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AT The following communication was written by a young laborer, who is more used to handling the plow than the pen. He has correct views in regard to the subject on which he writes, and we let his article go in :

LEBRANON, O. T., Feb. 11, 1857. Mr. Adams -It is generally believed that Oregon is soon to become a State, and with it comes the question, Free or slave State-liberty to all or a part of our community-slaves to the other part-and whether labor shall be thought honorable or be thought a disgrace.

"The abstract and transient fact" of slavery is fatally united with the "physical and permanent" fact of color. " A century had scarcely elapsed after the foundation of the colonies when the attention of the planters" was struck by the fact that the "provinces which were comparatively destitute" of slaves, increased in population, "wealth, and prosperity more rapidly than those which contained slaves."

This truth is more satisfactorily shown on the banks of the Ohio. "On either bank the air is wholesome, the climate mild, and each of them forms a frontier of a State." That which follows the windings on the left is called Kentucky, that on the opposite side is called Ohio. "These States differ only in one respect;" Kentucky has admitted slavery, and Ohio has prohibited it. 'Thus the traveler who floats down the Ohio river to the spot where it enters into the Mississippi, may be said to sail' between freedom and slavery.

In Kentucky labor is 'coupled with the idea of slavery,' but in Ohio it 'is identified with that of prosperity and industry. On the Kentucky side labor is degraded, on the Ohio side it is honored. On the Kentucky side fewer white laborers can be found, for they are afraid of placing themselves on a level with the negro; on the Ohio side no one is idle, ' for the white population extends its activity and intelligence to all kinds of employment.'

If the people of Oregon decide in favor of slavery, then we may bid farewell to all enterprise. We would scorn not only labor but all the improvements which labor promotes in a short time. It is true we should not be obliged to pay wages to the slaves, but we should derive small profits from their labor, while on the other hand the wages paid to free workmen would be re turned with interest in the value of their services. 'The free workman is paid, but and rapidity of execution is one of the great elements of economy.' We would hire the free workman only when his work would be required. But the slave could claim no remuneration for his work, but the 'expense of his maintenance would be perpetual.' The slave must be supported in old age as well as in the prime of life, in his profitless infancy as in the productive years of youth, and in the end the slave has cost more than the free laborer, and his labor is less productive.

Then it is time we were up and doing to property; keep this institution of slavery, which would be so prejudicial to us, from amongst us. Then,

"Speak, ye orators of Freedom! ta ' your thunder shake" these "plains ; Write, ye editors of Freedom! Let your "rhtm "gs" meet the "chains; Up, ye sons of pilgrims, rise"! Up, or blessed Free form c"es."

Slavery is a curse to a free population, by degrading labor and debasing the digmity of manhood. Freemen of Oregon! "you or your children" will want to is great unsettled country for your future homes. "But if you let slavery seize the prize, you are disinborited forever," for free and slave labor can never exist together. Then be up and a doing, and do not wait till it is too late.

I will stop for the present, subscribing UNCLE FULLER.

Republican Meeting in Umpqua.

At a mass meeting of the citizens of Umpqua county, Oregon, held at the Wilson school-house on the 6th of Feb., 1857, on motion of Mr. Cowns, JAMES MILLER was elected president, and E. L. APPLE-GATE secretary.

By motion of the president, E. L. Applegate was chosen to state the object of the meeting.

The president said it was in order now to present anything the citizens might desire-make any motion or offer resolutions, -for the consideration of the meeting. E. L. Applegate offered to present some

principles.

The motion being seconded and allowed,

he read the following :_

THE UMPQUA CONSTITUTIONAL REPUBLICAN PLATFORM.

In the event of Oregon's taking her position among the States of the Union as one of its sovereign powers, as free citizens of the United States and founders of a new republic we will be called upon to discharge a great and sagred duty, which in the course of time it devolves on few to perform, involving certain and will not politically support.

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tion should be laid aside, and nothing set

forth and considered as qualification, guide, and instruction, under the para-

true and genuine republican government.

