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TO OUR PATRONS.

We hate dunning, as you all know, but we hate to be dunned, worse yet. The fact tween this and the first of April, we should in the face unabashed.

have neglected it until they have probably not raise the pittance they owe us. Those who can conveniently do so will please as soon as possible.

The Vancouver Indians Again.

ter connected with the flight of the Indians. and their treatment by Judge Strong, of which, by the authority of Mr. McCarver, giving our readers a correct statement of now at Vancouver, waiting to hear from ed in the following: nished us by several gentlemen whom we

Indiana sent out a delegation to confer with went back to their camp, and fired some not be lessened by his visit to our shores. seventy shots which were responded to by about tifty shots from the whites. A few an Indian dead on the ground. Who he ing out when and flour. was they knew not, and noticed nothing When all of our wheat can be cashed at

the path, thus causing his death. One of the Indians said that could not be, as he was shot in several places. Strong was then satisfied that, this Indian had a hand in shooting Um a-tute, as none of the Indians had seen him since Strong informed them that his men had found a dead Indian .-The fact that this Indian knew that it was their chief, and that be was shot in several places in the body, satisfied the Judge that they must have killed him themselves .-The Indians finally agreed to return after three or four days time, which they craved in order to lament over their chief, and attend to the funeral obsequies. Strong had, previous to this, furnished them with provisions to enable them to return, as they had agreed. Judge Strong finally agreed to leave them, to bury and bewail their chief, and return alone. On last Sunday the Indians sent word to Vancouver that they were coming. On Monday morning a small party of whites was sent out to escort them in, and they were expected back Monday night. We left on Tuesday morning a eight o'clock, but left without hearing any thing further from the Indians. There are various conjectures, as to the reason why the Indians killed their chief. Some suppose that Um-a-tuts had started back to Ft. Vancouver, and some of his tribe being dissatisfied with him for taking them away from the Fort, waylaid and shothim. Some suppose that he was killed for having put name and post-office, and stating that the paper is suppose that he was killed for having put not taken from the office. Otherwise the post-matter is held responsible. months since; merely out of revenge .-Others again are at a less to give any satisfactory reason, unless it be that he was killed for having made a treaty, agreeing to return. As to the barn that was burnt, is, we are now owing nearly two thousand Um-a tuts expressed great surprise when dollars, which must be paid. The amount Strong charged him with having fired it, due us by one subscriber will go but a little and said he knew nothing of it, but admitted ways towards liquidating so large a debt, that some of his young men might have but if we had every dollar that is due us be- burnt it in consequence of having bad hearts.

We have been thus particular in relating be able to meet our creditors, and look them the circumstances in detail, as they were related to us by Judge McFadden and one We look to our subscribers to help us out or two others, in order to set the matter of the difficulty. We hear of many who right before the community. If there is have been ready to pay us long ago, but any mistake in the matter it is owing to the treachery af our memory, to which we entrusted the whole story for some three days forgotten that they owe us. Times are before we committed it to paper. We now getting better, money is more plenty found that there was a great diversity of than it has been, and there are few who can, opinion at Vancouver as to the policy of the whole transaction. Some think that Judge Strong ought to have brought the Indians back, nolens rolens; others think it would remit the amount due us, by mail. If any have been a foolish sacrifice of human life to of our agents have money on hand they have engaged the Indians, at a fearful odds, will confer a lasting favor by forwarding it when they were satisfied that the Indians were friendly, and would return, in due

In justice to Judge McFadden we will During a visit to Varcouver, last Mon- state, that he seemed to take a very cool, day, we conversed with several gentlemen dispassionate view of the whole matter, and in reference to the history of the whole mat- expressed no opinion criminating anybody.

the matter, and of doing justice to all con- Maj. Rains, before he lays his plans for pros- Infandam Bush-ina jubes renovare dolorem corned, we shall give the statement as furnished us by several centlemen, whom we the volunteer forces he will call for them.

