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To My Friends in Rogue River Valley. No. 2. nister

PORTLAND, O. T., June 24, 1856. My last was dated Oregon City, and contained some account of that place. The last two days I was there it was rather cold, raining more or less, particularly on Sunday. Extra fires were needed, and in dif. ferent places I heard the expression of regret that there are no Indians left to chop our wood, or catch us salmon, gather us berries, or do our washing. Three white that it requires some skill to capture, even when caught.

I inquired the reason the civilized, useful Indians were driven away, and was answered that one party desired their removal lest they should join the war tribes moval to prevent their destruction by incensed volunteers.

terest for both red and white live in proximity and peace, yet under the circumstances neither could depend upon the other for security. The following statements, which there were many persons and families who gave due heed to justice and mercy-perhaps the majority did-yet there were others, even amongst the respectable, who nerupled not to supply them secretly with the legitimate effects of their own unprinprincipled avarice. There were some occasionally who took advantage of the absence of legal protection to gratify a cruel propensity. The following is an instance: boy to switch a larger Indian boy in the face. At length, when the latter could bear it no longer, and attempted resistance, the man threw him down and pounded his head upon the ground until bystanders took him off, when he drew a knife, threatening vengeance upon any who interfered with him. Surely there should be some law and some power to protect human beings (however humble their condition) from such abuse. It is unreasonable to expect of these poor savages such an amount of Christian meekness as to feel no desire for retaliation and revenge.

I heard also whilst in the City the statement of a physician in regard to his fees any thing but savages. Combativeness and be found both entertaining and instructive droughts. I could not help wishing that the pile of

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ness shall blossom as the rose."

arranged by division paths, and planted prise perfectly feasible-nay ; we believe place; the salmon are so large and strong near the entrance) was in perfect order- tween Mr. Calhoun's "inland sea" and the not a weed or surplus growth to be seen. great Western Ocean within the lifetime of sion and looked particularly tempting, and ever and whenever these railroads may be and the apple trees at the lower end, though constructed, they are not adapted to the im-

shade and a miniature rural walk. The cific is the work of years, and we need an tion, allowing it to penetrate the earth, the Gulf, will be located twelve miles to the from a spring near by. While returning against the whites; others urged their re- fence too beautifully harmonized with what overland mail forthwith. It should be ad- keeping the springs and fountains in a per- west on a part of the coast where the water with a supply she saw him fall, and heard was inclosed. It consisted of open wire vertised at once, contracted to the lowest petual flow in the driest seasons. Their is 25 feet deep at less than the distance of the commanding officer order the gun to be work on a substantial frame of wood, expo- responsible bidder in July, organized and roots and interlacing fibres penetrate the two miles from the shore, and where the taken to the rear. She immediately ran I was sorry to learn from various per- sing all the beauties within, but strong run through expeditiously this Fall, hay soil, preventing it from being washed away anchorage is good, and getting under sail sons that though it was really the true in- enough to protect from obtrusive hands .- cut and cured along the line wherever it by sudden showers, and forming a sort of is easy. It is estimated that a saving will There was however one unpleasant object exists, and grain sowed around the several sponge that absorbs the water, and gives it be made in distance between the respective to the pleasant feelings which this delight. stations for next year's service. Then, hav- out slowly and uniformly, thus equalizing places and Bombay, as follows : Constantiful spot inspired : all along the top of the ing everything in readiness, let the line be its flow, prevents droughts on the one hand, nople, 12,990; Havre, 8,928; London, fence was a row of sharp iron points about started regularly next May, and run weekly and floods on the other. When the forests 8,550; Liverpool, 8,550; New York, 5,317; I believe are true, go to show that although 5 inches apart. The sight conveyed the thenceforth from April to November in. on hillsides and ravine slopes are cut down, New Orleans, 8,173 ; More than one half idea of rogues in town, or at least the sus- clusive, and monthly through the four least the rain slides off from them as from a roof. the distance is abridged between the prinpicion of such. The ugly thought marred profitable months, until arrangements can A sudden shower swells every rivulet into cipal ports of Europe and Asia by the proone's appreciation, for who can contem- be perfected for running it more frequently plate beauty, peace, and plenty, in connec- and regularly. Such a mail contract would tion with crime and punishment, without secure the opening and constant improvealcoholic drinks, and then declaimed against feeling the painful incongruity of the con- ment of a good wagon road across the prainection.

