democrat thus briefly but pointedly comments:

"Surely the people of that State must be possessed of the same devils that drove the wine over the precipice into the sea. How reasonable beings can be guilty of such reckless lawlessness we cannot divine."

The following handbill was published at Weston and Leavenworth: TO THE PUBLIC !—GREAT INDIGNATION MEET

ING. Arouse and avenge the blood of your fellow man WHEREAS: Malcomb Clark, one of our most worthy and estimable citizens—a man whom it was imcossible to see without admiring, or to know with out esteeming, and of whom it might be said that those who knew him best loved him most, was con signed to an untimely grave, killed! atrociously murdered without any just cause or provocation, in this city, on the 30th ultimo, by the violent and ruthless hand of an assassin, C. McCrea, a meeting of our citizens is hereby called in this place Thursday, May 3d, for the purpose of taking sor action in relation to this fool and atrocious crime which a happy lamily has sustained a sad and

murderous hand of a treacherous villain! When these fatal consequences will end, God only know. Arise, fellow men, and trample under your feet the hydra-headed monster, A BOLITION ISM!
Signed by D. Scott Boyle, and others, members of the committee appointed by the citizens of Leavenworth to frame a call for a public meeting.
LEAVENWORTH CITY, K. T., May 1st, 1855.

reparable bereavement, and our community been deprived of one of her most useful and enterprising

Latest from the Seat of War.

The Missouri Republican of the 12th May

has the following Kansas.-An Illinois Abelition paper is abusing us because we did not publish an address, or proclamation, to the people of Kansas, cailing upon them to assemble and take measures to effect the removal of Gov. Reeder from the office which he holds in that Territory. That paper will excuse us for exercising the right of filling up our paper according to our own judgment. We did not publish the proclamation because it never had the sanction of any name, or authority corner of a building. Our friend began to interests of Missouri to be in that course of much like a trick of the abolitionists of Kan-

> Time has proven that this proclamation did not meet the concurrence or approbation of any considerable number of Kansas, for they did not respond to the call; and the President is left to dispose of Gov. virtue; to take a conservative political stand.
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> Reeder as he may deem proper—either by and, by moderating the extremes and by retaining him in office, or by dismissing him. We infer from the dispatches from Wash-

I love the South, and have spent the best to remain, and that he will return with his energies of my life to advance her interests and her glory. The battle-fields of Texas are eternal evidence of the fact; where individual enterprise gathered around the gallant Houston, and by incredible hardship 22d of this month, but it matters very little how they may terminate, as there is already a decided Anti-Abolition majority in each branch of the Assembly. The majority in that body will be able to fashion things just as they please, and we believe, from our knowledge of the men, that while they will knowledge of the institution of slavery, they

meeting was characterized by uproarious cannot. I would rather prefer death at my nels, and regetation looked languishing and dying. meeting was characterized by unroarious cannot. I would rather prefer death at my ness, bickering, confusion, and equilitions of animosity between the two factions.

A question, among others, was put to vote by the Chairman, and the vote being up. Our press has been third the soil of the country I have toiled to build the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been third the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been third the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been the two factors and upon the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been the two factors and upon the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been the two factors and upon the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been the two factors and upon the review and upon the soil of the country I have toiled to build up. Our press has been the two factors and upon the review and upon A question, among others, was put to the soil of the country I have toiled to build vote by the Chairman, and the vote being up. Our press has been thrown into the close, a division was called by ordering the Missouri river—I may be builed there too— an abundant crop; and, in anticipation of the domestic relations, and all such persons a large increase in population during the year, there shall be notified and made to leave the T hundreds of armed men-hut his death will will be a great deal planted. Many of the farm- The committee appointed on Monday last to no

the principles of truth and justice, and they building houses, and plowing fields, and engaging tee of Vigilance, consisting of thirty, was appoint in every employment incident to a new country, ed for the purpose of carrying out the resolu If there is no security in the land of and giving to it a business appearance which has of the meeting. ly in the forests, or upon the plains-you nicet persons everywhere. No longer is it necessary to have an enduring horse to bear you long d stances to keep you from sleeping on the cold sad and being canopied only by the sky. You can walk at you leisure and find hospitable roofs to shelter and refresh you.

There are to be two weldings in this neighborhood to-night. Marriages are very frequent, and there are already a good many native white Kan-

There are some few trains now getting ready for California. English's train will start from St. Joseph, Mo., this week. It will consist of some twen men and six or e'ght hundred head of cattle.

The course of the citizens of Platte, in regard to Park and Patterson and the Northern Methodist be thrown into the Missouri river, or be fol- preachers, has been sanctioned by a large meeting

It is wholly out of the question for Abolit on sts to committed to the bottom of the Missouri get a foot-hold here. Horace Gree'ey and his hotriver the Luminary press, has been sanction-ed by a very large and enthusiastic meeting the welkin ring, to try to frighten us with the threat the sun shines, whilst in fact he is only stripping as poor miners and driving us to despair, or from the country, when we might lay by a little money if he would be satisfied to feed us at such rates as would sens ble Free Sollers in the whole country who Kansas; and as for the victims of the Aid Society, they are getting out of it fast enough to spread the news at home in time to prevent any of their neighbors from being duped by the same thing, a selfish and treacherous organization. We are glad to see good men here from every quarter. We would welcome honest citizens from New York and Masachusetts as readily and heartily as from any other

portion of our country. and their base tools would find the atmosphere of taking his seah . Being very tired, I thankinnsas very uncongenial; indeed, so warm that they would hasten back to catch the Atlantic breezes to cool them off. They could not exist in it; I tell them the truth when I tell them so, and if they doubt it, as Mr. Greeley would seem inclined No less than four gentlemen arose instantly, to do, just let them come and try it. I would invite Mr. Greeley especially and particularly, as he seems to be a sort of champion of the freemen, proclaiming to them with confidence, the glorious benefits and growing delights that they would find rant that if he is an honest man, that he will advise no more abolitionists to come here ; that he will tell them that he was mistaken; that the soil is not suited to their labor, nor the climate to their con-

Indignation Meeting No. 2, at Leavenworth.