Et quorum purs magna fui. the volunteer forces he will call for them, and, he seems to think that no difficulty Judge Strong, in company with Dr. New- will be experienced in getting the regulars ell, with some thirty men, found the Indians and columners to not together. The Gen. Wednesday night was witnessed by some sixteen miles from Ft. Vancouver, is in fine health and spirits, and is confident

Gen. Wool is noted for his kindness and Strong, among whom was their chief Um. indulgence, to those under his command, merits of such performances. The pera tuts. The Indians agreed to return, in a while at the same time his will is but to be short time, instead of offering "to fight first," known, in order to be obeyed. He has alas we stated last week. Both parties roady acquired a military fame co-extensive agreed to fire off their guns as a token of with the Union, and his reputation as a solfriendship between them. The Indians dier and a gentleman, we are confident will

Wheat Buyers.

minutes after, some three shots were heard from California for the purpose of buying a uity in general, and of the young in partic. Fargo & Co., that a duel had been fought in another direction, which Strong supposed large quantity of wheat and flour. He in- ular. All of their associations are of the in San Francisco just before the steamer left were fired by some Indian scouts who hap forms us that he shall probably purchase purest and most angelic character. pened to be out. He (Streng) immediates some twenty thousand bushels of wheat bewent out. They had proceeded but a short opened between San Francisco and Austra- savage" ought to tame a rude boy, but as it distance, when, in passing over the ground lia, and two large ships (one of them of four fails to do so, we would recommend to sup where the random shots had been heard, thousand tons burden) have lately cleared ply what the music lacks by the panacea they found a horse standing in the trail, and from San Francisco for the Crimea, carry-

farther than that he had been shot in the a dollar, and when Uncle Sam sends in the head. They first thought of passing on, cash to pay the expenses of this Indian war, but upon a moment's reflection, they thought then there will be the beginning of another it best to carry back the report to Strong's "golden age" in Oregon, but like the one in camp. Soon after they reached the camp, 1849 it will be short lived unless our farmers

jumping his horse over a log which lay in Dalles.

Excuse for Postmasters.

In noticing the faults and failings of our We have made this remark as a sort of within a few feet of the shore. premise to a word or two about the commatter. The post master, when called upon of an English velvet lawn in May. "thinks he gave the paper to somebody to The proud Columbia stretches away carry to you," but is not able of course to the east for some five or six miles, and

Literature.

their sins as soon as possible.

writers as Livy, Homer, Josephus, and Vir- CRAM, of the Topographical Engineers, in land editor. If any person wishes to see all the beauties of style, the simplicity of Pacific coast. expression, the artlessness of "naked truth." &c , &c., that were so happily blended in the writings of Josephus, let him read an that we should be willing to live and die editorial in the Standard of last Thursday, there if we had a small field we could call under the head of "Our Position," which s an inimitable imitatation of the style of poetry in his composition, (and there are that famous Jewish historian. The article some there who have,) must thank his stars is a gem of history, embracing the rise, pro- for being permitted to bivounc on a plain gress, and downfall of Dorrism in Rhode which the Goddess of Nature has surround-Island, in relating which the editor informs ed with as many charms as the one where

Et quorum pars magna fui. The occasion which has brought forth this item of history seems to be the leader J W. Trutch, Esq. has shown us a map

Prof. Newell's Musical Concert last erowded house. We make no sort of preforted and well prepared for defence. The that he can soon bring the Indians to terms, tensions to musical taste ourself, and are wholly incapable of deciding upon the formance of many of the pieces was received by tremendous applause, and other demonstrations of delight. The people seem highly delighted with the entertainments of the evening, and feel amply repaid for their time and expenses. We think such performances exert an elevating and chast-Mr. Curry came up on the last steamer ening influence upon the morals of commu- thority of the Express messenger of Wells,

which Dr. Solomon discovered in a hickory.

The Steamer.

The California left Vancouver last Tuesday morning for San Francisco via Steilacoom, where she discharges a large amount of government stores, arms and ammunition. besides landing some fifty soldiers, who some Indians came in and charged that devote more attention to agriculture than and Washington service. The California line, where we run against either "Hells," thought it best to confine the miasma to the thought it asai desceration of "holy things."

side of the head near the car, Um-a-tuts' 23" Judge Strong left Vancouver with through to Corvallis. The workmen are The Telegraph poles are all set revolver might have accidently gone off, in his force on last Monday morning, for the new extending the wires from this city to

Vancouver.

