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to inform the public that he has just received a large stock of JOB TYPE and other new printmaterial, and will be in the speedy re-

For the Argus. List to the harmonies above, Singing the choral hymn of love. Sung erst by mighty cherubim Who hung o'er Eden's portals dim, When our first parents, haud in hand, Paced slowly in a glimmering land, Or lingered near the Eden bowers, Fragrant with the innortal flowers Of Paradise, and heard the flow Of the four rivers, soft and low : Ere yet the haughty Cain drew breath, Or lamb-like Abel, sweet in death, Or godly Seth, when righteous men To call on God's dread name began ; Ere rose the first d licious morn O'er earth, of love and beauty born, Or rose the first mild glad sunrise, O'er Adam reft of Paradise. Emerging from the waters wild, Earth's fields and groves in beauty smiled ; The ripened olive, oil distills, The ripened grain the garner fills, Loaded with grapes the vines appear, And goodness crowns the rolling year.

Lo, Japheth soeks a distant clime, Japetus, famed in olden time For length of days, with Java came To Grecia's shores. Ionu's name We henceforth trace ; before them lay The golden isks, as bright as day. Thou lovely land ! in beauty's sheen, With pastoral hills and valleys green, And Hellas, from Elisha's name, Gave rise to States of deathless fam Lo, Eber, born in distant lands, Of Peleg sire, and Joktan's bands, Surviving all the ancestral line, Whose names have graced the page divine. Seven generations rose and set Within his life's long lengthened state, Till Abram's seed were spread abroad, The righteous man, the friend of God Istac was born, and Jacob's star Shone o'er Chaldea's wilds afur. By God, in human form arrayed, That all who share in Adam's fall Should be redeemed from sin and thrall. And in the Lord, who came from Heav'n, Should rise at last, renewed, forgiven, And saved from sin, through Jesus' blood, Should how before a sovereign God : At Jesus' name, with angel powers, Subdued, forgiven, in Eden's bowers The angel host with man shall sing The praises of our God and King. W. N. G.

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> For the Argue. A Few Farts.

Mr. Adams-Previous to last June there was but one Justice of the Peace in Abaqua precint. The precinct numbers seventy voters, (not more.) and is about ten miles long by four wide. The Justice's office is situated almost at the mid length and a mile from one side of the precinct. The porter of the leaders of the majority party, on the 4th of July, for the diffusion of all additions suited to all the requirements of this lo-eality. ILANDBILLS, POSTERS, BLANKS, CARDS, CIRCULARS, PAMPHLET-WORK not say a subject?) was duly nominated according to the common course of democrat-

ie events in Oregon. On election day, how ever, the people voted for and elected another man, greatly to the surprise and chagrin of some who could not help it ; but the man elected refused to serve, and there was still a chance to give the place to the regular nomince. So the County Commissioners' fill the vacancy whom the people said by ter. their vote they would not have. Now if the appointee had been partly qualified to fill the office in question, the action of the Court would not have seemed so surprisingsince the appointce always roles right at election ; but it is a fact known to some of bis neighbors (among them, one of the Court,) that he can scarcely write an intel ligible or decipherable notice of a public meeting ; for proof of which it is only nec essary to refer to a notice of a school meetand commencing thus :

" the above meeting was hell on the thurteen day ov, " ac

One fact more, and it is enough for the mout hold offis under him in the army." east corner of Old Marion; and if I see this in THE ARGUS, you may hear again PLOW BOY. from MARION COUNTY, Jan. 12th, 1856.

Far 1

OREGON CITY, OREGON TERRITORY, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1856. this valley, whose attention is particularly

turned to the nursery and orchard business, and who have tested different soils and loand Settlemire. In view, then, of the subject under con-

THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ARGUS IN HAFPY Justice before alluded to being a non-sup- Grower's Convention be held in Salem, say give their enemy credit for similar determiit was thought necessary to elect another- the experience obtained in Oregon in relathis measure will receive due attention.