By the Constitution's guarantying a re-

publican form of government to the States

arising upon the territories of the United

States, and the acts and ordination of Con-

the wisdom and patriotism of our fore-

ness of that supreme power being extended

and maintained for the purpose of pre-

serving the purity of our institutions, the

equal rights, peace, and happiness of the citizens, and the general honor and char-

If all men were true, faithful, and patri-

otic, the people would have no struggle or

war in maintaining, extending, and estab-

lishing new States, with the old, patriotic,

greatest amount of advantage, benefit, and

and philanthropic objects of securing the

dependence and maintained in the Revolu

tion, would never be invaded, nor sacred

institutions violated with impunity; and

the whole great Government of the United

States would, without inconsistency or dis-

cord, evenly, grandly, and harmoniously

work with polities, principles, institutions,

intention in adopting this Constitutional

We therefore declare the rightful and

legitimate objects for which governments

1. The mutual and equal protection of

2. The mutual power to carry out great

improvements for the general benefit, con-

venience, and advancement of the whole

general education, morality and industry;

4. The mutual power and right to pre

5. The mutual power to secure the

change, remodel, and reconstruct the said

appear best calculated to accomplish the

just and proper ends. And in view of the

public good- making it the paramount

and ruling principle to vote for men for

offices of bonor and trust who are horest

and capable. This we believe to be a sa-

cred duty and principle, and if citizens do

not scrupulously and conscientiously act

upon it they will fail to secure the objects

pable politicians will creep into the offices

and departments, the public affairs be neg-

leeted and confused, the people oppressed

offices and community dishonored.

vent and prohibit any and all actions, do

3. The mutual power of encouraging,

life, liberty, conscience, character, and

Republican Platform.

by them;

are in-tituted among men are:

acter of our nation.

OREGON CITY, OREGON, MARCH 14, 1857. country, and posterity, requiring us to es platform be adopted, it was after some dis- set in, as it assuredly will, you may meas- Society of New York, at the Astor House,

tablish those principles and institutions cussion and explanation adopted. hest calculated to promote the happiness and presperity of the citizens and secure the objects for which governments are instituted among men.

In view of these obligations and responforegoing principles, and that establishing sibilities, as citizens of this Territory, at such juncture, and fully appreciating the slavery in Oregon is no better than opening sacredness of the duties devolving upon us, the slave trade. we solemnly believe that all party jealous-

On motion and second, it was unaniies and political debate upon general or mously adopted. common matters and questions of legisla-

The president presented the following resolution:

the mutual benefit, advancement, and pro- vancement of the people now and for all Pacific ?" tection of the governed, except the consti- time to come.

tutional and fundamental principles of a On motion and second, it was unanimously adopted.

On motion of N. W. Allen, and second gress, we are subject to the supreme power Territorial convention.

f the Federal Government and citizens of the United States; and with veneration for fathers, we gratefully acknowledge our obligations and allegiance to the General Government; believing in the right and just-

On motion, the meeting adjourned. JAMES MILLER, Pres't. E. L. APPLEGATE, Sec'y.

The Future of the United States.

happiness to the whole people, instead of to a favored few. The prime rights of man, as set forth in the Declaration of Inby recent and reliable data, that in the United States there were at least 113,000,000 of acres of land under cultivation in the compacts broken through, nor laws and year 1850. It is reasonable to suppose, of our principles and the justness of our tural products, that the quantity has now increased to 130,000,000 or 140,000,000. It is here that the main sources of our progress as a nation will hereafter mainly lie; faithless, and dangerous men in the world, hold upon Western Europe. There is no men who are selfish and ambitious, who limit to the product of cotton, tobacco, rice,

now laboring in politics exclusively for of. tural staples; and while her etrength lies 6,726 full grown white men in these counties fice, lucre, power, and personal gratification belows in her machinery, we have, and rounded them.