Pursuant to adjournment of the indignation meeting on the 30th April, the citizens of Leavenworth re-convened on Thursday, at 11 o'clock, Col. A. Payne presiding, and James M. Lyle acting as Secretary of the

The committee appointed to draft resoluunanimously adopted:

has arrived when it is necessary for men to main-tain their inalienable rights by setting at defiance the constituted authorities of the country.

Resolved, That we deeply and sheerely sym-pathies with the family of Mulcolm Clark, decraced,

n their sad and irreparable bereavement, which is deprived them of an affectionate and doating

advance the public weat, and whose sentiments were liberal, and at all times expressed, with a bold and fearless defiance of the errors of the day.

oitement there is no such thing as control ebullition of feeling while material remain country on which to give it vent. To the

country on which to give it vent. To the peculiar friends of Northern fanatics we say this is not your country, go home and vent your treason where you may find sympathy.

Resolved, That we invite the inhabitants of every State, North, South, East and West, to come among us and to cultivate the beautiful prairie lands of our Territory, but leave behind you the fanaticiams of higher law and all kindred dectrines; come only to maintain the laws as they exist, and not to preach your higher duties of setting them at naught, for we warn you in advance, that our institutions are sacred to us, and must and shall be respected.

ter and the servant; for much as we may depre-Resolved. That we recognize the right of every

Ist, says:

For a long time it has been warm and dry, and high winds have blown continually, until the streams had almost ceased to flow along their channels, of natural law, and systems of jurisprulers, and vegetation looked languishing and dying.

Respired. That we are accustomed to submit.

The meeting was addressed by Judge Lecompte,

Col. J. N. Burns, of Weston, and D. M. Johnson

Popular Scutiment in Western Missouri The Rope, the Faggot, and the Flood threatened on Free-Sotters.

The Missouri Argus, of the 1st of May, publishes the proceedings of a mass meeting held at Weston, at which a series of resolutions, of a somewhat singular character, were passed.

In the first place they say self-defence requires the expu'sion from our State of every person wh by acts or words brings reproach upon negro slavery-and then goes on to state that robbers and traitors have no right to any protection from law; and neither have incendiary individuals who would

disturb our institutions. The resolutions ratify the proceedings at Park ville, and and approve of the resolution in regard to Methodist preachers, and adds thereto, all preachers who preach against slavery. They profees to have no argument against Abolition papers, but the Missouri river, the bonfire, and the hem

The meeting pledged itself to go to Kansas and help to expel those thieves who should attempt cor-

A grand mass meeting is cal take place at Parkville on the 5th of May.

Pretty Women and Politeness.

A talented lady who "writes for the papers," speaks thus of city railway cars : "The seats of the car were all occupied-crowded, yet the conductor stopped for me. Not wishing to disturb those who were scated, I We would hail such men as our countrymen and was intending to stand, but a gentleman up prothers. But the managers of the Aid Society at the far end arose and insisted upon my ed him and obeyed. Presently a lady, much younger, much prettier, and much better dressed than myself, entered the car: offering her a seat. She smiled sweetly unaffectedly, and thanking the gentleman who urged the nearest seat to her she seated herself with a peculiar grace of manner. in a home in this new land of fertile plains, and She had one of those faces Raphael was balmy air, to come and try it himself. I will war- always painting-touchingly sweet and expressive. A little after this young beauty had taken her seat, a poor woman, looking very thin and very pale, with that care-worn, haggard look that poverty, and sorrow, and hard labor always give, came in. She might have been one of those poor seamstresses who work like slaves and-starve for their labor. She was thinly and meanly clad, and seemed weak and exhausted. She had evidently no sixpence to throw away, and came in the car not to stand, but to rest tions reported the following, through the while she was helped on in her journey. chairman, J. M. Alexander, which were While she was meekly standing for the mement, none of the gentlemen (1) offering to Resolved. That we regret the death of our esteemed fellow-citizen, Malcolm Clark, and most ing eyes, looked on those who had so bitterly condemn the cowardly act by which he was murdered; but we would deprecate any violation of the laws of the land by way of revenge, and stand roady to maintain and defend the laws from stand roady to maintain and defend the laws from the laws from the laws of the laws from the laws fro any mob violence; that we do not deem the time I myself was rising to give the poor old lady a seat, she arose and insisted upon the woman taking her seat. It was all the work of a moment; and the look of grateful surprise the old woman gave her, and the glance of sweet pity the beautiful girl bestowed on the woman as she yields her seat, and the evident consternation of the broadan energetic and praise worthy friend; one who cloth individuals, who were manifestly was ever ready to put forward his best efforts to put to shame—all were to me irrespective. interesting and instructive. One of these same broadcloth wearers, apparently overquiet by powered with confusion, got up and left the car, and Raphael's angel took his vacant