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For the Argus. Apple Orchards .- Their Treatment. SALEM, Feb. 9, 1857.

Mr. Editor-We have some good horficulturists in Oregon. They take pains with their orchards, and they are reaping every year the fruits of their labor. With such men there has been for the last few years not only a crop of apples, but a most abundant grop also of the real solid gold. Perhaps we may safely say that one hundred men in the Territory have brought among us a larger amount of cash than all the rest of our farming community. I do not know how many thousand dollars worth of fruit has gone out of the Territory, for I have no statistics, but judging from the amount of apples sold by the farmers of Marion county, and the prices current, it cannot average much less than a thousand dollars apiece. This would make a hundred thousand dollars for fruit to the large fruit growers. Now if we add to this the sums received by the owners of smaller orchards, and remember that the receipts for all this fruit is not merchandize, not boots and shoes, and clothing, and groceries, like a large share of the receipts for flour and pork, which mostly goes into the hands of our merchants, but clear gold to be put in circulation in the country. I think all will be ready to admit that the statement made above is correct, viz : that more each comes into the Territory in this way than by all the rest of our products. Our orchards therefore may be properly called the cash capital of the Territory.

Now then, Mr. Editor, it is well known that while large numbers of fruit trees are being yearly planted out from our large own han I. and excellent nurseries, not one tree in fifty thus planted is so cared for that it will soon bring returns to the owner for his expense and trouble of planting. Many seem to forget that care is just as necessary scribed by Lamartine : after the tree is planted, as it is to plant it well in the first place. There are scores of orchards of from one hundred to two thousand trees each in this county which are thus planted, and left with little or no care. The weeds are growing around the little moisture and nourishment there happens to be in the soil. The ground around the trees is left unstirred by plow or hoe, what might be expected. The trees do not grow ; they become stinted, and wormeaten at the roots, and years of toil cannot recover them from their dying death, toward which they are suff-red to descend by these one or two years of neglect. Nature is uniform in all her works. Let a colt, or calf, or even a pig, be starved and stinted in their growth, and they never will recover from it. Every man, every creature, every tree and plant has a certain degree of vitality in their constitution. That vitality, or life or power of existence, (whatever name you give it,) is always wasted by hardship. Give any tree the proper conditions of its growth, give plenty of food, and of the right kind, and it will hold its vitality, as much longer, and be as much more thrifty and productive of fruit as any animal will be better, in answering to its owner the ends of its being, when properly treated. The way ninetecn-twentieths of Oregon orchards are treated, it will take the owners about four times as long as it ought to bring the trees to bearing good crops .-Trees in a healthy state, and kept growing, will produce from three to five feet of growth to the limb the first summer after planting out. I have apple trees in my 6, shard which grew that length last summer, and I doubt not some of our most experienced fruit-growers have succeeded even better than that. Now then what manifest folly it is for a man to spend hundreds of dollars in getting and planting good trees, and then be three or four years in reaching the same result which he might reach in one year if the trees were properly cared for. Any farmer may take 'yearling trees from our nurseries and have plenty of fruit for his family, and some to 'sell, in three years from the time of setting out the trees, if he will pursue the following plan: Let them prepare their ground well by deep plowing. It should be plowed not less than eight inches, and where the tree is to stand should be spaded twelve or fifteen inches. Set out the tree so that the collar of the root will come about even with the top of the ground, and cover the roots carefully with good fine earth. This is all that is necessary in setting out the tree. Some of our horticulturists have been experimenting upon placing the tree the next and all important thing to keep at \$200,000 more.

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OREGON CITY, O.T., FEBRUARY 21, 1857.

The Death of Father Mathew.