Fire flashed indignant from the eyes rounded them. tion; and innovations have been made will continue to have, ample facilities for We could multiply such examples withwe may prevent and avoid these same and returns for the same year into comparison, innovations upon and departures other innovations upon and departures from the original designs and intentions of we obtain the following results, which it surely destroy it. the founders of our republican principles may be useful to throw into a tabular form : and institutions, is our humble object and England-Acres Acres

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Under tillage,	12,441,776	
In grass,	15,212,203	
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	01000000000	37,324,913
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In grass,	9,234,990	
Waste,	1,374,660	
		12,613,345
Ireland-		
Tillage,	4,312,746	
Grass,	1,257,864	
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advancing, and promoting art, science, and ings, habits, and passions, which evidently per cent. annually : have a direct tendency to impair the hap-

Unaccounted for, 15,237,661

piness, and degrade and demoralize the Lands actually cultivated in the several can neither read nor write.

Crops of the United States, 1849-50. In the American count Products. Acres. prime objects of a government : protection, Indian corn, peace, happiness, and prosperity to the Meadow or pasture lands, hole community;
6. The mutual power to consist in the Wheat, voice of the majority of the citizens, or in Cats, a body representing that power delegated Cotton, And when the machinery, institutions, Peas and beans, 1,000,000 departments, or offices, of a government Irish potatoes, 1,600,000 become destructive of, or fail to bring Sweet 750,000 about, or accomplish, these ends, it is the Buckwheat, right and duty of the people to mutually Tobacco, Sugar. machinery, institutions, departments, or Barley, offices, in any manner which to them may Rice, 300,000 175,000 great advantages and blessings secured to Orchards, 500.000 500,000 each individual in and by the body politic, Gardens, 250,000 we consider that each citizen is bound to Vineyards, all the rest in a solemn compact of honor Other products, 1,000,000 and duty to use his vote expressly for the Improved, but not in actual cul-

17,247,614 tivation, Total improved lands,

of governments. For dishonest and inca 2,000,000,000 of scres!

and robbed, merit go unrewarded, and the Believing these to be the prime or constitutional principles of republicans and a republican government, we feel bound to support them and those holding and maintaining them; but we declare that men and principles opposed to these we cannot obligations which man owes to God, to Being motioned and seconded that the that commerce upon it shall have actually the recent dinner of the New England He applied to General Jackson to appoint furnished."

ure the waters of the ocean, and count the and in his speech thus vindicated the true N. W. Allen presented the following res- stars in the firmament, but arithmetic fails feeling of England towards America. in the effort to calculate the extent of Resolved, That the institution of human wealth which will flow into our cities ... the crew of the "May Flower" were isobondage or slavery is a violation of the Ancient Tyre, but a more peninsula, endeparted; but he was sure they left bejoyed a rivulet of that trade, and she grew hind them a mass of sentiment corresponiato the most mighty of cities; Venice ding with that which went with them. and Genoa in the course of time possessed When we are told they were driven hith. it, and their Deges preclaimed them the er by persecution, it is true; but when it is said that the sentiment of England concurred in the act of expulsion, do not be forciell the future, ye venerable seers, if lieve it. The feeling they left behind was guide, and instruction, under the paramount circumstances of laying the found. ation and organizing a free body politic for be a great injury to the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prosperity and address of the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the Atlantic shall have fully wedded the prospective for the full have fully wedded the prospective for the full have fully wedded the prospective full have fully wedded the prospective full have fully wedded the prospective full have fu

