

MUSIC LOST.

Somewhere along the doubtful years, In years of joy or years of pain, My soul has marveled while it heard A sound it never heard again.

Somewhere—perhaps in that strange lapse Of being, which, we dimly dream, Was somewhere in our brief lives, Divided life's mysterious stream.

In dreams I seem to hear again, But, waking, lose the melody, And wondering echoes of the tone Fetter hunt and follow me.

My questioning heart looks searchingly In every human, brother face; And eagerly in each new voice The long-lost clue I seek to trace.

Sometimes a meaning sweet and rare Rings through some half-forgotten word, And hails the dear, exceeding joy, Which thrilled from that diviner chord.

Enfolded in that subtle tone, I dream I hid the mystic key, Which, reproduced, would bring again Life's discord back to harmony.

In vain—pale Memory strives in vain To roll away the mighty stone; The faithful Past yields up its dead Into the voice of God alone.

My weak hands strive with Destiny For harmonies it should have lent— A note from life's sweet tune is gone: A string lost from the instrument.

O music sweet and infallible! O measure beautiful and free! Strike up along the slumbering hearts That only sleep to dream of thee!

Graduates at West Point.

The whole number of the graduating class at West Point, when it was formed four years ago, was 81. Of this number only 34 graduated at the late examination.

Virginia Election. We present the following statistical facts derived from reliable sources, to which we call special attention.

Looking over the census of the United States for 1850, we find that out of thirty counties, which at the election of the 24th of May gave Mr. Wise a majority of over 200 each, the population of which is 223,018—Wise's majority being 13,455.

Three counties in Virginia—Page, Rockingham and Shenandoah—voted almost entirely by Germans, gave Wise at the late election, a majority of 4,829 votes out of 5,767 votes that were cast.

Why there is no Rain in Peru. In Peru, South America, rain is unknown. The coast of Peru is within the region of perpetual south-east trade winds.

Whiskers.—The editor of the Lancaster Literary Gazette says he would as soon nestle her nose in a rat's nest of swingle-tow, as to allow a man with whiskers to kiss her.

Swallows. As a proof of the valuable services rendered by swallows, it is estimated that one of these birds will destroy, at a low calculation, nine hundred insects per day.

Memory presides over the past, attention presides over the present. The first lives in a rich temple hung with glories, and when it is considered that some insects produce as many as nine generations in a summer, the state of the air but for these birds may be readily conceived.

The world is more apt to reward appearances than deserts.

Free Schools.

The glory of our nation is essentially different from the glory of any other nation on earth. We have no huge edifices lying in mouldering ruins to attract the voyager from other lands.

But we have institutions to which we can point the stranger with emotions of pleasure and honest national pride. All over our land are little elementary schools supported at the public expense.

In a Republic, education must ever be one of the main props of the grand temple of liberty. A free form of government cannot exist if the people are ignorant and barbarous.

Where the Mosquitoes Come From. A writer on entomology, discussing about these summer pests, thus handles the subject: "The mosquito proceeds from the animalcule commonly termed the 'wiggie-tail'."

After the water had gone through this process, I found it perfectly free from animalcule. I therefore came to the conclusion that this wiggie tail is a species of the shark, who, having devoured whole tribes of animalcule, takes to himself wings and escapes into a different medium to torture mankind.

Any man who has "kept house" with a cistern in the yard, has doubtless observed the same effect every summer. Open your cistern cover any morning in the mosquito season, and millions of them will fly up in your face.

Washing without Labor. BOBES' Babol's Soap Powder, for sale by WM. C. DEMENT & CO.

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

COARSE & FINE SALT—I have in store 25 tons coarse and fine salt, to be sold very cheap. [ap21] JAMES O'NEILL.

Notice.

ATTENTIONS are directed to the Nez Perce Tribe of Indians, and the confederated tribes of the Walla-walla, Cayuse, and Umatilla in the Walla-walla Valley at the Council Grounds.

By the Nez Perce, commencing at the source of the Walla-walla, or southern tributary of the Palouse river, thence down the river to the main Palouse; thence in a southerly direction to the Snake river at the mouth of the Tukulian river.

Commencing at the mouth of the Tukulian river, in Washington Territory, running thence up said river to its source; thence easterly along the summit of the Blue Mountains, and on the southern boundaries of the purchase made of the Nez Perce Indians.