The steamer Columbia had just arrived bring Kansas and California within hail of The supply of water that should have been before I reached Portland. She brought, each other, and reduce the mail time be- distributed over weeks is exhausted in in addition to the usual number of passen- tween the Missouri and the Sacramento to gers, six hundred Indians from Port Orford, ten or twelve days. Let the route be sim-A white man encouraged a small white in charge of Gen. Palmer. I did not see ply protected by U. S. dragoons or mountthe General, but I took a good look at the ed volunteers, and a Telegraph will trav-Indians as they were cooking on the shore. erse it within two or three years, construct- to be again taken up by evaporation only time a heavy shower commenced falling, They appeared cheerful and happy ; no ed by unaided private enterprise, and bring- to go again through the same round. The and the sky looked very black and overcast. doubt they realized the difference between ing New York and San Francisco within being hunted and killed, and being provi- an hour's call. ded for and protected. I saw one infant Our Government is acting with com-

only, but a large number of children of mendable promptness on the information both sexes and various ages, all of them just received from the Isthmus ; we trust it about 12 years old. As a general thing -N. Y. Tribune, May 2. they are a broad set, muscular people, in- How the Destruction of Trees affects the dicative of strength, and with a sufficient motive would be capable of great endurance. Their phrenological organization is Savanah Republican, an interesting article tion of one law, the destruction of forests

the Columbia, and thence east north-east to ment were early aware of this, and laws There are a few exceptions, however, its destination, traveling some eight thou- were framed prohibiting the cutting down This great enterprise, which, for many one of which I particularly noticed. The sand miles, or about the diameter of the of trees. But timber was valuable, and the years has seemed too visionary a project to office of the Oregonian, and the dwelling globe, to reach a point hardly more than a land was wanted for vineyards. Portuguese be seriously entertained, is likely to prove house of Mr. Dryer, its proprietor, are a thousand miles from that whence it set out laws were powerless against the demands not only practicable but to be actually repattern of neatness and taste. The build. on this protracted and devious wandering. of immediate interest. So the trees were alized. The commission of engineer and ings, instead of being placed close on the The practicability and the proper loca- cut down, the springs failed, and fountains scientific men whom the Viceroy of Egypt sidewalk, are situated about 25 or 30 feet tion of a Railroad from the Mississippi to dried up. Hence came drought, famine, appointed to examine and determine upon in the rear, and thus there is left a patch so the Pacific have been earnestly and very and destitution. Present gain must some. the practicability of uniting ocean to ocean, wide and about 130 feet long, tastefully properly discussed. We believe the enter- time be purchased by future loss.

with fruit-bearing shrubbery and lovely there will be at least three distinct lines of in many ways, even where we cannot sup- on nearly a direct route from Suez to the men have lately been drowned in this flowers. Every thing (except the shade Railroad completed and in operation be- pose that they affects its absolute amount. Gulf of Pelusium, with branch to the Nile. The large gooseberries hung in rich profu- many readers of this article. But, how- mosphere, is wafted over wide tracts of of water will be found at the distance of rather too profuse, formed a delightful mediate exigency. A Railroad to the Pa- that falls from being carried off by evapora- the former project placed at the bottom of ries and over the mountains ; it would soon followed at short intervals by low water .--

hours. That which should have bubbled Picayune writes on the 21th ult : up in springs and flowed through rivulets, Euphrates may undergo no change from

are greatly swollen. Thus by the opera-

disease, which made my soul sicken, and yet there was a better show of heads than ting down the trees upon mountain sides probable consequences of the destruction of and proposed two alternatives-either to each name presented for insertion. and ravines, we are inevitably entailing forests as early as the year 1800. It is a