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them in a growing and healthy state is, to keep the earth all astir about the roots .--The roots of all trees need air. They can of Temperance, died at Cork on the 0th of rived from Macso that evening, and ad particulars of a new calculating machine- us is a dead man." Since that time it is no more do without it than man can do December. His career has been remark- vised the Commodore not to laud his forces from which we extract the following pass- said that Marshal Donaldson keeps himwithout his breath. This has been proved able, and his influence among his country- on the following morning, but to send a ages :- "M. Thomas; of Colmar, has late- self at Leavenworth, avoiding the road by efforts to grow shade trees in our East. men in Great Britain and America will letter to the Chinese Government. Un its made the finishing improvements in the leading to Lawrence, and it is thought that ern cities, where the roots must run under long be felt. Theobald Mathew was born fortunately the Commodore took his advice, calculating machine, called the arithmom when his successor in office arrives, he will the stone pavements. It was found that in Thomastown, Ireland, Oct. 10, 1790 .- and after waiting twenty-four hours for an eter, at which he has been working for leave the territory. the largest clins would die if the roots He was left an orphan at an early age, ad answer, changed his mind, on Captain upwards of thirty years. Pascal and Lecould not find vent holes through the opted by an aunt, and educated in Kilken. Foote's informing him that the delay was ibnitz, in the seventeenth century, and pavement, where they could drink in the ny Academy and at Maynooth. He was the worse thing they could do, the ships Diderot at a later period, endeavored to from such men as Lecompte and Titus, fresh air. This and other experiments go ordained to the priesthood at Dublin, hav- were being hemmed in-the Chinese were construct a machine which might serve as has begun to observe for himself and to to show that not only the body and limbs ing previously entered upon his philan-strengthening the forts, and appeared to be a substitute for human intelligence in the form his own conclusions. He has deof trees cannot grow without air, but that thropic labors among the poor. The curse hostile again. Then Peter Parker, who combination of figures; but their efforts clared his intention to govern the territory all parts, even the roots, must be supplied of whiskey, brought so fearfully to his by the by is as much disliked among the failed. M. Thomas's arithmometer may with it. Many of the gases which float in notice among these wretched people, rous. Americans, as Sir John Bowring, Gover- be used without the least trouble or possi- influence of any party, and to protect all the air are the natural food of plants; ed him to unwonted enthusiasm, and he nor of Hongkong, is by the English, saw bility of an error, not only for addition, hence the oftener you stir the ground about determined upon a crusade against the de- his mistake, and on dit, tried to push the subtraction, multiplication, and division, the roots of a tree, the ofisner you dis. non Alcohol. Adopting the principle of whole blame on to the poor old Commo- but also for much more complex operations, ladge the old air from it, which has, as it total abstinence, he commenced a series of dore's shoulders.

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were, been breathed over by the roots, and meetings, and soon awakened the latent enfall would do much good, but I am confi. town through all the island.

sit under their own trees, and eat golden they have to now when they taste apples, they may cat the real apple, ten times sweeter for having been raised with their Temperance and receive his medal with a she received of any consequence.

A Picture of Napoleon the Great.

his time. Gratified ambition, satiated personal poverty.

roo's of the trees, and sucking away what live pleasure, the babit of constant riding reduced the owner to bankruptey. To after things,

like those of Otho in the Roman medals of Ireland, the weight of years and the

such as the extraction of the square root,

Yesterday the bombardment was re- involution, the resolution of triangles, &c. supply it with fresh air, and a new ele. thusiasm of the Irish nature to his assist- newed, and a heavy ficing was kept up for A multiplication of eight figures by eight ment of growth. A little manure, (a half ance, meeting with success beyond the four hours by the Portsmouth and Levant, others is made in eighteen seconds; a dibushel or so,) put around each tree in the wildest hopes. He travelled from town to the forts were silenced, and one of them vision of sixteen figures by eight figures. stormed and carried. The Chinese soldiers in twenty-four seconds ; and in one mindent that in our rich valley lands it is not His spotless fame preceded him, and his all ran as soon as a sailor's head appeared ute and a quarter, one can extract the governing well.

