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our friends were extremely doubtful as to othy, in winning men, we think we have an upon the ignorance of the people and the expectations we should have ruined our intelligence of a large portion of our citizens, the good we yet hope to see result from our whose sympathies were on the side of right labors. We have made no compromise in every issue, so soon as the right side with error, and we never shall. We shall overestimated the resources upon which we the most intelligent, virtuous, free, and inrelied for support. Every returning moon dependent States of the Union. That gives us new assurances that we have put there has been a considerable change for to sea in a craft that will triumphantly out- the better in the northern counties of the ride the storm.

abundant evidence of a frailty and fallibili- gedes the dawn of day. ord of passing events, yet we crave from acceptable paper. friend and foe that charity which covers as many sins as we are willing to cast our mantle over upon a similar request from them. This is all that we have any right to claim. We may have misrepresented the conduct and character of our opponents at times, from a mistaken view of all the facts in the premises, but we have never done so intentionally; neither have we done so without using all the means within our reach to arrive at the truth. If there is a single human being whom we have dealt with unjustly in this respect, we sincerely crave his pardon, and upon being made con scious of it we will cheerfully make gospel restitution. The great object of our labors ought to be to make men better and hap choose to put on the ticket for office. pier. In attempting to cure society of aggravated moral evils, however, the knife and the lancet must be used as well as the of a Luther, nerved by the power of an tiron will, to snap the festering chains of binding up the broken hearts.

Whilst the magnitude of our pudertsking of real democracy and social purity among houset and productive labor. us. These banes of society are all rolled as sweet morsels under the tongue of the anxinepring of a political organization which aspires to control the future desti- Thomas Johnson, nies of our people. The menus that are used to perpetuate their influences have come so often under our immediate obser. Forbes Barelay, vation, and we have so repeatedly been E R Shunk, made the object of imprecations and curses, P. G. Stewart both loud and deep, that have come down D. B. Hannah, like an incessent storm upon our head, For Mayor-A. Helbrock, coupled at one time with the wild ravings For City Councilof the imbruted maniae in his drunken orgies, slipping at another from the oily tongce of the political demagogue, and ground out at another during the devations of honest religious bigots or canting Pharisees—that to men far removed be have manifested some disquietude in referyond all these influences we may at times ence to Gen. Patmen's policy of dealing have appeared unnecessarily barsh in some with the Indians on the Reservation, but of our strictures. So far as we have been the great mass of the citizens are peaceaable to learn, however, the great mass of ble and quiet.

circulation gives us encouragement to renew our exertions to make a periodical that shall meet the exigencies of the times -During the past year we have been left to absence of an abundance of advice from our friends, which we solicited and which we expected, we have exercised our own This number closes the first volume of judgment as to the ultimatum to which to Tun Anona. One year ago we started un- push every question which we have had to der circumstances which to many of our do with. Inspiration teaches us that there friends gave to our enterprise the aspect of is a time and a season for everything, and a hazardous experiment. While some of in the policy of Paul and the craft of Timthe final success of a paper occupying the inspired precedent for what we sometimes position of ours, our enemies thought they denominate the "policy of war," We know saw clearly a sandy foundation under our that we have failed to meet the expectations our downfall before thirteen moons should which they are deeply interested, but we will probably be against a Convention. wax and wane. Their hopes were based are just as confident that by meeting their depravity of the human heart, whilst ours fluence with nine-tenths of our readers, and rested upon an abiding confidence in the in-placed it beyond our power to accomplish could be ascertained. The result of our continue to battle for the truth, with the experiment has shown that we have not expectation of living to see Oregon one of Territory during the last year, we can see

In coolly taking a retrospective glance very painly. Men who labor for the imfrom our present stand-point, a thousand provement of their kind successfully, must thoughts and reflections crowd upon our be blessed with the gift of continuance-a mind. In the full consciousness that we constant untiring energy, that is beffled by have tried to pursue the right, and reject no complication of adverse circumstances, the wrong, yet in turning over the leaves of and appalled by no gathering gloom of our file for the last fifty one weeks, we find darkness, that waits on midnight or pre-

ty which belong to the sons and daughters To our friends who have nobly stood by of Adam all over the world. Although we us in toiling up the most rugged part of the see some things which we are willing to ascent to a permanent stand-point, we offer admit ought to be expunged, in order that our warmest acknowledgements. We shall no spot or tarnish should attach to our rec-still continue to exert ourself to make an

Oregon City Election.