Although we have now been in Oregon brethren in the flesh, we ought always to be over seven years, we never saw Vancouver "charitable" as possible-we ought to till last Monday. We pronounce it decidedjust at least. That is to say, we ought ly the most levely and remantic spot we to give fu'll credit to all palliating circum- have seen in the West. The water of the ure derelictions of duty, of whatever sort. hundred tons burthen can lie at anchor

The banks immediately on the river are plaints that are frequently made to us of the probably twenty feet high. Ascending this carelessness of post masters. Some of our you land upon the first bench, which is a subscribers frequently complain that they level prairie stretching some two miles up fail to get their papers regularly, and the the river, and extending back to the north fault is generally laid to the post master, about one fourth of a mile. This is held Now in passing through the country we by the Hudson Bay Company, on which have learned that many of these mistakes stands their fort, the Governor's house and are not chargeable to your postmasters, but other improvements. Leaving this bench, 1852, and grafted in March, 1853, which measure to some of your own neighbors. Your you begin the ascent of the second one. neighbor A, B, or C, who is too stingy to which gradually rises to the north, for take the paper himself, calls at the office something less than half a mile, until you for your paper, intending to get the first come to the skirt of fir timber which envireading of it, and then send it over to you. rons it to the north. This second beach is The P. M. thinking all is right hands him reserved by the government and is occupied your paper, and thinks nothing more about by buildings suited to the convenience of it. Your good neighbor carries it home, the army. This tract of prairie stretches up reads it, throws it down; his children snatch the Columbia some two miles. The soil is it up, tear it, carry it off, probably demolish rich, and is now covered with a carpet of it, and nothing more is ever thought of the beautiful green having much the appearance

say positively. You leave in an ill humor equally as far to the West in almost a of course, laying all the blame on the post straight line. Looking east immediately master. Knowing these things often occur along the line of the River, Mt. Hood at the we mention it, in defense of such of our post distance of over forty miles looms up in aw masters as we believe endeavor to do their ful grandeur, piercing, the clouds with its duty, (of which we have quite a number in everlasting frosts, and telling of the mighty mind.) We don't want those postmasters convulsions which ages since have shaken who have heretofore been in the habit of this western world. A person just landing stealing newspapers for wrapping paper, to at Vancouver from the States would not take any encouragement from the forego- suppose the mountain to be more than ten ing, however, but hope they will repent of miles distant. Its hight has been variously estimated by scientific travelers. The calculations range from fourteen to nineteen It has been thought that the world would thousand feet. We have never been able to neve more be blessed with such classical make it quite fifteen thousand feet. Capt. gil, but we are delighted at seeing evidences formed us that he intended to apply to that the spirit of some one of these wor. Congress for a small appropriation to enable thies which has been long wandering thro' him to make such accurate explorations and dry places, seeking rest, has at length taken measurements as to enable him to solve a possession of the "mortal coil" of a Port- problem which has never yet been solved, namely, the hight of perpetual snow on the

we thought, as we reluctantly bid it adieu, our own. The soldier who has the soul of us in, the language of Æneas, (rendered) the "Sacred Nine" rested their weary wings, in their first flight from Parnassus.

gon and Washington Territories west of the Kabbage. Cascades. All the principal towns, the ranges, and spurs of mountains, the streams of all sizes, and even the post offices, together with the sections, townships and boundaries of the counties are plainly and accurately marked. The maps will be for sale in this country in from four to six months, when we think every man in Oregon and Washington Territories will buy one or two of them. Mr. Trutch deserves credit for the undertaking : he has worked hard over the map, and we have no doubt but his labors will be rewarded. We shall patronize him at all events.

To Correspondents.

As we have been absent a part of this week we have not been able to look over Mr. Blain's letter as we expected. will try to attend to it next week.

"Presbuteros" is crowded out this "Squibob, Oh," is excepted,

"Peter Simple" shall be heard count of his tender age.

their chief. Strong assured them that none The man who has in a large crop of besides a number of rifles. The steamer is such a difference between the two places ted. If it gets too thick, we hope the elect ded to return to the Dalles instead of going that a "mistake in the printer" might sen- will flee the place like good old Lot; or to Walla Walla, as they had intended. It

> The Fashien reached Portland yesterday at Pot" explo les. I s o clock, P. M. No vews from the Dalles.

Austrer Nursery.

Please to read the advertisement of fruit cest varieties, as we know he would have sight into this matter;

trees, some of which will ripen early in July, and year round.

"I have trees raised from seed planted in Feb.y. ton inches in circumference at the ground, and the present year bore thirty apples each. These are of the Golden Russet variety, which grows much larger than the same apple in the States."

"Give the Bertt his Due,"

The Standard deserves credit for having "petitioners" we referred to lately, in a plain, the great Pacific. positive, and unequivocal manner.