Araus.

so much the manure that is wanted to progress was one triumphal march. The over the walls. To day the firing was re- square root of sixteen figures, and also make trees grow, as it is weekly fresh air authorities unbent their dignity to do him newed, and lasted about one hour. We prove the accuracy of the calculation dug or hoed in about the roots. Let a honor, and the people followed and crowd- hear the loss of the Americans is almost The arithmometer adapts itself to every man follow these rules, and keep a good ed around him with adoration. He ad- nothing-some four or five men in all .- sort of combination. As an instance of fence about his orchard so that cattle shall ministered the pledge to thousands at a The United States ship Portsmouth had the wonderful extent of its powers, we not break in and destroy his trees, and I time; at Galway a hundred thousand in her rigging much cut, which shows the may state that it can furnish in a few secmay safely give him the assurance that in two days ; between Galway and Lough universal mistake the Chinese make, viz. : onds products amounting to \$09,090,099,099. three short years he and his family may rea to nearly two hundred thousand .- firing too high, only a few shots took of. 999,999,999,999,999,999,999,999, A mar. From Ireland he went to England, where fect, one striking her in the stern, knock- vellous number, comparable to the infinite fruit, with none to molest or make afraid, even the phlegmatic Saxons were infect- ing the cabin into a cocked hat. This was multitude of stars which stud the firma. Instead of cating dimes and quarters as ed with a corresponding enthusiasm .- done before she could recover her position, ment, or the particles of dust which Thence he came to the United States, the spring on her cable having parted, float in the atmosphere. The working of where to shake hands with the Apostle of Two other bad shots in her hull, was all the instrument is, however, most simple,-To raise or lower a nutscrew, to turn a

pledge of total abstinence was the highest Canton is nearly deserted by Americans, winch a few times, and, by means of a Grary. The country is now likely to fill ambilion of every worthy son and daughter as well as English, and it is pretty gener button, to slide off a metal plate from of the Emerald Isle. His warm reception ally thought that the siege will last some left to right, or from right to left, is the The personal appearance of Nayoleon and gratifying success in this country are months, even if an open declaration of war whole secret. Instead of simply reproin the last days of his power is thus de- well remembered. Through all this Her- is not given. The British have boomed ducing the operations of man's intelligence. culean labor he never amassed a cent for the river as a protection against fire-rafts the artthmometer relieves that intelligence "The empire had made him old before himself, but was constantly in a state of and are building a powder magazine in the from the necessity of making the opera Park. I hope to go to flongkong in a few tions. Instead of repeating responses die pride, the delights of a palace, a luxurious When he began his good work his broth- days, and shall be right glad to get away tated to it, this instrument instantaneously table, a voluptuous couch, a youthful wife, er was the proprietor of a large distillery. from this place. Our house is moved there, dictates the proper answer to the man who complaisant mistresses, long vigils, sleep- He supported Theobald until his wonder- but as one of the concern stays by the asks it a question. It is not matter proless nights, divided between labor and fes- ful success had ruined the distillery, and place, some one is wanted here to look dueing material effects, but matter which

thinks, reflects, reasons, and executes all which made bim corpulent, all tended to meet the wants of the good Samaritan, the We live "from hand to mouth" and are the most difficult and complicated arithdeaden his limbs and enervate his faculties. British Government settled an annuity of obliged to pull our own boats to the steam metical operations with a rapidity and in-An early obesity overloaded him with £300 upon him, which sum was not suf- ers for provisions. I shall write you by fallibility which dofies all the calculators most of our long dry summers, or, if f sh. His cheeks, formerly streaked with ficient to pay the premium upon an insur- the next vessel, the clipper ship Hurricane, in the world. The arithmometer is, more- for paying the national debt and for instirred at all, not more than once or twice, muscles, and hollowed by the working of ance policy held by his creditors as secu- to sail January 1st, and let you know how over, a simple instrument of very little The result of such management is just genius, were broad, full, and overhanging, rity for their claims. Since his return to affairs stand. So for the present adieu. volume and easily portable. It is already means the retrocession of the neutral lands. used in many great financial establish-Ever your friend, н. ments, where considerable economy is re-alized by its employment. It will soon be Liverpool correspondent of the Journal of Commerce, in giving an account of the ally used as a clock, which was formerly ceremonies attendant on the presentation only to be seen in palaces, and is now in of this vessel to the Queen of England, every cottage."-London Athenaum.

