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OREGON CITY:

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City Election.

On next Monday our citizens will elect a City. We are sorry to learn that our present efficient Mayor declines serving us lonfuture greatness than any other place in know of with the same population.

State Government.

Our readers are aware, that we have left the discussion of the State question entirely te our cerrespondents. We have done this, not because we have been fearful of giving which we have not been able to form an opinion sufficiently positive to enable us to those who think that Oregon will be "all right" with a State organization, and those who believe that she will become as fair pass through the fiery ordeal of a financial. social, and political revolution. There forms and foundations of more organizations than one, which will snap the cable that binds the sovereign people to the Juggernaut of party, and remodel political organiand really democratic ground. We look Mossit, J. Pearce, F. Murphy, and J. El through a thickening gloom that precedes the dayspring of Oregon's future glary .-She has an important destiny to fulfill, which no adventitious circumstances can avert. She must and will, seoner or later, occupy a proud position among the sovereign States of this Union. Physically speaking, we believe that without exception she is the leveliest country the sun of heaven ever shone on-and if, in the style of people are the most free, intelligent, and noble in the world, our own conscience would tell us it was a lie. However, in our population we have the elements of greatness and goodness, out of which, by the aid of philanthropists and the influence of He said that as "our mountains are equal schools, we expect to rear a noble social to the hammocks of Florida as places of fabric. Of one thing we rest assured, that Oregon has before her a proud and interesting future.

news from the Cascades last week, Capt. ped, with as little delay as possible." Ainsworm immediately loaded the Jen- argued that as it took three thousand men nie Clark with volunteers, and proceeded to under Gen. Scorr to conquer three hundred the scene of difficulties, but found the In- Indians during the Black Hawk war, on dians dispersed upon his arrival.

the volunteer forces, that went up from River, "considering the difficulties to over-Portland to the Cascades, about 400 regulars had come down from the Dailes to the block house four miles above, and the Indians immediately retreated into the mountains. The settlers on Sandy, and all just about 2000 men. along the frontier on the north side of the Columbia, have rushed either to Vancouver ing Dr. Henny's letter, the sentiments of or Portland for protection.

Col. WRIGHT, has a large force of the "Shanghais" stationed at the Cascades .-His men are scouring the brush in every direction, and looking out for Indians. Mr McCormick informs us that Col. WRIGHT, in a speech to his men told them, "If you see two Indians, one of them having a 'close tumtum,' (good heart,) and the other 'misache tumtum,' (bad heart.) do you always kill the 'close tumtum' Indian in preference to the other." Col. WRIGHT has cortainly been "broke in," and begins to exhibit signs of being an apt scholar in studying Indian character and tactics.

Oversight.

From the North.

sisting of three men from Snake river had they were detained by high water. Umahowlitz, whom they were bringing in as a who came along as a goard swam the De Mayor and a Board of Council for Oregon Shutes, and came on to the Dalles. Mr. McCormick went to the river last Sunday men across the river. They informed him one of the healthiest on the globe, and one train, any where on the road, and they exwhich possesses more of the elements of pressed fears that he had been cut off. He might however have been encamped above Oregon; one which we are proud to say the crossing of Willow Creek as they passand living on horse flesh. When the forces reached the ground where they expected to get that great battle where some of the papers thought it would be "lo the poor Indians," they found sure enough it was ha-"lo the poor Indians." Only some thirty or forty stragglers were found, some offence, but because it is a matter upon six or seven of which were killed without injury to the whites. It was supposed that the Indians had crossed over to the North advise others how to vote. We feel deeply side of the Columbia. A part of Olney's interested in the prosperity of Oregon. If band of Indians, had left Five Mile Creek; our readers believe her prosperity will be just east of the Dalles, and had gone, no promoted by a State organization, we expect one knows where. Those who remained them to vote for a Convention; if not, said that Ka-mai-a-kin was then within they will vote accordingly. Our own view twenty miles of the Dalles on the north side of the matter is, that nine-tenths of the of the Columbia, with one thousand Inarguments urged on both sides, are sophis-dians. This is Indian news, which like tical and unworthy of swaying a man to much of the other news we hear now-a-day, either side. Let the vote result as it will, must be taken for what its worth can be guessed at. Our informant further says that on last Monday two of the prisoners and smiling as the moon, on account of her On Tuesday four more were executed, and remaining a Territory, will both be mistaken. We fear that she will yet be called to ere this time. In addition to the names of the killed furnished us by Capt. Kilborn in another column, we have those of George must, and will be, an upheaving in the plat- Watkins, James Watkins, Henry Hager, J. White, Calderwood, and Dick Turpin, a half breed. Several were also wounded of whom we have the following list : H. Coll. M. Bailey, Jake Rounce, James Lindsty, zations, upon old fashioned, conservative, J. Chance, Snooks, (a boy.) W. H.