CANAL ACROSS THE ISTHMUS OF SUEZ .by this means have made a report, in which Trees regulate the supply of moisture they declare that the canal could be built The evaporation from their leaves is con. The cost is \$3,000,000, and the construcsiderable, and this diffused through the at- tion will take six years. At Suez 85 feet country. They shelter the ground be. 5,000 feet from the shore. The port to be neath them, and . thus prevent the water constructed in the Gulf of Pelusium, which 22 years old, employed herself, while her a torrent. Every tiny brook pours its ac- posed canal. This single fact shows its cumulation at once into the rivers, whose immense utility to all nations, as well as to channels are inadequate to carry off the sud- Egypt and Turkey, and will secure for its den accession, hence, disastrous inundations, projectors the best wishes of the civilized world.

> A PERILOUS BALLOON DESCENT .- The Havana correspondent of the New Orleans

"Mr. Godard made his grand ascent last making the meadows green, is carried at Sunday, accompanied by no less than five once through the great rivers to the ocean, young gentlemen. Just at the appointed volume of the great rivers, the Danubes, the The public, however, insisted on Gedard's Mississippis, the Niles, the Rhines, and the starting, and the lines were cut loose. He was soon lost sight of behind the dense age to age ; for they derive their waters black clouds, and, as the wind was blowing from a wide extent of country, and droughts pretty fresh from the northwest, the balfat and playful. I saw but one sick, a boy will act with commendable prudence also. in one section are balanced by showers in loon crossed the bay south of Regia, and another. But the smaller rivers diminish, descended about nine miles from Havana. names in the list, the letter will be mailed the rivulets dry up, and the springs fail, The intrepid aeronaut and his passengers as usual, and the directions sent to the "Paexcept immediately after rains, when they came near losing their lives. The valve cific mail list," New York ; with the name got out of order, and, when Godard at- of the place from which the person went to tempted to let the gas escape, he found he California. The publication of the list, alnot such as to preclude them from being upon the subject, a synopsis of which will causes the two opposite evils of floods and could not open the valve. He immedi- though sanctioned by government, is enately informed his companions of the nature tirely a private enterprise, and therefore it for a single year for the cure of a certain destructiveness undoubtedly predominate, to farmers and land proprietors. By cut- Humbolt called public attention to the of the danger in which they were placed, will be necessary to send three cents with continue in the clouds and wait for the con strongly than ever that with proper culture two great evils upon posterity-a scarcity well known fact, that the lakes in the val- densation of the gas, and make a descent these people, even the adults of this gen. of fuel and a scarcity of water. The form- ley of Mexico have greatly contracted ever by night, exposed to all the dangers of so these people, even the adults of this gen-cration, can attain a high degree of civili-is equally certain and far more formidable. Mexico occupies its ancient site, but it is place, or tear the balloon and make an im-The lack of wood for fuel may be supplied now some distance inshore instead of on mediate, rapid, and equally dangerous one from our abundant accumulation of coal; an island, as formerly. This is to be as- The passengers chose the latter, and the but no art or labor can supply a substitute cribed to the felling of the forests that balloon was immediately torn. Everybody clothed the adjacent hills. The British As- thought that they had been killed, for the The hidden fountains of all our springs sociasion has collected from India a vast fall was very rapid. The balloon struck a and rivers are in the atmosphere. Every amount of information bearing upon the palm tree and rebounded about two hunestablishing an Overland Mail to California drop of fresh water is drawn, in the form same point. Among the hills of Coylon dred vards. One of the young men-Louis and Oregon ; if any of our readers are still of dew or rain, from these inexhaustible, where the forests have been cut down, in Zavas-was badly injured by the fall, and ever-tenewed reservoirs. Trees act in order to form coffee plantations, the loss of Mr. Perez had his leg broken. The others many ways in regulating and distributing the springs and fountains has already be- received some slight bruises, but returned to the city about 9 P. M." Our own country is yet too new, and our THE NEW NICABAGUAN MINISTER .- This functionary has for several weeks been the the civilized world. We are sure it should, St. Helena, great attention has been paid ter to have become a serious evil. But like the most attractive "lion" in Washington. and we trust it will, prove a lucrative in- within the last quarter of a century to the cauces produce like effects ; and unless we It is said, however; that he cannot undervestment to its stockholders. We believe planting of trees upon the steep bare hill- change our proceedure, our children will stand a word of our language ; he is therefore, free from any annovance that might otherwise come from the numerous remarks made about him in the papers and in official and private circles. He is described as being "a rather stout, well shaven man, whose long-skirted coat, knee-breeches, and black hose; and silver shoe-buckles, accord with the priestly functions which he exercises at home. His hair is concealed by a sort of brown and alouched cap or cowl ; and though of a very dark complexion, the President does not consider him a Black