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tion. Dr. Peter Parker, an old fogy, our A NEW CALCULATING MACHINE -The Lawrence among my friends you are Father Mathew, the renowned Apostle Minister here from the United States, ar. French Moniteur gives some interesting sife ; but if we ever meet alone, one of

> Governor Geary, who at first received his impression of the state of the country impartially, to keep himself aloof from the peaceable citizens in the enjoyment of their rights. The people of Kansas are willing to give him their confidence, and the manner in which he has lately exercised his official power, indicates that he deserves it. He has the good sense to see that the prosperity of the territory depends upon the security of personal rights, and knows that his own reputation is concerned in

We believe that we may assure those who think of emigrating to Kansas, that the way is now as clear to that territory as to Nebraska, and the rights of settlers as safe there as in the more northern territory. The men who were sent from the slave states to serve as soldiers of slavery for two years, have, for the most part, gone back ; at all events they have disappeared. Atchison hovers yet on the borders of the territory ; but would not care to enter it again, without a horde of armed Missourians at his back, and this he will be prevented from doing by Governor rapidly with colonists from the Atlaniid states, and to become one of the most prosperous of our territories. The troubles by which its early settlers have suffered have attracted attention to it in a degree to which we do not recollect a parallel, and now that they are sure to be protected in their rights, the tide of emigration will set strongly in that direction .- N. Y. Evening Post.

THE CHEROREE NATION .- The Annual Message of John Ross, President of the Cherokee Nation, represents the condition of the Nation as prosperous. The President recommends the adoption of measures creasing the School fund, and suggests as a

the empire. An excess of Life mingling exertions of long labor have compelled his with the blood gave a yellow tint to the partial withdrawal from public life. In skin, which, at a distance, looked like a personal address Father Mathew was varnish of pale gold on his countenance. courteous, benevolent and winning in the Ilis lips still preserved their Greeian out- highest degree. The news of his death line and steady grace, passing easily from will be received with profound regret by a smile to a menace. His solid, bony chin every true friend of man throughout the formed an appropriate base for his features. world.

His nose was but a line, thin and transparent. The paleness of his cheeks gave greater brilliancy to the blue of his eyes ; his look was searching, unsteady as a wavering flame-an emblem of inquietude. His forehead seemed to have widened, from the scantiness of his thin black hair, which was falling from the moisture of continual thought.

"It might be said that his head, naturally small, had increased in size to give ample scope between his temples for the machinery and combination of a mind every thought of which was an empire. The map of the world seemed to have been encrusted on the orb of that reflective head. But it was beginning to yield; and he inclined it often on his breast, while crossing his arms like Frederick the Groat-an attitude and gesture which he appeared to affect. Unable any longer to seduce his courtiers and his soldiers by the charm of youth, it was evident he wished to fascinate them by the rough, pensive, and disdainful character of himself-of his model, in his latter days. He moulded himself, as it were, into the statue of Reflection, before his troops, who gave him the nickname of Father Thoughtful ; he assumed the pose of Destiny. Something rough, rude, and savage in his movements revealed his southern and insular origin. The man of the Mediterranean broke out constantly through the Frenchman. His nature, too great and powerful for the part he had to play, overflowed on all occasions. He bore no resemblance to any of the men around him. Superior and altogether different, he was an offspring of the sun, of the sea, and of the battlefield-out of his element even in his own palace, and a stranger even in his own empire. Such was at this period the profile, the bust, and the external physiognomy of Napoleon."