If you were as sound and decided upon drop the Corvallis Statesman, and substitute the Standard as their Organ, Many of them are now stopping the former, and acre of ground enclosed, and can spare a calf, or a taking the latter, for two reasons. One is, few bushels of grain, let another year pass without they consider the Standard by far the bet setting out an orchard. ter paper, and the other is it comes cheaper. Laying blackguard aside, the Standard is certainly edited with the most ability.

The P. M. at Portland informs as that ing, and failed to get THE ARGUS into the week, as we were too late for the bonts, we than to have it miss, We have been found glese. ered" ever since.

From the South

We have no news, executing some ru

mors which lack confi mation. There is a flying report that another bat tle has been fought on Grave Creek, and some thirty whites killed. The Indians are said to have left for par's nuknown.

Mammoth Cabbage.

of the last Corvallis Statesman, in which of Oregon and Washing on which he has six inches. If any man in Oregon, Washington we spoke last week. For the purpose of Mexico "covered all over with glory," is necessity which prompted it is partly couch. East for engraving. From a hasty glance you can't beat it we shall consider this head we think it a full and accurate map of Ore- furnished by Jacob Kiser as the King of

about right.

CORVALLIS, Nov. 16, 1855. Editor of the Argus-Sia: This to in form you that we feel ourselves disgraced by having the miserable sheet that is week ly issued at this place called the Corvallis Statesman, as you are in the habit of doing. We feel deeply mortified at having the organ of "licensed prostitutes," and the vehicle of falsehood and every abominable and

The smudge is already intolerable.

MANY CITIZENS.

sibly mur the beauty of the poetry, we have take trip to the country for fresh air. This was not possible for them to stay at the laid it by for a more critical examination. might be done on Saturday when the "stink mission without supplies, neither was it ex-

Heavy frost for three nights past.

Supplie, sir, you have a colt that you and your rees, by Rev. Neill Johnson, in its proper neighbors judge will at four years old bring two solumn. We are not acquainted with the hundred dollars, what would you value that cott at kinds of fruit which Mr. Jolinson's nursery now? Certainly not less than fifty dollars. Bar contains, but judging from the man, we suppose you can get such a one fortwenty-five to stances which tend to excuse in any meas- Columbia is so deep that ships of fifteen have no doubt but that they are of the choi-"nil and comfort" all the time, and growing no others. The following extract from a metead of warsel would you not call it a first rate private letter, which we received from him investment? Do you say such is impossible? not long since, may serve to give a little in- Well, Pil tell you what is possible. You can fe twenty-five dollars purchase one hundred grafted "I have upwards of sighty varieties of apple apple trees, and with the same labor and pains you would bestow on a good colt, in 1857 you may others in each succeeding month till December, gather from them five bushels of applea; in 1852 others in each succeeding month till December, at least double that amount; in 1859 you may gather one hundred bushels; and should the new of apples by that time come down to two dollars per bushel, (of which there is no probability.) you will in four years from this date realize your two hundred dollars, and your farm be worth five homdred per cent more than if it had no orchard. You need have no fears that apples are going to be so plenty in Oregon in a few years that they will be worth nothing. It is pretty certain that California cannot produce good apples, and she will afford taken courage from the free expression of market for this article in all time to come, to market for this article in all time to come, and the time to come and the come are the complex for t

And then think again of the comforts and lovel to be realized from a good orchard! At one sea. son of the year it is adorned with all the beauty and all other questions, we should be glad to perfume of a flower garden. In our long sungaknow that you were the "Standard of Ore- days how refreshing the shade! And in autima gon Democracy." We see a great dispos it is still a paradise, where the best feelings of an sition among the Democracy generally to hearts may be drawn out to Him who has "given na every tree that is good for food "

Now as the price of trees is greatly reduced and can be had for trade, let no farmer, who has as

> Correspondence of the Argus. Dalles, Nov. 18, 1855.