"We hope and trust that the six hundred II S

What I you don't mean to say that it will take six hundred or more U. S. soldiers, in addition to the regiment of volunteers now in the Southern field under the immortal

The next thing we shall expect to hear from you will be that you have adopted Dr. HENRY's sentiments as expressed in the letter he wrote to The Statesman from Grave Creek on the 12th of last October concealment for the Indians, I presume the war will continue for six months;" (the time will be up next Saturday.) He also said that "there should be 2000 men in Upon the arrival of the distressing Rogue River valley, well armed and equipthe Illinois prairies, we certainly needed the seems, that upon the arrival of 2000 men to conquer the Indians in Regue come." The Sentinel thinks they need the whole of Brig. Gen. Lamerick's Regiment, and six hundred regulars or more, which, as near as we can guess, will make

> The very next week after publishwhich The Sentinel seems now to have adopted, The Statesman, after saying that Standard, "Dr. HENRY was making a fool of himself.."

uses the following language: "Capt. Lamerick, of Jacksonville, promto Rogue River. He expresses the opinion that a couple of companies of 100 men each, such as they have in Rogue River, will be amply sufficient for the campaign in that section. The Captain's experience entitles his opinion to weight."

Upon the strength of this puff from The Statesman, and from the awful "weight" of an episode beginning with the following: Lamerick's opinion, the Legislature made "Fama, malum quo non afind velocius ullum: a Brigadier General of him, so that he a Brigadiar General of him, so that he might outrank every other officer and as-We learn from a reliable source that sume "full control" of the volunteer forces, about one hundred tons of Commissary and and, presenting him with a "bran new Quartermaster stores, belonging to the sword," sent him out to Rogue River,- new diggings have been struck about six Regular army, were taken or destroyed by Delusion, with his gold watch, went up to miles from Jacksonville, on Willow Spring the Indians during their attack upon the Linn, and the Old Apostle struck a bee Branch, that pay from ten to twenty dol-Cascades last week. About twenty tons of line to Polk, to quiet down the nerves of lars per day. this is said to have consisted of hard bread. the women, till the mail boy should bring

"points," as the very man who had come Particulars of the Attack on the Cascades. Mr. Mc Cormick, who left the Dalles last forth out of Zion," (a gambling house we fuesday, informs us that an express con meant,) as their deliverer. The Indians come in as far as De Shutes river, where ticular smash was to be played with Injins, "No Nuthings," and no body knows what

all. The first thing we hear of next, after

four bullets, and a few race.

for the safety of the Indians themselves.

AS Capt. RINEARSON Went up Gen. PALMER to the Reservation last Thursday. The Captain has the reputation of being one of the best Indian fighters in Orgon, but he hasn't felt like shooting that "favorite rifle" at the Whigs and Know Nothings, and he has politely made his bow to the clique, and declined doing their dirty

"This number commences the sixth volume of the Oregon Statesman. * * * Six years ago we launched our bark upon no very placid sea, and for sixty moons we have been sailing under it."—

how they tally !

If you ever had "three months' schoolthat in repeating your multiplication table, such was your abhorrence of the truth, that you preferred to take a flogging every day

to repeating it correctly. Young man, if you have now been publishing your lying sheet for six years, you have issued three hundred and twelva numb bers. Now, putting the number of falsehoods each paper contained at a low estimate, (and you know we are always within bounds,) 312 multiplied by 13, (a baker's dezen-now isn't that low?) the number of other such articles were recognized .falseheeds you state per week, and we have 4056. Now, in order to be moderate, we will suppose that your correspondents publish no more than you do, and we have 4056 more, which make in all only 8112 the saw mill, murdered Mr. Brown, scalpfalsehoods you have published since you started The Statesman. If there is any truth in the passage which says "all liars shall have their part," &c., how appropriately the lines of Burns might here be quoted:

"Ah Tam! ah Tam! they'll have thy fairin! In hell they'll roust thee like a herrin.