By an express provision of the Treaty, the country embraced in the cessions and not included in the Reservations is open to settlement, excepting that the Indians are secured in the possession of their buildings and implements till removed to the Reservations.

Central Produce Depot. CONSTANTLY receiving fresh from ranch, wheat, oats, bacon, lard, butter, etc. JOHN P. BROOKS.

Just Received. At the 'Old Stand,' Canamh, April 21, '55. 4,000 Lbs. Light Brown Sugar, 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.

Our bakery we keep constantly on hand bread, crackers, cakes, pies, &c. CHARMAN & WARNER.

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

New Orleans Sugar & Molasses. 50 Barrels of New Orleans sugar per clipper ship "Halifax," 50 do. of New Orleans molasses per clipper "Herald of the Morning."

Notice.

ALLAN, MCKINLAY & CO., A STOCK OF NEW GOODS. HAVE just received a large assortment of goods, and would invite all those who wish to procure GOOD articles at reasonable prices, to call and see them.

canal & wheel barrows fancy brooms grain cradles grass scythes & matts

San Francisco, the following goods: 10,000 lbs. No. 1 China sugar, 100 bbls & half lbs N. O. sugar, 100 chests India, gunpowder and young hyson teas.

The Summer Trade. WE are now receiving from New York and San Francisco, the following goods: 10,000 lbs. No. 1 China sugar, 100 bbls & half lbs N. O. sugar, 100 chests India, gunpowder and young hyson teas.

Groceries FOR SALE BY CHARLES POPE, JR. SUGAR, Salt, Coffee, Tea, Syrup, Chocolate, C. S. Soda, Saleratus, Cream Tartar, Sal Soda, Carb. Soda, Pepper, Spice, Almond, Lard, Capers, etc. April 21, 1855-1/2

Great Distress among the Army of Sevastopol!! Dreadful scarcity of Provisions!—Oregon Groceries full and overflowing!! CHARMAN & WARNER. Agents under Providence for fattening the lean kind!!

Late Arrival. IN addition to our present stock we are now receiving direct from New York, "ex clipper ship Phoenix," 50 bbls. and half bbls. N. O. Sugar; 20 bbls. crushed sugar; 10,000 lbs. Rio coffee; 20 bbls. N. O. molasses; for sale low by WM. C. DEMENT & CO. Opposite the Land Office.

Just Received. A splendid assortment of Family Groceries, such as tea, syrup, sugar, &c.; also fine and coarse salt, cream tartar, apples, ch. l. peaches, sardines, oysters, clams, yeast powder, also a large quantity of superior charcoal cigars, 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.

Notice. 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. [ap21] JAMES O'NEILL.

BUSINESS CARDS.

ALLAN, MCKINLAY & CO., General Commission Merchants, and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, &c., &c. George T. Allan, Archibald McKinlay, Thomas Lowe.

ALLAN, MCKINLAY & CO., Lower Seaside, Umpqua, Oregon. ALLAN, MCKINLAY & CO., Champoux Oregon Territory.

JAMES O'NEILL, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN Provisions & Hardware, No. 1, Main Street.

CHARLES POPE, JR., DEALER in Hardware, Groceries, Dry Goods, Clothing, Boots & Shoes, Medicines, Books and Stationery. Main-st., Oregon City, April 21, 1855-1/2

Wm. C. Dement & Co., WHOLESALE and Retail Dealers in Groceries, Provisions, Paints, Oils, Boots and Shoes, Crockery, &c. Opposite the Land Office, Main St. Oregon City. June 1, 1855.

JOHN R. MBRIDE, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELOR AT LAW, Lafayette, Yamhill County, O. T. WILL faithfully attend to all business entrusted to his professional care. April 21, 1855-1/2

JOHN P. BROOKS, Wholesale & Retail Dealer in Groceries, Produce, Provisions, &c. Main Street. A General Assortment kept up of Selected Goods. Canamh, April 21, 1855-1/2.

Wells, Fargo & Co's Express, Between Oregon, California, the Atlantic States and Europe. HAVING made advantageous arrangements with the United States and Pacific Mail Steamship Companies for transportation, we are now prepared to forward Gold Dust, Bullion, Specie, Packages, Parcels, and Freight, to and from New York, N. Orleans, San Francisco, Portland, and principal towns of California and Oregon.