At the city election last Monday there were three tickets in the field. It was the general understanding, so far as we were apprised, that there would be no effort to draw party lines, and run men upon party issues, regardless of qualifications. The people of this city, like those of many other portions of the Territory, have become entirely disgusted with the senseless rant of a few soft-handed, office-hunting dandies, who sun themselves, whittling dry goods boxes, on the south side of stores and groceries, laying plans for self-promotion by wooling the hard-handed yeomanry of the country to support the men they

On the eve of the election, we are informed, the silk stocking gentry held a mollifying oil. The history of the world grand pow-wow in the Land Office, and furnishes no solitary instance of a great re- of which our old highly efficient and popubrought out a party ticket, upon the head form having been brought about without lar Mayor unfortunately permitted his seeming violence. It took the Vulcan arm name to be placed. This naturally stirred plow. In one corner of the field were depositive meadows. up some of the Whigs, and the result was, another party ticket was brought out .-Papal slavery that bound the living masses The conservatives, not being pleased with of all Europe to the bloated carcass of the this party squabble, determined to run a Watican, through the month-piece of "in Jarrenson's receipt. On the day of the conservative ticket, gotten up after Tox sfallibility;" made St. Peter's crazy chair election the silk stockings suffered dreadscreak at every joint, and brought the world fully at the heels, from the constant tretting to their knees, excepting Luther. A Lu of their owners to dram up the faithful. ther broke the cable, and a Melanuthon But Alas! Alas! that much abused and followed, pouring in the healing oil, and misapplied word Democracy has lost its charm for the first time in Oregon City, and the people would now hardly get on may be small in comparison to that of the their knees to a long-cared animal, alsixteenth century, yet the philanthropist though he might be branded with a demo and reformer have a wide field that invites eratic iron reaching from the tip of the nose their labors in Oregon. The full extent of to the root of the tail. Whiggery is, we the evils under which we suffer is not ap- believe, at about as low an ebb. The repreciated, except be those who have taken sult of this election, we hope, is a presage particular pains to look a little behind the of a coming victory over party, all over scenes. Party slavery, intemperance, and Oregon. The time has fully come when wice, are making a desperate effort to crush men who make their living by drumming brought in town by express riders, of an enup the party should be set to work at some gagement on the Nesqually river, between trail and are still in pursuit of them.

But here are the tickets:

CONSERVATIVE.

34 | A. Helbrook, For Recorder, 78 | A. Holland, For City Council, 82 | Forbes Barelay, 76 A. E. Wait, 70 E. R. Shunk, Thomas Pope. 33 Thomas Charman, 54 Thomas Pope, Thomas Charman, W. F. Highfield, CF A few of the citizens of Yambill

pilot our craft to our own fiking. In the have not yet all come in. We are still in of 25 or 30 men. This may be so, and doubt as to the result, but it is generally may not be. conceded that the Convention is lost. We set down the majorities of the following counties, from hearsay, about as follows: AGAINST CONV'N. FOR CONVENTION.

120 | Columbia. 150 | Waseo, Moltnomah, 300 15 | Washington, Clackamas, Yambill,

The Convention is probably lost by a small majority north of the Calapooia

Portland City Election. We are glad to see that our former townsman JAMES O'NEILL, Esq., has been elected Mayor of Portland. The vote stood : James O'Neill. A. P. Dennison.

Giving O'NELL a majority of 75.

Mr. Howell, of Lian county, who is just in from the Dalles, informs us that he was Indians, which were so poor that they were

was nearly tied on Convention.

came out lately and drove off 27 cattle and 6 horses, belonging to settlers at the mouth of the Clickatat. Ten of the prisoners taken at the Cascades have been hung, and the rest are on trial.

Kamaiakin, with his whole force, has retreated into the Yakima mountains as far as they can get, and his people are scattered in every direction.

From Paget Sound.

der the conduct of E. T. GUNN.

We learn from the Courier, that John J. Bradley while in the field plowing, but ited their children, a boy of three years of meadows. finally succeeded in reaching his house and a mule, saddle blankets and a pair of bootprocuring a gun when the Indians retired. and left, scattering them in all directions, the Indians had disappeared,

[By Wells, Fargo & Co's Express.]

OLYMPIA, April 5th, 1856. Editor Standard—News has just been a scouting party of Capt. Maxon's compa-59 tured. The prisoners will be in town tomorrow.