"Gen. Palmer proceeded to Oregon City, to take in charge the Indians who had been collected and confined in that place by the citizens."-

The only Indians we have heard of being 'collected and confined" in this place, was one who was collected on our streets by the ment in Indian troubles in the South in city watch, and "confined" in the jail yard times past, was here this week on his way just long enough to allow him to climb out; and the last we heard of him he was like Judge Strong's Clickatats-ha-"lo the poor Indian."

> In making up Indian news we would upon the trees. strongly recommend our friend to read over again an excellent sentiment contained in

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OREGON CITY, April 2, 1856. Editor Argus-DEAR SIE: Complying Wednesday morning.

prisoner, together with three Nez Perces all this bluster, is, the Governor issues a a load of goods, and proceeded myself up sideration. men. How proud we are to know that we am telling you; you are surrounded by heard urged to it is, that the washings of cept that tool Stone, alias "Edgar." are governed by such a galaxy of wise, Indians-run for your lives!" At that in the boat would kill all the salmon below contains as many sensible, law-abiding, and ed. They left the volunteers encamped be- brave, and democratic (?) set of heroes. stant we heard the report of the six-pound. the Falls. peaceable inhabitants as any other place we youd Snake river, destitute of provisions No country but Grease ever boasted of er at the block-house four miles off, on the citizens of this place, removed last Thurs- ed out of the office, ran down the road, and the clique for "moving." day every Indian from Oregon City, to gave the alarm to my family, and also to ward the Reservation in Yambill. Our Mr. Hamilton's. I started down the road streets look quite dull since their departure. for home, after getting part way, I turned The cache found here last Sunday, about and saw a man coming full speed on a horse; which so much has been said here and else- he said, "run, they are fighting at the blockwhere, consisted of an old trunk, contain- house," which fact was now repeately aning a pair of saddle-bags, five or six old nounced by the report of the cannon, at knives, seven or eight hatchets, three or short intervals. On reaching my boat the women and children were already in it .-In reference to this matter, we think Gen. Four or five men stopped with what guns PALMER has acted judiciously, sensibly, and and ammunition they could muster. In humanely. He has removed the Indians attempting to land some 300 yards below, just as soon as the citizens requested him I heard the report of small arms. The to do so, and when it became necessary men we had left cried out. here they come, do not land." I made my way down the with river, giving the alarm, and landing my boat with such settlers as lived along the shore. Just below Sandy I met the Belle and Fashion, which returned to Vancouver and Portland. After seeing my family housed, I returned on the Fashion as a private with

landing on the Oregon side. The Fashion was not made fast, before that af Vol. 6, and that, there being 13 he had been anticipated by the regulars parade of mechanical stiffness. moons in a year, there are seventy eight from the Dalles. The friendly (?) Indians

> A cache was found on the same island shall have the very best corner we have. containing several articles, which were recognized as having belonged to the citizens, who had either been murdered, or had their homes laid in ruins. Mr. Bishop found a silk dress and shawl that belonged to his wife. A Bible, some patch work and an accordeon were also found, which belonged to my daughter. Various Twenty pounds of powder were also taken from the cache The Indians commenced burning at Sheppard's. After burning his and Mr. Iman's house they proceeded to N. Palmer was shot, scalped, and thrown into the mill pond. They then came down

them. Three regulars are known to have \$3 00. been killed. One of these was horribly mutilated, scalped, and quartered, and hung

The Indians had sworn to wipe the Cascades out of existence, and well they kept

Every thing is burned; the insatiate demens seemed to be trying to see how much they could destroy.

W. K. KILBORN. To make Apple pies without Apples,

Seat of Government.

It will be seen by a card which we publish to-day that the Hoosier is in the ring were to be all "skelpt" in no time, and par- with your request I hasten to give a brief as a candidate for the Seat of Government,

07 Dr. HENRY, of Yambill, made a speech in this city on last Wednesday night, on State Government. The speech was well received by those who heard it, and many expressed the opinion that it was the best speech they had yet heard upon that question. We are glad to see that the Dr. has adopted our views of conservative political measures, and of supporting sound, capable, and honest men for office, as recommended by Jefferson, and practiced by all true democrats.

partment" in your paper? I presume that was devoted to their interests.'

a volunteer force. On Friday morning too. All of our paper is devoted to the inthe Fushion landed on the north side of the terests of both ladies and gentlemen, and Columbia, at the old wharf boat, the Belle they are all welcome to our columns. Inthe voluteers were overboard and rushing with stereotyped headings, such as "La-"six years ago," sailing "sixty moons" these. Lieut. Sheridan then placed his politely hinting that all the columns not killed one Indian and wounded several other howitzer in a large bateau of mine, and monopolized by these standing heads are proceeded up inside of an island to land his expressly reserved for loafers and black-