> What do you Think of this Picture? to a few facts which have doubtless come your flag. The two branches of the Anof W. H. Wilson, E. L. Applegate was under the observation of many of our gle Saxon race are destined to be the civielected to represent the meeting in the readers, we clip from the Louisville Jour. lizers and conquerors of the world. You. nal. When taken in connection with the West; we go to the Indies and the East, and ink, wrote a note and handed it to N. W. Allen motioned that a county vote of the Five Points, (Buchanan 576, and together we shall encircle the world, committee be elected. It was agreed to, Fillmore 13, Fremont 17,) as contrasted till John and Jonathan meet under the and the following citizens were elected a with the overwhelming Republican vote walls of the Chinese Empire."-(Vocifercommittee: Mr. Lord of Scottsburg, Mr. of what the Washington Union whines ous cheering, and nine cheers for "Old Stephens of Calapooia, Rev. Mr. Parker of over as "priest-ridden New England," it Green Valley, and Mr. Cowan of Yoncalla, will furnish matter for a little serious fire-On motion, it was resolved that these side reflection to all such democrats as beproceedings be published in the Standard, lieve that the stability and prosperity of the Commodore distinguished in the Revo-Argus, Oregonian, and Pacific Christian the government depend upon the virtue lution, is preparing for the press a work enand intelligence of our public:

Figures are stubborn truths, and, dry as statistics may be, we beg our readers to glance over a few comparisons and mark the result. The Ninth District of Illinois, Egypt," gave in the late election 13,. the style of the work: The N. Y. Courier and Enquirer shows, 140 votes for Buchanan, 4,315 for Fillmore, 219 for Fremont. In that District there are 10,043 white males above 21 years of age who can neither read nor write

shire, Isle of Wight, Lee, Lewis, Marion, Mecklenburg, Monongahela, Norfolk, Pendleton, Preston, Prince William, Rocking-But there are many bad, and it is here that we have such a strong 27,810 for Buchanan, and 10,550 for Fillmore. In those counties there are 30,125 white males above 21 years of age who can Dawn's early light was just gilding the neither read nor write. The brightest horizon, when it was announced that Gen-

quence of this corruption, discord, war, culated from these returns. By bringing then be convinced that something should and misery have followed; and now that the facts reported in the Scottish and Irish be done to eradicate the foul monster which now prevs upon the vitals of our country and will in the end, if let alone,

Bracken, Breckinridge, Clarke, Fayette, Garrard, Hancock, Henderson, Jefferson, Laurel, Lincoln, Logan, Meade, Mason, Pendleton, Rockeastle, Shelby, Warren, and Woodford, gave 23,839 for Fillmore and 15,133 for Buchanan.

In these counties, with an aggregate white population of 207,653, there are only 9,066 white persons over 21 years of age who cannot read and write.

The counties of Adair, Allen, Bath, Caldwell, Calloway, Carter, Edmondson, Hickman, Hopkins, Letcher, Marion, 20,808,271 Marshall, Mercer, Morgan, Nelson, Owen, Let us compare the above with the am. Owsley, Perry, Pike, Scott, Taylor, Trigg, ple products of the United States, and which and Washington gave 11,419 for Fillmore, and 24,205 for Buchanan; and in them, are increasing at the rate of five or ten out of a white population of 193,346. there are 24,150 over 21 years of age who

In the American counties, containing 14,307 more whites that the Democratic 31,000,000 counties mentioned, there are but a little 20,000,000 more than one-third as many white per-13,000,000 sons over 21 years old who are ignorant 11,000,000 of the first rudiments of education,

7,500,000 But to make the comparison more strik-5,000,000 ing we take the banner county of each 1,200,000 party. Mark the contrast:

Whitewover 21 Fill. Back. or write. V 750,000 600,000 Owen co. (D.) 554 1,579 Logan co. (A.) 1,613 506 61 In the banner county of Democracy one in every ten white inhabitants is unable fortable anywhere. to read or write. In the banner county of Americanism only one in every one hun-100,000 dred and seventy nine is so deplorably ignorant. Such statistics need no comment They teach a lesson of themselves.

> The True English Feeling Towards the Entted States.