Gov. Stevens is about fortifying the place. SAM'L WILLIAMS.

this city last Monday on his way to Port. and defeated them; killing three Indians land to take passage on the steamer for the a Navy sized pistol still tightly grasped in 59 States. The Major is going for a time to his his hand, though dead. The command home in Henderson county. Ill., but will followed the Indians about a mile, until the return to Oregon as soon as practicable. men were completely exhausted for want 64 Major A. has proved himself a good soldier of water. They were then ordered to re-Major A, has proved himself a good soldier turn to camp. This company, both officers in the present Indian war, and a good old. and men behaved in such a manner as to fashioned Jeffersonian Democrat by his an- entitle them to the highest praise of every compromising hos lifty to the clique in citizen of our country. Allow me to menpower here. He leaves us with the regards tion the obligations we are all under to Majand best wishes of all who know him.

Hoosier informs us, that in order to make fer, our readers in Oregon, and even our ex- 6.7 There were two considerable frosts her more acceptable, as the "Seat of Govchanges in the States, have complimented during the past week, but not enough we ernment," the proprietors think seriously us upon the correctness of the general tone think to injure fruit. The prospect for a of embellishing her with a good whitewash of our paper. Our constantly increasing heavy fruit crop this season was never finer, ing.

returns from the election on the Convention Indians near the mouth of Rogue River, in question. Even in this county the returns which the whites were defeated with a loss

From the South.

Rosenceg, April 2d, 1856.
Friend Adams-As a friend of mine is 75 what items of war news are in my posses-175 sion. The war lacks a great deal of being ing of fresh disesters, and new defeats .--Only a few days ago, Dr. Barkwell, in company with a small number of men who superstructure, and exultingly prophesied of a few in reference to matters about mountains. The majority south of this belonged to Maj. Bruce's command, were attacked by a body of seventy-five or a hundred Indians, and two men were instantly killed. Bruce's forces were on their way to relieve a pack train which had been corralled by the Indians on the morning of the same day, when Barkwell and a few men rode some distance in advance of the main body, and were pushing on to the relief of the wounded men who belonged to the pack train. The Indians shot the Doctor's borse from under him and took his saddlebags, with all his instruments and medicines. The Indians fled upon the approach of the main forces under Bruce. in the expedition beyond Snake River. The It is a great wonder that the Indians hadn't volunteers took about 300 horses from the captured Barkwell; but as few of their men get wounded, they have no particular use for a surgoon, besides as they have now left. They also captured an Indian boy got the instruments, they probably think three years old, which was brought into the their own practitions can do equally as well as the Doctor could. If the war gets no The vote at the Cascades, Mr. H. says, better as fast as it has for the last month, the Indians will be better prepared to carry The Indians that attacked the Cascades than we are. Yours in haste. L. H.

> [Official Dispatch.] HEAD QUARTERS, SOUTHERN ARMY. Fort Leland, March 31st, 1853. HIS EXCELLENCY, GEO. L. CURRY,

Gov. Oregon Territory, Salem, O. My DEAR SIR-I have the honor to make the following report of the Troops under my command. On the 22d ult. I gave orders to Maj. Bruce to move with his command to Illinois valley, to scour that part of the country, and if possible to find "Old The Puget Sound Courier has again re- John's" band of Indians. Bruce immedivived after a short snooze, and is again un- ately repaired to the head quarters of the Southern Battalion, and give the necessary orders for a march. His men moved on the 23d inst. As they were about start-Lowell, late clerk of the Council for Wash ing news came into camp of 'John's' band ington Territory, was recently drowned in being on the trail to Crescent City and that endeavoring to swim White river, on his they had that day killed three men, and way to Steilacoom, as bourer of dispatch: that they were then attacking the house of es from Maj. Garrett, in command of the a Mr. Hay. Capt. O'Neil's company hast es from Maj. Garrett, in command of the ened to the assistance of Mr. Hay, and it regular forces. Information has been obgetting there had to run through the whole tained through friendly Indians that the of the enemy's line, some 200 strong. As Sound Indians who are hostile expect a re-inforcement from the east side of the mountains in a few weeks. The Indians are commenced getting the families in that still breaking out upon the settlements in section of country in a condition to protect all parts of the country. On the 4th of themselves. In the meantime the enemy March the savages fired upon Mr. John were endeavoring to kill all the mules and Maj. Bruce pursued the Indians some five who with his family almost miraculously es- miles, fighting all the way. Three of his caped. Mr. B. was accompanied by his men were killed, and some 10 or 12 Indians wife, who drove the ox team attached to the killed. Night coming on the men drew