Our regular Semi-monthly Express between Portland and San Francisco, is dispatched by the Pacific Mail Steamship Co's steamer ship Columbia, commencing at San Francisco with our semi-monthly Express to New York and New Orleans, which is dispatched regularly on the 1st and 15th of each month, by the most steamers and in charge of our own messengers, thorough to destination.

Our Express from New York leaves regularly on the 5th and 20th of each month, also in charge of our messengers. Treasure insured in the best New York companies, or at Lloyd's in London, at the option of shippers.

Offices—New York, No. 16, Wall st.; New Orleans, No. 11, Exchange place; San Francisco, No. 114, Montgomery street. J. N. BANKER, Agent. Oregon City, April 21, 1855-1/2

The Steamer Portland, CAPT. A. S. MURRAY, Will run daily between Portland and Oregon City. Leaves Portland at eight o'clock, A. M. Returning, leaves Oregon City at four o'clock, P. M. For freight or passage apply on board. [ap21]

U. S. MAIL LINE. Oregon City and Portland Daily Packet. JENNIE CLARK, J. C. AINSWORTH, MASTER, Will run daily (Sundays excepted), in the above-named trade, leaving Oregon City every day at 4 o'clock, A. M. Returning, will leave Portland at 2 P. M., touching at all intermediate ports. For freight or passage apply on board. [ap21]

New Volumes of the Four Review and Blackwood. COMMENCE with North British for May, 1855, and the other Reviews and Blackwood for June, 1855.

Choice selection of Popular Books, New-papers, Magazines and Family Stationery. Among the books on hand will be found works on Temperance, Agriculture, Horticulture, History, Poetry, Biography, Medicines, Religion, Science, School Books, Romances, &c., &c., &c. [ap21] Subscriptions received for Harper, Graham, Goodeney, Leslie's, or Putnam, at 84 a year, postage free.

Subscriptions received for any newspaper published in any part of the Union. Remember the Franklin Book Store and Newspaper Agency, Front street, Portland Oregon. [ap21] A priced catalogue will be published early in April, and will be sent to any part of the territory free on application.

Reading for the Million. S. J. MCCORMICK HAS STORED ON HAND AT THE FRANKLIN BOOK STORE, FRONT ST., PORTLAND, OREGON.

Choice selection of Popular Books, New-papers, Magazines and Family Stationery. Among the books on hand will be found works on Temperance, Agriculture, Horticulture, History, Poetry, Biography, Medicines, Religion, Science, School Books, Romances, &c., &c., &c. [ap21] Subscriptions received for Harper, Graham, Goodeney, Leslie's, or Putnam, at 84 a year, postage free.

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Ladies! YOU will find an excellent assortment of Dress and Bonnet Silks, Satins and Velvets; also Bonnet Trimmings, Hosiery, Gloves, Laces and Ribbons, Table Cloths, Counterpanes, &c., at the store of CHARLES POPE, JR. (Main-st., opposite Abernethy's store,) where may be found almost everything in the line of Dry Goods.

Such as Prints, Gingham, Alpaca, Merino, Plaid Linsey, Muslin, Sattinets, Jeans, Flannels, Sheetings, Bed Ticking, Hickory Strips, Cotton Batting, &c. Oregon City, April 21, 1855-1/2

Medicines for Sale, By CHARLES POPE, JR. SANDS' Sarsaparilla, Peck's Wild Cherry Bitters, Bateman's drops, Brandreth's pills, Lee's pills, Perry's vermifuge, Opodeldoe, Gum Camphor, Gum Arabic, British oil, Lobelia, Hot drop, Preparation, Roman eye balsam, Dalley's eye extractor, Laxative, Fargerson's, Oil of Peppermint, Essence, Composition Powders, Carter's Pulmonary Balsam, Sulphur, Epsom Salts, &c. April 21, 1855-1/2

FOR SALE BY CHARLES POPE, JR. BRASS and Iron Butts, Screws, Locks and Latches, Hand-saws, Curry Combs, Hair Drawing-knives and Hatchets, Hair Brushes and Cards, Gun Locks, Gun Caps, Wall Cards, Chest Handles, Planes, &c. April 21, 1855-1/2

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