W.X. ter We cheerfully second the motion of W.X.

in ref-rence to that Convention. Convene, gentle men, and let us have the benefit of your experience. Fruit growing is becoming an important husiness in Oregon, but, as is intimated by our correspondent, this, like all other branches of agriculture, must be brought to perfection by experiments. Court "go to," and appoint the very man to W. X. has our thanks for his attention to this mat- insured destruction and disaster at the end them is the

> NEWS DIRECT FROM RUSSIA. Interesting Information Concerning her Financial Condition---Public Opinion about the War---How the Fall of Schastopol was Received in St. Petersburg. Col. Tal. P. Shaffner, who was a passener by the Atlantic and has traveled direct from St. Petersburg, has favored the N. Y.

ive notoriety, asking people to "make than purely Russian source, and may be contrast- burns fiercely still, and the principle that name to it, er thar mark, one er tother, ed with the views and reports that from the Czar has the right of protectorate over yet, in the face of this terrible cannonade, whichever they seen fit, t-llin' them 'at it time to time appear in the Anglo-French the Greek subjects of the Porte will never be they stood their ground for two hours .-was a purtishun to the Guyner for to turn journals. Colonel Shaffner has had every voluntarily abandoned. out'n offis all No Nothins an Whigs as facility to investigate the condition of Rus THE FOUNDRIES OF ST. PETERSBURG-GREAT give greater credit to the British on this oc sia, and his business connection in St. The foregoing is only an introduction to Petersburg has rendered him familiar with the way they do things up for the north. the opinions of its inhabitants on the War confined to St. Petersburg alone : for he has of the Empire.

A LONG, LONG WAR AHEAD. acre of land, or consent to pay the expenses sideration, I would propose that a Fruit of the war for the sake of peace, and they nation. Hence, the impression prevails that the war will be greatly prolonged--tion to these matters. I hope that this mo- that years will elapse before it can be expected as a crisis which must sooner or tion will be seconded by others, and that brought to a satisfactory termination. To later take place. This, indeed, very clearly

up their minds. They trust in the gigantic Gortachakoff abandoned the city immediresources of their country. Its immense ately after the capture of the Malakoff extent precludes the idea of a successful in- There are some Russian views in regard to vasion ; and prestige goes far to confirm this this great assault which are interesting, and prevailing impression. As in the cases of show that the people are willing to esti--so now, the Russians confidently expect. that, if the Allies attempt to penetrate their

empire, they will certainly meet with ruin and defeat. Pride will never allow them to abandon the Crimea, though its conquest by the Allics would enable the Czar to concentrate his forces and multiply his powers the Malakoff the ground was composed of of resistance. It is against men who believe Timus with some interesting information themselves invincible, and who, when beatconcerning the present condition of Russia, en, know it not, that the soldiers of France her resources, and the spirit which animate- and England are now fighting. The Rus her people in this, the third year of the War. sian never yields; in defeat he is more tering, with his signature official at the bottom, Col. Shaffner has spent much of his time in rible than in success, for in the former case Russia, and, naturally enough, his predilec- he is trebly nerved by despair, and a thirst tions are strongly in favor of that power in fer revenge. Pride is the ruling national its contest with the Empires of the West, trait, and that pride calls loudly for a counpresent. The same appointee packed His account, therefore, will be considered tinuance of the war. The religious feeling, around one of those petitions, of progress. all the more valuable as coming from a which first summoned the nation to arms,

STORES OF IRON.

Throughout the whole of the Russian empire a traveler sees little else than vast and its incidents. Nor is his knowledge preparations going on for the continuance of the war. Within a short distance of St. very recently traveled over a large portion Petersburg there are three foundries for cannon. One, in the capital, turns out FINANCIAL CONDITION OF RUSSIA-MONEY sixty brass field pieces of different sizes per Perhaps there are not half a dozen per- piete in every particular by the American Mr. Adams-I would call the attention sons in the Russian Empire who, at the officers who lately visited the place. The of the people of Oregon to an important present moment, thoroughly understand its Colpin works turn out eighty cannon, and subject, and one in which very many of our financial condition ; and a temporary resi- those of Petrozavodsk, (which are connectpeople are much concerned. Our climate dent, who wishes to discover what effect the ed by river navigation with St. Peter-burg.) and soil are preuliarly adapted to the cul war has had upon its resources, can only over a hundred every week. This is exture of the tame fruits, particularly apples, form an opinion on this subject from what clusive of the immense foundries in Russia pears, cherries, and plums. Several gen- he sees. In Moscow, St. Petersburg, and south of Moscow. The country around the be noticed how useless was the order of the With all the other material of war, Rus-We have had no scientific pomologist tributable to another cause than that of the ries to any central point in the Russian Em-

its presence. At the commencement of this The Russians seem to admit and believe year, the allies might have attacked Cronthat France and England are two powerful stadt with some chance of success, but now citions here for fruit growing. I would nations, whose pride is thoroughly engaged that chance has slipped away for ever .particularize Messrs. Ladd, Simmons, Luci- in this contest. They, too, are proud .- Additions and improvements have rendered line, Geer, Waldo, Cox, Parrish, Stanton, They would never submit to any dishonor- this for ress completely impregnable, in observe : able treaty. They would never yield one the opinion of the most eminent engineers, foreign and native.