There is a class of journals in America finding their counterpart in England, 113,032,614 which industriously labor to cultivate un-This aggregate is only one-seventeenth kind feelings between the people of these of the whole area of our country, which, two countries, to teach each to look upon in round numbers, may be estimated at the other as their enemies, praying for misfortune and ruin to come upon them .-We refer to the following appropriate Though party policy may be served by remarks, by ex-President John Tyler, upon such fanning of old embers of feeling. the commercial growth of the country: there is nothing that can redeem it from not permitted to be consummated. Cap. in a circle, but a certain number of turns "Who can undertake, at this day, to essential wickedness in either party that estimate the probable amount of our exresorts to it. The truth is far different,
ports and imports at the end of the present and is growing more so with every day of period of twenty-five years? Already commercial, social and intellectual intertrade, breaking through new channels, be- course, between the people of the two gins to empty into our lap the treasures of countries. Mr. Fillmore, one of the ediunder his command to impress British no relief to his perpetual routine, for the India, and when the great tide which bears tors of the London Times, was a guest at subjects.

"The opinion had been indulged that Pilgrims. If you are told, said the speaker, that England wishes to see you divided, dissevered and broken, do not believe The following very interesting allusions your constellation will ever be torn from England and New.")

Chapter on Gen. Jackson.

Hon. John Barney, of Baltimore, son o titled "Fifty Years of Events-political, poetical, historical-with Ancedotes of Remarkable Mon." The following chapter, therefrom, relating to General Jackson, which has well carned the soubriquet of will prove interesting, and give an idea of

I saw for the first time, at a ball given at the Baltimore Assembly, in 1816, in henor of the hero of New Orleans, the stern, In Virginia, the counties of Barbour, intellectual countenance, and, when light Boone, Botetourt, Carrol, Chesterfield, Din- ed up by a smile full of benignity and be- Phillips; carry it to the Senate chamber, ordinances extended to preserve the purity from the active demand since for agricul- widdle. Floyd, Franklin, Hahfax, Hamp-nevolence, the never to be forgotten features of General Andrew Jackson.

An incident engrossed the attention of ham, Russell, Shenandoah, Scott, Taze- all-the mail then required six to eight well, Warren, Wetzel and Wythe gave hours to track its weary way from the capital to Baltimore.

Dawn's early light was just gilding the religion, and men like they were, tools, things of property, with the sole objects of gratifying their own desires, regardless of the rights, interest, wishes, or happiness of others. And, as half bern, such men are

"By the Eternal, I will have the rasriage to take me to Washington ?"

His urbane, courteous manner was forthwith resumed, when he discovered the tre- ber of his Cabinet, past or present. I pidition created by his fierceness, and he The counties of Boone, Bourbon, Boyle, remained until the close of the fete,

I had many interviews with him in Washington during the Congressional contest for the Presidency. Interlopers would force themselves into his presence, telling him that Mr. Clay said the greatest danger to be apprehended to the republic was the accession of military chieftains to power. He replied that the real danger to the republic was to be apprehended from political demagogues, I remarked, "Do Estill, Floyd, Graves, Grayson, Hart, not, General, permit yourself to be excited by designing men."

Another would come in and imperatively ask, "How is the election going, General?" to which he sternly replied, "I know nothing about it; I don't read the newspapers, but if I may be permitted to judge from the decline in the number of visitors, my drospect of success diminish in an equal ratio." When elected to the Presidency, up to the period of his arrival at Frederick he exbressed the most firiendly feelings toward Mr. Adams; he sent kind messages to him, stating the season was so inclement he hoped he would not remove his family from the White House until Whitepop milder weather ;-that he was an old sol-10,750 dier, accustomed to rougher quarters, was now alone in the world, and could be com-

> The manifestation of those kindly feelings appalled his numerous disinterested, but the comparisons have amused us somedevoted friends. On the one day's jour. what. ney his mind was poisoned against M. Adams by the insinuation that Mr. Adams uncompromising bark mill, has his mowas the real editor of the, in which ments of relaxation. To him the sound the sacred name of his wife had been gross. of the tannery bell, announcing noon, is a ly slandered.

> discord through his frame; the fell besom and mill-feed. The machine is stopped; of party proscription commenced; the the unlubricated gudgeons quaver out a doctrine that " to the victors belongs the last squeak and cease their complaining; spoils" was consecrated, and has been the the trace chain rattles over the unimal's watchword eversione.