illustration of the credit system, can be work astonishes the English officers here, of the State; the extinction of the Mosfound in the condition of the Richmond and they acknowledge it. But this fine almost entirely on top of the ground, and Enquirer, when after fifty years of publi- beginning was spoiled, as I will presently raising a mound over the roots. With cation, its proprietor removed to Washing- show you. By dark all the forts were siwhat results I do not know. I would like ton his books showed over \$200,000 due tenced, and the Commodore returned to to hear from some of them through The from living "patrons." The amount of Whampos, quite sick from the excitement. Argus. After the trees are thus set out, total loss was not given, but was estimated He is too old a man to go to sea; and on

days : More about the Chinese Difficulty. The San Francisco Chronicle publishes

a series of letters, written in a familiar style, and not intended for publication, by a clerk in a commercial house in Canton. o his friend in San Francisco. The following possesses much interest :

CANTON, Nov. 22, 1856. My Dear Charlie-I expected the Mary Whitridge would sail about the 1st inst., but she has been detained on account of the troubles here, till the present time,-Since my last, (Nov. 5) the British have not done much, and I hear they are waiting for reinforcements. Last Saturday afternoon the United States ship Portsmouth's boat was coming up the river, when she was fired at five times from the barrier forts. which were taken by the British about the 1st inst., gons spiked and abandoned, and now strongly remanned and strengthened by the Chinese. Capt. Foote, (of the Portsmouth.) Mr. Sturgis, and a missionary were on board, and it is a wonder that some one was not hit. The Chinese paid no respect to the flog, and fired after the boat was turned. On their return to Whamon going to the housetop, beheld the Ports. voluntary absence from Congress. month giving the four forts a battering with her eight inch shell guns. The United States ship Levant got aground coming United States and Great Britain to use un. The forts are about six miles from their good offices to procure a settlement of the ship's anchorage at Whampoa, and the boundary line between Nicaragua and fired first, long before the Portsmouth ar rived within gunshot. I tell you what!

077 A rather magnificently proportioned the Portsmouth did well! And such quick the present occasion' wanted determina- but a curse to the evil.

You may rest assured that the arrival of this vessel, and this singularly gracious cisit of the Queen, will be productive of

the most beneficial results. been paid to any country, and I am convinced that it will give as much pleasure and satisfaction to the people of England,

05 Rev. Daniel Waldo, who was re- with the opponents are ten to one, and be- Banner says: elected Chaplain of the House of Repre- tween those who are actual residents, a entatives, is in his 95th year. He is a friendly understanding has sprung up. In raduate of Yale, and was the room-mate the first days of the land sales they all of Hon. Jeremiah Mason, was a Chaplain went to the land auctions armed to the of the Revolutionary Army, suffered in- teeth; in a short time they found that this prisonment in the Sugar House, on account precaution was not necessary, and wisely f which he draws a pension from the laid their weapons aside. The pro-slave-Government. He is now the oldest living ry and free-state settlers showed no dispograduate of Yale. Before his election as sition to interfere with each other's claims ; Chaplain, he was the pastor of the Con- on the contrary, they did their best to gregationalist Church at Manlius, N. Y., cause them to be respected, and the maniover which he presided for seventy years. feat desire to de cach other justice b gat :

EQUALIZATION OF CONGRESSIONAL mutue, good will. The free state and pro-MILLAGE .- Mr. Kelsey, a member of the slavery settlers bought lands side by side House Milcage Committee, is preparing a with the understanding that they were to bill to equalize miletge, which now ranges behave to each other as good neighbors .-pon, Commodore Armstrong, in the United from seventeen dollars, (Rowie, of Mary. The preponderance of the free state pop States steamship San Jacinto, dispatched a land,) to five thousand, nine hundred and ulation is so great in Kansas, that those small river steamer to Canton. She ar. sixty dollars (Delegates from Washington who favored the introduction of slavery rived about 8 A. M., Sunday morning. In and Oregon,) a session. He proposes have given up the contest. But with regard to those who were the forty-five minutes after her arrival, sixty that the present rates be continued up to men and two field pieces were embarked two hundred and fifty or five hundred leaders in the outrage committed on the (about half the American force here) and miles, and all above this to be reduced to rights of the free-state settlers, the case is on their way to the ships. At 3 o'cluck ten, instead of forty cents a mile; also a different. They find themselves marked the same day we heard a rapid firing, and deduction of \$25 or \$30 per diem for detested, shunned, and some of them are suspicious that they are not safe in the territory. Sheriff Jones, who distinguish-