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ADVERTISING RATES.

DEATH OF & SON OF MOLLY PITCHER .-The Carlisle (III.) Democrat notices the death in that place, on the 10th of April, of Sergeant John L. Hays, an old resident of Carlisie, and a soldier of the war of 1812. Sergeant Hays was born on the day of the battle of Lexington, and was consequently 85 years old. He was the son of the celebrated Molly Pitcher, who distinguished herself at the battle of Monmouth, and of whom the "Life of Washington" gives the following account :

"It was during this part of the battle, when Lee was struggling nobly against the overwhelming numbers that pressed on him, that an Irishman, while serving at his gun, was shot down. His wife, Molly, but loaded and fired his piece, in bringing water forward seized the rammer, declaring she would avenge his death. She fought with her piece like a hero to the last. The next morning Gen. Greene, who had been struck with her bravery, presented her to General Washington, who immediately promoted her to be a Sergeant, and afterwards put her name upon the half pay list for life .--Previous to this, she fired the last gun when the Americans were driven from Fort Montgomery."

At the close of the Revolution, Molly took up her residence in Carlisle, where she was known as Molly McCauley. She lived to an advanced age, much respected by all, and was buried with military honors.

CALIFORNIA LETTERS .-- Oliver E. Woods, of New York, will publish on and after May 5th a "Pacific mail list" for each Calinia mail, to contain the names of persons in California and Oregon, having letters in the mail, and whose place of residence is not entirely certain. These lists will be pooted in every post office in California and Oregon, and thus the probability that many letters now returned to the dead letter office will reach their destination is considerably increased. To secure the insertion of The will of the late Dr. John C. Watren, of Boston, provided for the disposition of his body with an especial reference to the science which he had so long pursued and adorned. The will required that the body should remain 24 hours, at the close of which time arsenic should be infused into the veins ; at the end of the next 24 hours, the funeral ceremonies should take place, and the body be deposited beneath St. Paul's Church, and 24 hours thereafter was to be given for examination to the officers of the Medical College and the physicians of the Massachusetts General Hospital, to ascertain regarding certain pecultarities which he supposed to exist. After this the flesh was to be taken from the bones, the bones mascerated, wired and deposited in the College Museum. The will, we understand, is peremptory. Type PUNCHES .- The Americans are, an a rule, a quick-witted, intelligent, go-a-headative race. There are, however, occupations and pursuits requiring a union of skill and patience with this country is calculated to develope. What would America be without her press, her newspapers, her books ? Yet we are assured that there is not a man in this country who can cut a punch for book type. Certain it is that all the best book type used or cast in this country is made from punches cut in London and Edinburgh. The Scotch, it is generally admitted, are the best cutters of 027 The Boston Times says a few weeks | letters ; the Germans of music; the French of borders and ornaments. Those who are not familiar with these matters may be surprised to learn that it requires vastly more skill to make a set of steel punches with which to sink the dies or matrice for an alphabet, than to make the most finished chronometer. It is work requiring a peculiar organism. A punch-cutter, like a poet, an honest man, or a "dead shot," is born, not made .- Phonographic Reporter.

books (25 cents each) which I saw in Holland's store, entitled "Home Treatment for Self-Abuse," were distributed and read by every man and boy in the country. Considerations of health, purity, self-respect, and our responsibility as a civilized Christian and superior race, should be sufficient to deter every one from the thought of prostituting themselves with those whose reason and religion demand that we should strive to raise to a higher grade in the scale of being.