> One solitary exception was made, in fa. he moves off, a happy horse. With him vor of James Beatty, of Baltimore; but there are no anticipatory woes; he works tain Isane Phillips, a worthy and respect- are sure to bring a respite. But with the

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him to office in consideration of his persecution by the elder Adams, and told him that the gentleman now holding the appointment of Navy Agent at Baltimore had held it many years. " That proves him worthy of confidence," said the General. "I then told him," says Captain Phillips, "that he was rich and did not require the office." "Then," replied the hero, "he has no inducement to be dishonest"-the General all the while calmly smoking his pipe, his feet resting on the mantle piece. "I was now," says the Captain, "in despair, and resolved to make one last desperate effort : "I have an aged wife," he pleaded, " we are fast declining into the valley of the shadow of it. We do not believe that one star of death in wretched poverty; this little of fice would give us the comforts of life, and speed our downward path to the tomb." The General dropped his feet to the floor, Captata Phillips. "Here's an order for your appointment; take it to the Secretary of the Navy. If this little office is not necessary to the comfort of its possessor, and will make your aged wife and yourself happy, you shall have it."

> "I carried it," said Captain Phillips, to Governor Branch. He said, "Thank God, you are too late; Mr. Beatty has been recommended by Gen. Smith and other political friends of the administration as an officer of strict integrity, indefatigable industry in every respect; his nomination is now before the Senate of the United States; you are too late; I won't recall it." I returned to the President and told him the result. "He won't recall it !-Then, by the Eternal, I will. Mr. Secretarecall the nomination of James Beatty, and substitute the one for I-age Phillips." In a few minutes Capt. Phillips received his commission.

> He presented himself to Governor Branch to receive his instructions, and to express his gratituded for the appointment. "You owe me nothing," said the Governor ; "I did all in my power to prevent it. General Jackson is omnipotent; he rules in and over all."

That distinguished statesman, Lewis McLane, whom I first knew as Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means, upon the prime and constitutional rights of the exchange of products. In 1854 agricitizens, contradictions have been perpetrated appropriate the exchange of products. In 1854 agricultural statistics were supplied by some
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the prime and constitutional rights of the exchange of products. In 1854 agricultural statistics were supplied by some ted upon our institutions. Constitution, law, and order violated, and sacred compacts broken through; and therefore as a consethe acreage of the whole country was calted upon our institutions. Constitution, law, and sacred compacts dozen counties in England and Wales, and a comparison of the strong Democratic then, with a bland and courteous smile, he win ning the confidence and respect of all many many law and therefore as a consethe acreage of the whole country was caltet us look at the record. We shall record the sacred with him, eminent in ability, therefore most competent to judge the ability of others, averred that General Jackson was a greater man than any memfully concur with him. He withered and annihilated every man who dured to oppose his iron will. He made and unmade Cabinets. He buried in the tomb of the Capulets that leviathan, the Bank of the United States, and that distinguished financier, that traly honest and upright man, Nicholas Biddle, dying of a broken heart. Grief had slain him-his poverty vindicated his integrity.

> General Jackson's prejudices, however, were indomitable. On one occasion I implored the exercise of his influence in favor of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, urging the benefits to accrue to the rich vallev of the Mississippi by the facility of intercourse with the Atlantic border. 'Sir,' says he, "it is a rebellion against God,-If the Almighty had desired that the produce of the Western world should find its market on the shore of the Atlantic, the great rivers of the West would have flowed in that direction."

> I knew too well how inflexible was his opposition. When once resolved, argument was unavailing; his iron will was as firm as the Rock of Ages.

> AN EDITOR'S LIFE .- An "out West" editor thus moralizes on the routine of editorial duties. Twelve years' constant experience in the "editorial chair does not enable us to deny the soft impeachment,"

"The poorest blind horse, in the most toesin of joy, and he looks forward with The chord was struck; it vibrated in grateful anticipation to his prandial oats back and he attempts a youthful canter as paper must come out, and "copy must be