

D. W. CRAIG is authorized to do any business connected with The Argus Office during my absence.

Quite a number of correspondents will be attended to next week. We must see the conclusion of X. Y. before we begin to publish.

Trouble in Te Vault's Cabinet.

The Jacksonville Sentinel seems just now to be in hot water. Its editor seems to have his great mind harassed with a load of uncommon cares and perplexities...

The managers in this grand undertaking, all or nearly all, hail from Scottsburg, in Umpqua county.

The logical argument seems to run about this wise, that as the citizens of Umpqua county "love Gen Lane about like a cat loves water," and as Te Vault "loves Lane about like a cat loves salmon skins," therefore it is entirely unconstitutional for Lane phobians to start a Deady organ...

That it is the secret object (for they dare not openly avow it) of the managers of this new paper to promote the political views and interests of Judge Deady over Gen. Lane, there can be no doubt.

So you think that the "plot" which is on foot to send Deady to the U.S. Senate, is a "dark and deep" one, while your "plot" for sending Lane is to be taken, we suppose as a "shallow" one, with just enough of opacity to be seen through by most any body up a tree, especially after you yourself have let the cat out of the bag.

The Sentinel is also in hot water about the democratic candidates in Jackson county which, although it hoists their names at its mast-head, devotes much of its space to denouncing and ridiculing some of them for no other reason, than that we can discover, than that they have declared themselves opposed to Slavery in Oregon.

Whether any of the other candidates were for slavery, the Sentinel does not inform us. Judge Deady, the apostate from free principles, made a speech which the Sentinel thought was the "best turned and argumentative declamation" for slavery it had heard.

The "argumentative" part of the speech we are not allowed to guess at, as the Sentinel has kindly furnished the substance of it, under the full conviction that it was a "poser."

He said he should vote for slavery in Oregon, and assumed the position, that all legislative action to prevent free negroes from immigrating and settling in non-slave-holding States, have proved to be a dead letter on the statute book.

ored immigration to Oregon, examine the past and they will be satisfied of the impossibility to carry out such a law, and that if we are compelled to have the colored race amongst us, they should be slaves."

Well, there you have it, in all the stunning force with which it struck the noggins of poor Te Vault, and came well nigh upsetting his apple-cart, besides sensibly changing the specific gravity of the learned (f) Judge by its reflex influence.

We commend this important discovery to Judge Deady and Te Vault. They will find it another "poser" among greasers, and just as weighty a one as they have ever used.

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SECTION 1. That, for the purpose of making an enumeration of the inhabitants entitled to vote under the provisions of this act, an apportionment and an election of members of a Convention, it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of the several counties in Kansas Territory, and they are hereby required, between the 1st day of March and the 1st day of April, 1857, to make an enumeration of all the free male inhabitants, citizens of the United States, over twenty years of age, and all other white persons actually residing within their respective counties, and for this purpose shall have power to appoint one or more deputies to assist in such duties, not to exceed one in each municipal township, each of whom, before entering upon office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States, and faithfully and impartially discharge the duties imposed on him by this act, according to the best of his skill and judgment, which oath or affirmation shall be administered to them severally, and be duly certified by a Judge or Clerk of the District Court of the United States, or Judge or Clerk of the Probate Court for the several counties, or by a Justice of the Peace, and filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of the Territory.

The census list has been confined to voters only, in defiance of the above act which provides for an "enumeration of all the free male inhabitants," &c., for the ostensible purpose of covering up the intended fraud of omitting the names of perhaps half the free State voters from the voting list.

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There is some stir in this section about the gold mines on Santiam, about 70 miles south-east of this city. It is said that diggings have been found there that promise from four to five dollars a day to the hand.

The Advocate says that Mr. Hilton, a cooper, living in Salem, was assaulted by five Frenchmen on the French Prairie last week. His assailants knocked him off his horse and beat him soundly with clubs, when he got away from them and regaining his horse made good his escape.

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Some writer from Amity has a letter in the last Standard, coming down rather foolishly upon Bro. Pearn for his (Pearn's) very harmless opposition to slavery in Oregon. This correspondent whines and snivels through half a column, which we have carefully read in the vain hope to find one argument in favor of slavery.

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Isam G. Harris, of West Tennessee, has been nominated for Governor, by the "Democracy" of Tennessee.

ELECTION RETURNS.