07 The Dallas treaty, is in substance ed himself as the leader in several of these an agreement by the Governments of the outrages, has evacuated the territory, and lives at Westport, in Missouri, four miles east of Kansas City. Atchison, who proclaimed himself a settler a few months Costa Rica ; the erection of Greytown insince, finds Weston in Missouri a more deto a free city, as first suggested, by Mr. sirable place of residence than any part of Webster, or Mr. Everett, when Secretary kinste place of residence that any parties during the day, and the darkness caused quite Indian title, and the settlement of the Bay Island controversy, by the erection of said islands into a free territory, under the sovercignty of Honduras.

Kansas to be a Free State. We have just had a conversation with a

gentleman who returned two or three days Such a compliment has never before since from Kansas, and who confirms, in the most satisfactory and explicit manner, the view which we have already taken of as it will to Americans. There is the ut things in the territory. The great battle most enthusiasm everywhere, and one hears between freedom and slavery in Kansas ou all sides nothing but expressions of may be said to have been fought and the hearty good will and friendship towards agents of the slaveholders have been de-

feated. The free state settlers compared

" The extension of slavery is of no such vital importance to the South at present, nor can it be for generations to come, if ever. If, in the course of time, of centuries, it should become a matter of vital importance, of inexorable necessity, of life and death to the South it will be effected in the Union, if the Union lasts so long. But if it could not, it would then be time. enough to insist upon extension, even if a disruption of the Union should be the consequence."

PROGRESS .- Before the year 1800 there was not a single steamboat in existence, and the application of steam to machinery was unknown. Now there are 3000 steamboat, traversing the waters of America, and the time saved in travel is equal to 70 per cent.

In 1800 there was not a single railroad in the world. In the United States there are now 8797 miles of railroad, costing \$246,000,000 to build, and about 22,000 miles of railroad in England and America. The locomotive will now travel in as many hours a distance which required in 1800 s many days to accomplish.

In 1800 it took weeks to convey intelligence between Philadelphia and New Orleans ; now it can be accomplished in minutes by the electric telegraph, which only had its beginning in 1843.

to The transit of Venus will take place in 1861, when the planet will pass directly between the earth and the sun, arrival of the men whom he sent to Whit by it will make lights necessary in the field to recruit in Mississippi and Louisiana. houses. The transit only occures once in The late marshal of the territory, a note. a century, and on the last occasions the rious confederate of the invaders, was late. British Government fitted out an expedily at Lawrence, where he was encounter. tion to the South Pacific Ocean for the 027 Prosperity is a blessing to the good, ed by one of the free state settlers, who purpose of observing it from several points coolly said to him, " While you are here in simultaneously, for astronomical purposes.

He declares that the institution of Slavery is recognized by law; and agitation is unwarrantable.

GEN. PACKENHAM .--- We copy the following from the New Orleans Picayane of the 11th Dec. 1

" We were yesterday credibly informed, by a gentleman who lives near the spot, that in September last, the well known pecan tree, under which the remains of Gen. Packenham were buried, a few miles below this city, was broken off, thirty feet above ground, by a gale of wind, and a cannon ball, fired from the British lines during the battle, was found imbedded just where the truck broke off. Thus it was that the brave Briton slept under one of his own missiles as his own monument."

A SOUTHERN VIEW OF THE EXTRNSION OF SLAVERY. - The Nashville (Tenn.)