On the 22d ult, also, I ordered a detachage, and a babe. When the Indians fired ment consisting of 100 men of the Northern Mrs, B. ran for the children, and by the Battalion, under the command of Major directions of her husband darted into the Latshaw to go down Cow creek. On the brash and attempted to reach the house, — 23d they fell in with from 75 to 80 Indians six inless below Fort Smith. The fight here commenced; the men pressing for reach the house by crossing the field. The ward and the enemy retreating. Some 30 savages followed him on horseback, and Indians were collected on a hill to the right fired at him some seven or eight times .- of the battle ground at this time, and one of Some of the Indians were within ten steps the spys looking through a glass, discovered a white man amongst the Indians on the of him when they discharged their guns .- hill. 1st Lt. Coombs, of the Benton Co. One load from a shot gun took effect in company was ordered to take 30 men and Mr. B.'s hand and the boy's hip, but not charge the enemy on the hill, which he did producing a dangerous wound. Mr. B gallandy, killing one halian and capturing

The Volunteers drove the enemy right His wife lay conculed in the bushes till The enemy lost four killed, certain, and had many wounded. Four mules and two horses were captured. One white man kill ed of Sheffield's company, and one of the spy company wounded.

Capt. Laben Buoy's command had ny and a band of the Nesqually Indians, in fight with some 75 Indians six miles south which eight warriors were killed and four. of Cammas valley. The enemy came into teen Indians taken prisoner. Twenty-one the valley, it appears, to sweep the settle horses were found with the Indians and cap. ments. Upon hearing it Capt. Buoy, with 35 men started in pursuit and came up with the enemy on the mountain leading to the meadows from the North. As soon as Capt Buoy came up with the Indians, he imme diately divided his command and charged AT Maj. Augstrong passed through them right and left, and completely routed Bruce and the men under him, Maj. Latshaw and the brave boys from the North,

I have ordered 60 men from Capt. Buoy's

With much respect, I am sir, Yours most ob't serv't, JOHN'K. LAMERICK, Brigadier General, O. T. John R. Hale, Aid-de-Camp.

0.7 The last rains have raised the Willamette river some five or six feet, which

We see that some of our subscribers have fallen into the error that the subscription price of THE Angus for next year must always be paid in advance. We ask no man to pay in advance unless he chooses to, but if we have to wait for the pay we must have the old price, unless the money is paid within six months, in which case it will be only \$4 00 a year. All good men we calculate to wait on until they are able to pay. without distressing themselves. We have been distressed so often by poverty that we have great sympathy for poor men, (if they are honest.)

From Port Henrietta.

too late for this week.

respondence between Gen. Wool and Gov. Stevens, of Washington Territory, which will be read with much interest.

00 Linn county has responded to the call of Gov. Curry, and furnished a company for the southern field. James BLAKE-Ly was elected captain. This makes the fourth company that has been raised in

it should be. If a sufficient force is now toria April 1st, four days from San Franthe Indians to some advantage. Since shipments of potatoes to Cal-

has ordered the Northern volunteers to be

withdrawn from the field. This is just as

ifornia ceased, they are selling in this sity for 75 cents a bushel.

with a great deal of apparent solicitude,- dency to advance in flour. What has become of 'Viola' ?"

Today, April 12th, is the 79th anniversary of the birth of HENRY CLAY. The occasion, as usual, will be duly honored by the friends of the illustrious deceased throughout the Union.

Into each of these hubs three strong spokes toes at 43 cts per lb. Lard at 20 cts .are driven, and the runner attached in Choice butter at 39 and 40 ets. Adamanplace of the felice. When the snow falls tine candles at 80 cts. China rice at 7 cts the yankee slips the wheel off his wagon, Rio coffee 12 ets. We notice a sale of 250 sleigh instead of a wagon.

> For the Argua. SCHLIMITY, April 5, 1856.

and perpetuity of the Government, is one dence. that domands due deliberation. There is We take the following from the Herald, nevertheless a class of men, who suffer them relative to Congressional matters : selves to be influenced entirely by party In the United States Senate Wednesday with Jo Lane, they give right over, and man is chairman. drop right down upon their marrow bones In the United States Senate, Thursday a and ask for pardon. If the clique was to resolution was adopted calling on the Presi-0.37 The enterprising fireman of the of whom have been in the service all winwould shut their eyes and vote for it.

Territorial Election.