THE FALL OF SERASTOPOL.

The news of the fall of Southern Sebastopol was received in St. Petersburg without any unusual emotion. It had long been this the Russian people seem to have made appeared, by the decisive way in which running of locomotives.

Next come six hundred miles of arid desert, waterless, treeless, as upproductive as a bank of ashes, except that at long intervals small streams are found coursing narrow valleys, and giving life to a few stunted Napoleon and Charles XII., where transi mate correctly and fairly the courage and trees and a little coarse grass. The timber tory triumphs at the commencement only perseverance of their enemy. Among required for this part of the road, the food for the support of laborers, and every arti-COMPARATIVE ERAVERY OF THE BRITISH AND cle necessary for the passage of trains, will

FRENCH. have to be transported from regions more The Russians say that the British press, highly favored by nature.

and particularly the London Times, has This desert extends to the base of the failed to do justice to the bravery of the Rocky Mountains. The rest of the distance English soldiers at the Redan. Around to the Pacific is an alternation of mountains, deep valleys, table lands, and desert plains, soft earth, and the approaches were easily A small portion of this region, which is made to its very base.' The French, theremore than a thousand miles wide, is well fore, had no distance to traverse, and, conwooded and sufficiently watered, but the sequently, no fire to undergo previous to greater part of it is as destitute of wood their hand to hand contest with the Rus and water as the desert itself. The governsians. The space before the Redan was, on ment explorers say that this mountain rethe contrary, composed of rock, and the gion, rocky and precipitous as it is, furnishes British were unable to make their approachfacilities and opening for the building of a es like the French. At the assault they railroad, that seem almost providential .-were, in consequence, exposed for some time The lack of wood and water is the only to a heavy fire from three tiers of guns, serious obstacle, and the only question is converging at each end of the Redan ; and whether this is insurmountable.

Timber, of course, can be bought and transported, but the expense will be some-Russian officers who witnessed the scene, hing prodigious. A cross-tree, value here twenty-five cents, doubles its cost by being casion than they do to the French, whose transported a hundred and fifty miles. Consuccess was chiefly owing to the suddenness equantly there will be hundreds of miles of with which they effected their object. the Pacific Railroad every cross-tree of CONTINUANCE OF EUSSIAN BULE IN THE which will cost three or four dollars !-CRIMEA.

Then huge depots of fuel will have to ba To have been able to retain the city of established all along the route, every cord Sebastopol would undoubtedly have gratiof wood, every ton of coal, costing five or f. d the pride of the Russian people, but its six times its value on the Mississippi loss is not regarded as a misfortune, for it is

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is the number of soldiers estimated to have perished in the Crimes, cannot have exhausted the military resources of an empire containing sixty millions of inhabitanta. It goes to show, in fine, that however signal the achievements of the allied forces have been, they have as yet done very little, if anything, towards destroying either the army or the material resources of the Russian empire.

Is a Pacific Rollroad Possible?

It all turns upon a question of water .--The road can be built, no doubt; but whether the iron horse can find drink enough to sustain him on his long journey, is the unsettled question at Washington. For,

The road will have to traverse three distinct kinds of country. The first three hupdred miles, after leaving the Western borders of civilization, is rolling prairie, covered with luxuriant grass, watered by occasional streams, and tolerably supplied with timber. This region presents no obstacle to the construction of the road, nor to the

Yoxcatta, January, 1856.

[Our correspondent hereafter will please to de vote more particular attention to writing his proper names, so that they can be read. So you write names plainly, we care but little about the rest, if you make now and then a letter for us to guess by. We intend to adopt the rule of calling all proper names that we cannot read, Smith. Our correspondents can easily tell how this would suit them by reading over their productions before they send them to us, substituting "Smith" for every illeg ble scrawl that stands for a proper name]

For the Argus. Alas! for Thirty-Three Per Ceut., If the more he had the more he lent The more he got the more he craved The Scripture saith, he can't be saved.

But by his side 's another fool, Although he works by a diff rent rule ; He borrows much, but never lends, And what he gets he quickly spends.