I left the City on Monday in a little steamer for Portland. Two steamers ply daily back and forth between the cities, which are only twelve miles apart, with a smart looking place midway. Milwaukie is situated on the east side and upon the edge of a beautiful curve in the river. I noticed a number of men driving piles in the river, upon which I learned a large grist mill is to be erected. The beautiful Willamette may literally be called the River in the Woods-the tall trees with but few clearings come down to the river's brink. I noticed a little below Oregon City an extensive nursery in thrifty condi-

surrounded by high timber. The river is erance from its present troubles. upon the east side, the land rising beautifully to "ards the west. The soil appears -a grand, dashing, magnificent one, if Still more remarkably is this shown by the brook that turned his water wheel. The rather wet, or at least it must be very you will-but none the less a blunder at last muddy in winter ; but the difficulty seems to be in a fair way of being remedied .- for the moment, to the transportation of our ing power that they seem to be always unusual drought happens, the cattle must wary neat and substantial manner; also Union to another by an immensely circui- ture collects in drops upon the leaves, trick- cessity which never was known in his early terred from the family tomb, under St. the whole thoroughfare of Water Street tous route through a foreign country or les down the branches and stems, and col- years. More especially will this be the Paul's Church, the remains of his uncle, and the angles of all the others are well countries. If forced to send them by the lecting into a reservoir at their feet, forms a Case if a railroad or an iron establishment Gen. Joseph Warren, who fell in the fight planked. There are several streets each a Isthmus for the first year, we should have perpetual fountain. It is a repetition on a has occasioned a rapid demand for fuel .-- of Bunker's Hill. The remains were placed either with buildings, or as gardens or overland route the next season.

expected to see, and I believe more JOHN BEESON.

Routes to California:

We need not now restate the general considerations which urge upon our Govern ment the policy and duty of immediately ignorant of them, the fault is not ours:

The Panama Railroad was a noble enward to completion. We can scarcely of Western Mexico, the Pacific, and Westand has redounded to our credit as a peo-

yards. I am told the population amounts We are now paying some sig hundred into a heated room. to between one and two thousand. Like thousand dollars per annum for the trans- We have of late years heard much of the farmers have killed the goose that laid Behind one of the cars was seen an aperall places of similar age, it has as yet a portation of our Pacific Mails. This is drought and consequent famine in the Cape the golden eggs for them. very rough, unfinished appearance. On equal to the highest price paid by the Post- de Verd Islands. The soil is of a pecuthe western rise the encroachments on the Office Department for the transportation of liarly porous nature, and therefore requires anbroken forest appear but recent. Elegant a daily mail each way on a first-class route a constant supply of moisture as an indisstructures, neatly painted, and neat inclo- over two thousand miles of railroad, equal pensable condition of fertility. For a long oures, are rising up midst fallen timber to the distance from St. Louis to San Fran- time the climate has been constantly growand stumps, where it is difficult to wind eisco. Now a letter written in Minnesota to ing less and less humid. The Socorrodos, along with a team. There is not generally a correspondent in Washington Territory, the largest river in Madeira, formerly had the nice taste which is manifested to some hardly more than a thousand miles due a sufficient depth of water to float timber extent in Oregon City-I mean in regard west, must come east to the Mississippi, down to the sea. It is now a mere rivalet, to the orgamental surroundings of their down that river to Dubuque or Dunleith, whose waters, except in flood time, are dwellings. A patch of timothy or clover east again to Chicago, Cleveland, Buffalo, scarcely discoverable as they trickle along or potatoes, sometimes weeds, or nothing- and New York ; then south south-west to its pebbly bed. This diminution of moisbut few flowers, and none of that Queen of Aspinwall, cross the Isthmus to Panama, ture can be traced directly to the destruc-Beauties. They do not seem to regard thence north north-west to San Francisco, tion of the forests that formerly covered the the good old prophet who said "the wilder thence by steamship again to the mouth of mountain sides. The Portuguese govern-

