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

PORTLAND, O. T., June 24, 1856. My last was dated Oregon City, and contained some account of that place.

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The steamer Columbia had just arrived before I reached Portland. She brought, in addition to the usual number of passengers, six hundred Indians from Port Orford, in charge of Gen. Palmer.

How the Destruction of Trees affects the Rain. We find in a magazine before us, says the Savannah Republican, an interesting article upon the subject, a synopsis of which will be found both entertaining and instructive to farmers and land proprietors.

THE NEW NICARAGUAN MINISTER.—This functionary has for several weeks been the most attractive "lion" in Washington. It is said, however, that he cannot understand a word of our language; he is therefore, free from any annoyance that might otherwise come from the numerous remarks made about him in the papers and in official and private circles.

DEATH OF A SON OF MOLLY FITCHER.—The Carlisle (Ill.) Democrat notices the death in that place, on the 10th of April, of Sergeant John L. Hays, an old resident of Carlisle, and a soldier of the war of 1812.

A PERILOUS BALLOON DESCENT.—The Havana correspondent of the New Orleans Picayune writes on the 21th ult: "Mr. Godard made his grand ascent last Sunday, accompanied by no less than five young gentlemen. Just at the appointed time a heavy shower commenced falling, and the sky looked very black and overcast."

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ADVERTISING RATES. One square (12 Lines or less) one insertion, \$7.00 two insertions, 4.00 three insertions, 5.00 Each subsequent insertion, 1.00 Reasonable deductions to those who advertise by the year.

Job Printing. THE PROPRIETOR OF THE ARGUS IS HAPPY to inform the public that he has just received a large stock of JOB TYPE and other new printing material, and will be in the speedy receipt of additional suits to all the requirements of the locality. HANDBILLS, POSTERS, BLANKS, CARDS, CIRCULARS, PAMPHLET-WORK and other kinds, done to order, on short notice.

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Our Government is acting with commendable promptness on the information just received from the Isthmus; we trust it will act with commendable prudence also. —N. Y. Tribune, May 2.

THE PANAMA RAILROAD was a noble enterprise, and has been nobly pressed forward to completion. We can scarcely name anything else so well calculated to exalt our National prestige in the eyes of the civilized world.

OUR OWN COUNTRY IS YET TOO NEW, and our forests are yet, in spite of woodmen and axes, too numerous for the scarcity of water to have become a serious evil. But like canoes produce like effects; and unless we change our procedure, our children will suffer from our wanton carelessness.

AMERICAN COPPER.—Although the copper mining interest in this country is as yet in its infancy, it has already produced results that give promise of its soon standing among the foremost of our industrial pursuits. Previous to 1840 we were entirely dependent on England for our supply of this metal, while now we are producing about 5,000 tons of it, equal to 1-17th of the whole world; and the beds of ore are inexhaustible, and it is of great purity.

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