His houcat debts he never pays ; As a public nuisance spends his days, And dies, unwept by friend or foe, As the Devil hurries his soul below.

Now you who 're skilled in jugling verse, Please tell us which is the greater curse To man and woman here below, And which to the Devil will soonest go ? AARON PATNE.

LAFAYETTE, Feb. 1, 1856.

IN THE WIND'S EVE .- It is a curious fact, storms advance in a contrary direction from the wind .--By means of the telegraph, it has been noticed that northeast storms make a regular progress from some remote south-western quarter, their arrival at the different citics along the line being telegraphed at intervals as if they were armies or railway will enable our citizens to cultivate the what they have lost. attention from many of our strongest minds --State of Maine.

Indiana and South Sea Islanders.

Fruit.

teriorate very much.

tlemen, at great expense, have brought from other large cities, there is nothing to induce works of Petrozavodsk, is filled with iron, the States many good varieties of the stand the supposition that the life-blood of the and the labor of extracting it goes on un ard fruits ; and from them, by grafting and country is being drained by an exhausting ceasingly. And in this connection, it may budding, large numbers of trees have been war. Gold and silver coin continue plentiproduced here. But it must be remembered ful, and are freely used in the ordinary British Government prohibiting the expor that our climate and soils are different here transactions of every-day life. A merchant tation of iron, when Russian mines car from those of the States ; certain varieties in his store will change a bank-note into vield it in greater quantities than is needed there may be standard fruits, while the same coin, with as much readiness as he would Within the city of St. Petersburg, at this may be worthless here, and vice versa .- in the City of New York. Brokers charge day, iron, belonging to private merchants, Fail varieties there, may become summer two per cent to change notes of large amount can be seen in vast quantities, rusting where varieties here ; and winter sorts there, may into gold, but even this is regarded as an it stands. become of all sorts here. Our climate and Israelitish transaction. In the grand and

soil here may correspond much to those of luxuriant extravagance of the noble, two sia is equally well supplied. She does not Great Britain and Ir-land, and their stand- years' war has made no sensible difference ; find it necessary to import a single article ard fruits might suit as well here. Yet in the cottage of the serf there is yet no ap- which her own mines supply in such aban their fruits, acclimated in the States, might pearance of want, no mutterings of com- dance. Saltpetre is not required, though not thrive well with us in Oregon, Many plant. Merchandise and goods have not the impression has gained ground here that standard varieties from the States have increased in value ; and champagne, to il- the present high price of this article is ocborne fruit in the Willamette Valley; some lustrate by example, can be bought in St. casioned by the great demand for it in the of these are far larger and better then their Petersburg cheaper than Jersey cider is sold Russian market. Such is not the case; for originals in the States, and some again de- in New York. Copper is the only article it would cost more to bring saltpetre in that has increased in value, and this is at- large quantities from the Prussian bounda-

with us as yet, and the elementary and con- war. The erection of public and private pire than the material could be sold for or stituent principles of our so is are but little buildings goes on ; churches are built as was worth. known. We have four kinds of fruit soils usual, and vast sums of money have within CRONSTADT-EXPECTATION OF ITS BOMBARD-

here, namely, light sandy, deep vegetable a f-w months been lavished on new additions mould, clay, and gravelly soils. And we to the palace of Peterboff. It may be true have various degrees of tem e ature, ac- that shipping merchants and others con- dries in and about St. Petersburg turn out

tions in Oregon. Nothing but a thorough throughout the country ; and men find in tiffed, but now it is entirely surrounded by and practical knowledge of these matters them an occupation, and a recompense for walls and forts. Five additional forts, built settlement.

growing; but these works do not fully meet more than enough for the wants of all - making some demonstration. In conse- prostrated, her power for defence and injury

purpose. There are many gentlemen in that there is

MENT.