for water.

We find in a magazine before us, says the

terprise, and has been nobly pressed for- the supply of moisture. In certain locali- come an evil of great magnitude. ties they even produce a sensible effect upname anything else so well calculated to on the amount of moisture deposited from forests are yet, in spite of woodmen and exalt our National prestige in the eyes of the atmosphere. Thus, in the Island of axes, too numerous for the scarcity of waits business calculated to increase year by sides : and it has been found that the fall suffer from our wanton carelessness. We year, until most of the trade with Europe of water has almost doubled since the time have no right for our own temporary adwhen Napoleon was a prisoper there. The vantage to desolate the country. No genern South America, will traverse this road. reason is obvious. The temperature of eration has more than a life-interest in the So the Nicaragua Transit enterprise has trees, in hot climates, is always lower than earth, of which it is but the trustee of posbeen prosecuted with spirit and courage, that of the surrounding atmosphere. The terity. Every man who has revisited his winds, loaded with moisture exhaled from early home in the older States, after an ab-Portland is situated in a circle, being ple. We fervently hope for its safe deliv. the ocean over which they have passed, sence of a few years, can not have failed to sweep over the island. The trees condense notice the dimunition of the streams and But our Pacific Mail system is a mistake this, and it is deposited in dew or rain .- springs. There is probably no water in the famous fountain tree on Ferro, one of the springs in the pasture, which he remembere we never should have submitted, except Canary Islands. So great is their condens- as ever flowing, are dry; and if a season of Republican."

mile long, and most of the lots are occupied been prepared to send them by the direct larger scale of the phenometion which oc. The trees have gone, and with them the in a stone urn, upon which an appropriate

AMERICAN COPPER .- Although the copper mining interest in this country is as yet in its infancy, it has already produced reamong the foremost of our industrial purthis metal, while now we are producing ment.

about 5.000 tons of it, equal to 1-17th of the whole world ; the beds of its ore are inexhaustible, and it is of great purity .-Eighteen new stamping mills were erected added in 1858.

Already the sidewalks are all planked in a domestic Mails from one section of the wrapped in a vapory cloud, and the mois- be driven a long distance to water-a ne- since the late Dr. John C. Warren disinteurs when a jug of iced water is brought water ; and the meadows and fields are epitaph had been engraved. The skull was dry and parched. In their haste to be rich, quite perfect, the chin still remaining .ture, which indicated the place were the fatal ball entered, which ended his brief but glorious career.

> 67 For some time past, the leading Churches have been endeavoring to fuse

05 Wisconsin is coming on rapidly in the way of Railroads. There are now eleven different Railway Lines in the State, last year, and at least fifty more will be finished and the remainder in process of construction.

13 Private letters from Angona, Italy, dated 2d of April, state that Mr. Fillmore was there, on route from Rome to Venice, and expressed a determination to visit St. Petersburg, now that peace was declared, before returning to the United States.

37 The Colonization Herald says, about 600 applications have been received by the Pennyylvania Colonization Society, for a passage in the expedition to sail on the 1st of June next from Savanah, of whom the great mojority are slaves who are to be emanoipated for the purpose.

sults that give promise of its soon standing spirits in the Unitarian and Universalist suits. Previous to 1840 we were entirely the two sects, and the Unitarian organ in dependent on England for our supply of New York strenuously advocatas the move-