The ladies are always welcome to a tachment to the place of their retreat, and the understanding that if she doesn't see had them (19 in number) taken prisoners. her next article in the same corner, she

"Rose Clark."

ers, this highly interesting book by FAN. It is further stated that Maj. Bruce and his NY FERN. It is the first novel we have read for years, and we read that through at a sitting. The book has fewer digressions from the thread of the story in the Scottsburg, written by Samuel S. Mann, way of tedious episodes, which always tor. Quartermaster and acting Commissary for facts, than any book we have read for some time. Its moral and religious tone gives it and has consequently made a requisition the finishing touch of real excellence. No upon this department for supplies for Coos person we think could read it without be- Bay. I am not able to satisfy his demand, ing benefitted. Parton got off a pretty as there are none here. Mr. Abrahams has just arrived from Scottsburg, and brings ed him, and hung him up in a tree. They good history of Greeley, but Mrs. Parton the information that the citizens of Coos also killed and scalped Brown's wife, who could improve that a great deal, by a few Bay are in the utmust state of distress for

the road and burned a small house, and a Cincinnati Reading Room, is informed that than 100 pounds of flour for the number of man in it named Peter ---- a Dutch- the Spectator has been dead about fourteen man. In the meantime, the wretches had menths, and its editor is somewhere in Calbeen busy at the block house. Mr. Gris- ifornia. We bought out the Spectator eswold was shot through the thigh and bled tablishment, consequently your letter has Corvallis, with instruction to go and return to death. Jacob Coil, a brother to Mrs. fallen into our hands. We know nothing Brown, 15 years old, was killed. Mr. about your \$5,00, as your letter must have the time the arrive, that they may be able reached here two months before we were to return without delay. There was a bloody conflict on board the authorized to take out communications to steamer Mary. I have the particulars so the "Speciator." If you want The Argus imperfect that I will not attempt to relate you shall have it as soon as we receive

Singular Coincidence.

We happened to pick up from our pile of our paper. We hope to be excused

"We have the Oregon Argus upon our ex-

From Jacksonville.

JACKSONVILLE, March 22, 1856 Dear Adams-There is nothing doing here worthy of note in the way of fightine account of the attack on the Cascades last As times are hard, and we can't well afford the expense of building a State-House, Indians have not devastated the country. I had started my boat up the rapids with we hope her claims will be taken into con. They are playing the mischief with the inhabitants on the coast. Barkwell, who was proclamation calling for three new compa- by land three quarters of a mile as far as The House might occupy her cabin aft, made Surgeon General by your Wallanies for the South, (to hold Lamerick's the wharf boat, where the Belle lands the and a hall might be fitted up on her poop Walla Legislature, has been here for sevehat, probably, whilst he pitched into the U. S. freight. My boat then came in to above for the accommodation of the Council, ral days. The poor fellow looks as chopmorning, and conversed with the express. Indians with his new sword. Delusion the shore. I was trying to get a crew of -whilst the "Printer's" press might be atought to be there with his watch, Indians, but was told by a half Spanish In- tached to her engine, and go by steam, so drink for two or three days. He started zens will take interest enough in the electric that they had seen some twelve or fifteen to "time" him.) Now we are inform. dian, formerly of the French Prairie, that as to lessen the expenses of printing. The tion to turn out and select such officers as Indians in the vicinity of the De Shutes, ed by The Sentinel that they need six the Clickatat and Yakima Indians were Hoosier could ply regularly between Canewill take an interest in the prosperity of a since their arrival. They had not met hundred regulars or more to help Lamerick around their lodges the night before. We mah and Skinner's Landing, picking up Barkwell will be removed, and McIteeny. city, which, if not the prettiest, is certainly Tom Hubbard, who went out with a pack whip the Indians-(perhaps they are only went into Mr. Simpson's (Indian Agent) the members of the Legislature, making appointed in his place. When the news wanted to hold his coat.) Well, well, gen. office and talked to the half-breed to allay and printing laws, and doing up small jobs came here that the Legislature had appointtlemen, you are decidedly a smart set of his excitement. He replied, "It is truth I for the party. The only objection we have ed Barkwell, the surgeons all resigned, ex.