We have not been able to secure the full the Regulars have fought a battle with the Lt. Col. W. W. Chapman, all of whom are good of the great mass of the people, whose social compact, and who live under the same political institutions. The privilege of the elective franchise is enjoyed as a shield against oppression and tyranny, and was also designed to net as a check upon such social evils, as disturb the peace and good in from Rogue River on his way to the renders it in good boating stage both above order of society. An opright man will not 50 Williamotta valley, I hasten to give you and below the falls. The up river boats vote for an individual whose personal inhave all commenced running, but we be, fluence is in opposition to Christianity of lieve the Enterprise is the only one which good morals. An honest man ought not 100 every expressman that comes in as to the makes her trips to Corvallis regularly. and will not, vote for a thief, a robber, or 100 news South, with the expectation of hear- This popular boat is so punctual to her ap- one who oppresses the poor; one who pointed time, that she is getting rather withholds from labor its just reward, or shead of our timepieces, and is frequently who plunders his neighbor, even under off a few minutes before her set time of the sanction of law. Neither will a man. who is governed by a right motive, vote for a selfish aristocrat, who has no feeling in common with the mass of the people whom he represents, or for an indivinal who uses dishonest means to get into office. He will also refuse to support a man who will buy votes that he may be placed in an office where he can feather his own nest by steak ing from the government treasury. A republican can never vote for a man who holds to principles, at war with the geniusof free institutions, because there would lis danger that such a man would give official sanction to practices and principles calculated to corrupt public morality, disturb so-

cial order, and overthrow the government. We daily see the effects of party ignorace and corruption but we look forward We received a communication from J. C. with anxiety to the time, when the sovereign Stewart, dated Fort Henricita, April 3d, people will rouse from their slumber, and the seales will fall from their eyes, so that He states that Col. Cornelius, after leav- they may discover the gathering clouds of ing Snake river crossed over the Columbia despotism, which threaten destruction to to Priest's Rapids, but finding no Indians, the country, when men will look with pureis now on his way to the Dalles with his en- ness of heart, and honesty of intention, aftire force, excepting a detachment, left to ter the real interests of the country in the hold the country till the regulars take the choice of their officers, and when they will cease blindly to follow a party, right or On our outside, will be found a cor- wrong, and begin to support the most meritorious men for office. That day will only come, when the present raling party is broke down in Oregon.

Respectfully yours,

AN IMPARTIAL OSSERVER ...

News from the States. Dates From New York to Murch 5th, and

from San Francisco to March 28th. AT We are informed that Gov. Curny

The Difficulty with England-A bill for the construction of Ten New Steam-Ships of War passed the Senate. The brig San Francisco arrived at As-

sent to Rogue river we may expect to fight cisco, bringing news from New York to March 5. The mail steamer will bring but three or four days later news. We copy from the Democratic Standard : Capt. Smith brought up California dates-

up to March 28. The news from Califo 05 An old bachelor recently asked us, nia is of but little interest. A slight ten-

The Alta of the 24th of March cautions California Merchants against Washington Territory war surip.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKETS-March 27th. Sales up to 12 o'clock M.; 400 qr. sacksflour, Magnolia at \$10 50 per bbl; 100 #3 The Yankees in N. Y. city have half sacks Pacific extra at \$11 per bbl .got up a new kind of sled. A set of hubs, Sales on the 20th, 2,000 or. sacks of Orewith boxes to fit the axles of a wagon, con. gon City Mills, at \$9.75. 100 sacks of stitute the principle cost of the runners .- wheat at 31 cts. 200 sacks Oregon potaslips on the patent runners, and drives off a sacks of flour, Salem brand on the 24th at: \$10 50 per Ubl.

States! News.

The principal news is the publications of the correspondence between the officials of Mr. Editor-The privilege of voting was the United States and Great Brirain, relegiven for a noble purpose, and connected tive to the enlistment of troops in the Uniwith it are responsibilities that all should ted States for the British service, and the understand. The act of voting for princi- Nicaragua question. In another column ples and men, as it involves the prosperity we publish extracts from this correspon-

prejudices, and party leaders. While they a bill to increase the efficiency of the army acknowledge, and agree that the leading was reported by the Committee on Military men of the dominant anti-democratic party Affairs. The invalid and other pension apin Oregon are essentially corrupt, yet such propriation bills were passed. In the is the power of party prejudice, and the House, the Indian appropriation bill was wonderful charm of the soothing name of reported; also bills annulling the laws of democracy, that whenever the party lines Kansas respecting slavery and slave propare drawn and the lash of the "whippers in," erty, and authorizing the people of Oregon is applied to their backs, and threat is to form a State Government. The Presmade that if they fail to support the party, dent's message, recommending the expenthey shall have their names erased from diture of \$3,000,000 in promoting the effithe book of democracy, and not be allowed ciency of the army, was referred to the to occupy the same apartment in Heaven Military Committee, of which Mr. Quit-

company to follow the Indians and if possible to fall in with Col. Kelsey and Major Latshaw at the Big Bend of Cow Creek.

Col. Kelsey bids fair to be a very active fish or individual considerations, but he Clarendon directed Mr. Crampton to read In exercising the right of voting for those derstanding growing out of the Clayton friendly Power for arbitrament the misun-