Clackamas County—Official. For Delegate to Congress, Lawson, [Dem.] 298 Lane, [Black Dem.] 309

REPUBLICAN. LOCOCOCO. G. Abernethy, 203 J.K. Kelley, 475 G. Reynolds, 180 A.L. Lovejoy, 335

Amory Holbrook, Ind., 281. W.C. Johnson, 184 Geo. Reese, 394 C.W. Bryant, 181 F.A. Colliard, 305 S.P. Gilliland, 344

Yamhill County—Official. Delegate to Congress, 253 Lawson, 427

BLACK DEMOCRATS. IND. DEM. REPUBLICAN. Lane, 215 Ols, 427

Douglas County—Official. For Delegate to Congress, 351 Lawson, 134

Marion County—Official. For Delegate to Congress, 698 Lawson, 322

Woodsides 525 Patten 337 Abell 656 Sprague 279

Wasco County. We hear that at the Dalles the vote was as follows for Delegate to Congress:

DEMOCRAT. LOCOCOCO. BLACK DEMOCRAT. LAWSON. G. Stock Whitty, 15 Lane, 73

Some Facts about Comets. Comets, whether viewed as ephemeral meteors, or as substantial bodies, forming part of the Solar system, are objects of no ordinary interest.

Office Pacific Telegraph Co., June 10, 1857.

Pursuant to notice, the stockholders of the Pacific Telegraph Company met at Lafayette, Oregon, for the purpose of electing five Directors, and President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent, which resulted as follows:

Directors—Dr. Newell, A. McKinlay, Champeog; S. K. Williams, Dayton; W. T. Newby, McMinnville.

Secretary—Jackson Lippincott, Dayton. Treasurer—A. R. Burbank, La Fayette. Supt. of Line—C. H. Moses.

On motion it was ordered that the proceedings of this meeting be published. On motion the meeting adjourned.

The following are the majorities for Lane and Lawson, official and reported, as far as we are able to give them this week:

Flora's Festival. Professor Newell is preparing his pupils to give a grand entertainment in this city on the coming 4th of July.

A horse belonging to Wm. Holmes, near this city, was stolen from his pasture last Friday night. The thief went to the barn and rigged himself out with saddle and bridle, and left for parts unknown, with a very comfortable outfit.

We have had refreshing rains the past week. Crops look well, and we shall probably make enough grain to do us and have a good deal to spare, though the wheat crop will fall considerably short of what it was last year.

Dear Argus—I have the pleasure of sending you the election returns from this county complete—they can be found in another column—they speak for themselves, and clearly show that though Yamhill was apparently in the coils of the viper Oregon Democracy, and had almost yielded to its fascination, the people saw their danger in time to avert it.

The Salem platform and niggers were the issues, and much as they wished to avoid it when they found they had the bull by the horns, and as vehemently as they protested their innocence of any intention to force those issues over the people's heads by a miserable piece of chicanery, they could not deceive them.

The pope and clergy exhibiting such fear, it is not a matter of wonder that it became the ruling passion of the multitude. The churches and convents were crowded for confession of sins; and treasures uncounted were poured into the Apostolic chamber.

This comet appeared again in 1531, 1607, 1692, 1758, 1835, and will return to our vicinity in 1911, and every 74 1/2 years thereafter. It is known as Halley's comet.

The beautiful comet of 1811, the most splendid one of modern times, had a nucleus of 2,167 miles in diameter, very nearly the size of the Moon. It shone with a brilliancy equal to one tenth of that of the Moon.

THE COMET AND COLD WEATHER.—A writer in a St. Louis paper attributes the recent cold weather to the approach of the Comet; which is daily increasing in size, showing that it is coming down on us with fearful rapidity.

There can be little doubt that the extraordinary phenomena witnessed in the weather during the month is attributed to this cause. Similar changes of the climate have been observed before, during the passage of comets near the earth.

The comet of 1556, is said to have brought with it a dense and unpleasant fog, which lasted for twenty-one days; that of 1828 was accompanied by heavy rains and consequently inundations, and every one must remember the unusually cold and severe weather prevalent at the time of the appearance of the brilliant comet of March 1843.

By the adoption of the North and South line of Minnesota, as proposed by Congress, the new State will measure 340 miles in length and 280 in width; area of the State, 75,000 square miles.

Maj. James S. Rollins, of Columbia, Boone county, is the American candidate for Governor of Missouri, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Gov. Polk.

According to the testimony of early writers, a comet which could be seen in day-light with the naked eye, made its appearance 43 years before the birth of our Savior. This was just after the assassination of Caesar, and by the Romans this comet was believed to be his metamorphosed soul, armed with fire and vengeance.

The sunshine of life is made up of very little beams that are bright all the time. To-morrow is the day on which idle men work, and fools reform.