Barkwell couldn't get Surgeons to serve under him. He denied with tears in his The "location" would certainly be in ad- eyes that he had even pledged himself as Columbia river above. The half-breed mirable keeping with the dignity of the Salem to remove Dr. Greer, but expressed said, "the attack is commenced, and they'll Oregon officials, (we beg pardon of the great anxiety to have him act as assistant Gen. PALMER, at the request of the be here in a few minutes." He then dart. Hoosier,) and would satisfy the penchant of Surgeon. This, Dr. Greer positively refused to do, but agreed to act as Physician and Surgeon to the Hospital at this place. after Barkwell had signed a personal written agreement promising Dr. Greer a stipulated sum per month for his services .-Matters are beautifully managed by the clique, and the "muss" threatens to last as

long as the war does, at least. Yours, VOLUNTEER.

From the South.

Rosenung, March 26, 1856. Gen. M. M. McCarver-Sin: Messen. ers from the South have just arrived, bringing intelligence of the most stirring One of our fair correspondents asks:
"Why do you not have a "Ladies' De and a number of our soldiers killed and wounded. The first dispatches brought ingood share of your readers are of the telligence of a battle fought on Cow Creek, weaker sex," and doubtless they would be south of the Canyon, on the 24th inst., by highly pleased if a part of your columns Sheffield's and Latshaw's companies, with a band of the Rogue River Indians com-Our reply is, we have a "Ladies' Depart- manded by Old George and Limpy; the ment," and a "Gentlemen's Department," volunteers lost one man killed and twe wounded; the loss of the Indians, as well as could be ascertained, was three killed, the number of wounded not known. On he same day in Camas valley, about 20 deed, we do not intend to admit anybody miles west of this place, the Indians made else. We have no particular little corners an attack upon the settlers of that prairie and drove away quite a number of caule up the bank. The Indians were in sight, dies' Department," 'Farmer's Department,' tachment of Capt. Buoy's company, and and distant about two gun shots. Port. "Child's Department," "Educational De-made a running fight for several hours. that ! Beginning of the "sixth volume," land may well be proud of such boys as partment," and Gentlemen's Department, The volunteers gained a complete victory; ers, and had the good fortune not to receive a wound or a scratch in the whole engagement. The Indians, however, very early ing" you would have known that it is only men and provisions at the block house un- guards, just because our taste doesn't in- in the morning saluted the inmates of the fire years from the beginning of Vol. 1 to der cover of his gun. On arriving there, cline to a newspaper got up with such a fort by firing upon them before they had recovered from their morning's slumber, and then retreated to the lower end of the valmoons in six years, instead of "sixty." fled to an island in the Columbia, as the large share of our paper, however, and collected what stock they wanted, and Strange what the force of habit will do! Clickatats and Yakimas retired to the forests when we insert one of their communical rushed for the mountains south. We have Strange what the force of habit will do! Clickatats and Yakimas retired to the lorests when we insert one of their communications we shall always put it in as nice a also intelligence of battles being recently tions we shall always put it in as nice a so intelligence of battles being recently fought further south. In the Illinois valley on Rogue river a pack train consisting of forty mules, as I understand, was surrounded and taken by the Indians belonging to Old John's band; three or four white men were killed and one wounded in that engagement; no statements in relation to We have received from Mason & Broth-the killed and wounded among the Indiana. command are now in that section actually engaged in a warm and vigorous contest

> A few hours ago I received a letter from ment a reader in a narrative of thrilling the Coast district. He states that it is utterly impossible to make any purchases in that place, under present circumstances, the want of provisions. A few men came up to Scottsburg by the way of the beach 65 R. H. STEPHENSON, Librarian of the for provisions, but could not procure more 110 persons who are forted up at that place. Immediate relief for them I am afraid cannot be had in time, from accounts.

with Old John and his entire band.

I am, sir, your most ob't serv't, &c., P. O. REILLEY. Ass't Com. Gen.

07 The Statesman still persists in heaping such mild and witty epithets upon us as "hog," "ass," &c. The young man has of exchanges three newspapers all claiming (six years, he says,) that he naturally rushes into a pig-sty or a "pot-house" for all from the charge of vanity in publishing the diet we feed him on, but we hope by them. The first we consider the most comthey could destroy.

U. S. government wagons, Commissary and Quarter Master stores—all a pile of and ancandid of dishonest and uncandid sheets, and the most dishonest as te enable him to stand on two legs, incommended of dishonest and uncandid sheets." doses, we shall be able to strengthen him so

change 1st, and we pronounce it a first rate Ore-gon paper."—Galesburg Free Democrat. this is said to have consisted of hard bread.

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