The great amount of cannon the founcording to the altitude of the several local nected with foreign trade have been ruined, weekly, are for the defence of the Baltic tions. Some of these locations are frosty, but it is also true that the resources of the coast. Mr. Shaffner visited Cronstadt last produced a great sensation on the continent, guiding one end of the long, subtle chain some foggy, some very dry, and some sea- country are becoming more rapidly devel- summer, and witnessed those mighty for- and many politicians were of opinion that it of fluid. I can change the hands of the elecsonable. Some sorts of fruits are peculiar- oped than could have been possible in time tresses of which so much has been said .- foreshadowed the assembling of a peace trical dial at a distance of ten, a hundred, or ly adapted to each of these soils and loca- of peace; manufactories are springing up In 1854, only one side of Cronstade was for- congress, in which the war difficulty with a thousand miles." Russia would be discussed with a view to

The London Times has an article ridiculof stone and iron, were erected last summer. ed at intervals as if they were armost or ranking in the fruits here to good advantage. It is The levies for the war do not injure the and the whole place has been mounted with ing the idea entertained by many in Eng- Americans, and the Americans charging trains, until after several hours they reach New land the forced into a peace bayon its after the forced into a peace bayon its after the bayon it The subject of insterology is now receiving close and one or two other good publications on country. Of men there are plenty; of gold an attack, not thinking that the Allies would because of her crippled condition. It conthe subject of American fruits and fruit there is abundance ; and of wheat there is allow another season to elapse without tends although the trade of Russia may be

Darss .- The best dressed men wear the the exp-rience of our orchardists in Ore- The people feel themselves secure within quence of this belief, there was no little ex. are not necessarily impaired, much less deleast jewelry. Of all things avoid showy gon. We want a reliable and practical their Territory. They do not fear that its citement among the inhabitants of St. Pe- stroyed. It shows that for purposes of in distributed among the several counties of chains, large rings and flashy gewgaw pins guide, made up from actual data here, to resources will be easily exhausted, and, tersburg ; and the garrison of Cronstadt was ternal trade a paper currency may prove a the State, during the past year, the sum of and broaches. All these should be left to enable us to cultivate the tame fuits to good therefore, they have made up their minds kept continually on the alert as long as the tolerably fair substitute for gold, and argues \$180,000 for the support of Common allied fleet continued to threaten them with that the destruction of 200,000 men, which Schools.

River. believed that Gortschakoff can hold the

Money can do all this, however. But North Forts against any force that the Al money cannot transport the enormous lies can bring against him. Here, too, the quantities of water that will be required Russian Government has established a for the locomotives. That is totally out of foundry which formerly supplied the Mals he question. It remains to be ascertained koff with guns as fast as they were required, whether by boring into those arid wasten and recast the balls that fell in such showers and into those rocky hills water can be obfrom the allied batteries. Thus, it will be tained. That is the question to be settled, seen, that Gortschakoff is not more likely to before it can be known whether a railroad ack war materiel now than he was before to the Pacific is or is not a possibility. Afthe fall of the City. As to provisions and ter that is settled, it will be time to inquire supplies for his army, it is perfectly underwhether it is worth while to expend the alstood that he is already provided for the enmost incalculable sum that the road will suing winter. It has been frequently asserted sist. by the British Press, and has generally been

There, reader, you have the case in a believed, that the wagon communication nutchell; you are saved the trouble of gobetween the interior of Russia and the Criing over heaps of reports and narratives .mea is no longer possible. This is said to New York Life Illustrated. be incorrect ; for, wagons in Summer and

THE WAY THE ELECTRIC TELEGRAPH sledges in Winter, laden with provisions, travel by thousands to Perekop, whence Wonks .- "In speaking of the electric telethey return laden with salt. But be the graph, we suppose that there is, in every actual condition of affairs in the Crimea as message transmitted by its agency, a sort of it may, the belief prevails among the masses journey accomplished by the current, as far of the Russian people that the peninsula as the wires may reach; and to us it is a will not fall into the hands of the Allies .- matter of astonishment that some element-The preparations going on now are on an al substance, set in motion at London, shall enormous scale. Old cannon are being re- travel in the brief space of one minute te placed by new, and, through the exertions of Glasgow. But the reality is far more wonthat distinguished Engineer, Gen. Todtleben, derful than this iden. There is no actual the defences of Nicolaieff (the great arsenal current or passage of power. There is alof Southern Russia) have been rendered ready provided by nature a connecting subcompletely impregnable either against a stance between the two termini ; the elecland or a sea attack. tricity has not to travel, for it reaches all

the way ; and just as I could change the po-Napoleon's speech, at the close of the sition of the hands of a clock, without go-Paris exhibition, in which he expressed ing to the clock, supposing I had a long, himself in favor of an honorable peace, had light rod in my hand ; so, by touching and

> "MILITARY."-At Ashland, Pa., Dec. 1st, an Irish and an American military compsny got into a collision. the Irish firing on the itary companies.

The War in Europe.