Friend Adams-As I have but a few minutes left for writing I shall give you short letter this time. Col. Nesmith reached our mail three weeks ago failed to make the here to-day, having made a long march trip on the west side of the Willamette in from the Dalles into the Yakima country, proper time. We sent it to Portland by and from thence towards the mountain pass private hands, "good men and true," but leading into the Puget Sound country, they overslept themselves on Monday morn-thence back to the Yakima Mission, and so back to the Dalles, taking the Clickatat Rivoffice before the mail left. We regret ex- er in his circuit, without finding any Indiceedingly the failure, but will use every ex- ans worthy of note. The horses belonging ertion to get it off betimes hereafter. We to the command were dreadfully jaded and have worked nearly all night several times out down upon their return, owing to the in order to get our papers off-and last hard riding, the deep snows they had to encounter, and the consequent scarcity of Vancouver is certainly a levely spot, and carried our mail to Portland on foot, rather feed. Many of them are "woke sia hale

During that expedition your Clackamas boys had an opportunity to try their pluck. In the fight on the Yakima river, which you will see reported in Maj. Rains dispatch to Gov. Mason, the Chekamas and Marion were he two companies which Col. Nesmith sent forward to ford the river and disperse the Indians. The boys moved promptly, and dashed into the roaring Yakima Mr. Jacob Kiser has laid a cabbage on pur floor, weighing twenty three pounds, and measuring around the solid head four feet wouldn't stand fire, but took to the hills, GEN. Wood, who, in the language of Reverdy Johnson, came home from the editor of the Standard was not made a been engaged in sketching during the sumington, or California, can beat that, just pass thorses were unable to pursue them as their ington, or California, can beat that, just pass thorses were too much jaded. On the same along your name, with your cabbage. If day of this absorbed to the same to the language in the editor of the Standard was not made a been engaged in sketching during the suming the suming the same ingrouper "pars full" in the transaction. The pany had by some means become detached from the main body of the army, and plunging about through the hills fell in with some go Be sure to read the advertisement two or three hardred Indians. They blazof M. W. Witherell & Co., in another ed away at each other for some five or six column, and then be sure to give him a call. hours, with little effect, save the killing of a We believe he is going to carry on business few Indians, and taking a few cattle from them. Two of the Washington volunteers were severely wounded, but I have forgotten the names, * * *

[Here we cut out a few lines containing pretty much the same information that is given in Maj. Rains' dispatch which will be found on our outside,-Ep.]

Here Col. Nesmith took some 250 men and went out towards the pass I spoke of before, but found neither Capt. Maloney We stated three weeks ago on the au- unclean thing, go forth to the world christ- for some three days through the snow, and ened with the name of our moral and re- finding and destroying a few caches of dried spectable city. We hope you will make berries, roots, and salmon skins, and killing the correction, and still let it be the Oregon a few mares and coles which were found, he between Austin E. Smith and H. B. Truett, Statesman. There is certainly a sufficient returned to the camp near the Yakima mis-We saw nothing to mar the happiness of in which the former was killed at the first burden of disgrace for the whole Territory sion. I forgot to say that the mission was ly started two or three expressmen for Vanly started two or three expressmen for Vanfore he returns. He says that the yield of the occasion, excepting the disturbance fire. We learn from the San Francisco
to bear, without saddling all on to our poor totally abandoned. The priest, "Father ly started two or three expressmen for Vancouver, to inform the people that the Indians the wheat crop last year in California was caused by a few ill-mannered boys who sat

Herato that the parties used revolvers, and

City. Let the essence of it spread over the Pandozy" had left, having probably sought were friendly, and would soon be in. The hardly half an average one, and of an indifuear us. If we have no ear for music we the fifth shot took effect in Smith's right

Territory, for our sake, and don't confine it refuge among his brethren. He left a letexpressmen it seems started back upon a ferent quality at that. Mr. Curry informs have a taste for order, and that of a very thigh, passing through without breaking to Corvallis—unless you have adopted the ter lying on the table telling us that the Allies' mode of warfare before Sebastopol, Indians would fight until like the Jews at Jerusalem they sacrificed their wives and little ones. The boys found a good many vegetables which they say relished admira-We certainly meant no disrespect to our bly. The "holy pontifical robes" of the esteem d friends and brethren at Corvallis, priest, by the dazzle and gaudy glitter of week. by what we have done We had thought which he awes the natives into subjection, of all the difficulties suggested by the fore. were found at the mission. The boys took on ac- going letter, but thought our Corvallis friends them in charge, and putting them on paramight be willing to become martyrs for the dod up and down through the comp, mak-We have not been able to read the Yon- good of the territory at large. We didn't want ing a great deal of sport, much to the an-

> pedient; as they were fully satisfied that the main body of Indians had left for some distant point, an the few stragglers they had

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