

The Oregon Argus.

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

The Corvallis Messenger, in trying to make out its proposition that slavery adds to the wealth of a country, produces the following statistics, which it vauntingly parades before the Salem Advocate, and challenges a discussion with that paper.

Table with 2 columns: Category and Value. Includes Population (White population of slaveholding states in 1850, 6,222,418) and Exports (Value of exports from the principal slave exporting states in 1853, \$118,355,000).

Now these statistics are entirely wrong, as is shown by the summing up of the statistics furnished by the census of 1850, by the Secretary of the Treasury, to accompany his annual report for 1856.

Your organ was the first that "ratted" down the subscription price in Oregon, and we recollect that the Oregonian charged you with offering to sell cheap for the same reason that the merchant "ratted" down the price of damaged goods.

The free States have an area of 612,597 square miles, while the slave States have an area of 851,508 square miles, or 238,911 square miles more than the free States.

Excepting the medicine advertisements, we heartily agree with you that your papers had nothing to commend them but their low prices.

Even at your "low prices," democrats in this section are complaining that your "thing isn't fit to go into a family" while they speak of the Times as "a perfect bore."

DEAR SIR: I see from the spirit manifested in the "Argus," that you are opposed to Mormonism, for reasons best known to yourself.

But let us suppose for instance that the Messenger is correct in saying that the whites are worth \$455 each in the South, and only \$239 in the free States.

The Southern States, with an area of 238,911 square miles of rich land in their favor, have less than half the white population, with about double the free negroes, only about two thirds of the wealth, with 54 less members in Congress.

green enough to advocate the introduction of the curse into Oregon.

We can furnish statistics for six months to show that the institution of slavery is operating upon the Southern States like a blighting mildew, paralyzing their energies, and causing them to lag far behind the free States in every possible advantage.

We have made a neat calculation, and we as a landholder assess the damages to ourself alone of introducing slavery into Oregon at \$10,000.

The law requires the Secretary to furnish the several papers of the Territory with an abstract of the votes for and against Convention.

Now we would like to beg our dear democratic friend, the Secretary, to be honest and manly for once, and answer us this question. Would you not have complied as fully with the requisitions of the law by inserting the abstract in Czapkay's Almanac, with a request that other papers copy, as you have done in this case?

The price of subscription of the Oregon papers (with the exception of the Oregonian, which still charges \$5.00) is too low. Every publisher here knows that a paper of the size of the Statesman ought not to be afforded for \$3.00.

Now in order to satisfy you, David M. Stuart, who have been sent by the proper authorities to represent Mormonism in Oregon and Washington Territories.

Two Mormon Elders, D. M. Stuart and Silas G. Higgins, are holding forth in this section of country.

We were pleased to observe that our citizens conducted themselves with that decorum for which they are proverbial and showed no disposition to repulse these poor Mormons by any other weapons than arguments.

We learn from the Mormon Elders that our informant who reported several conversions to Mormonism in the Tualatin Plains, was mistaken.

Dr. Hutchins of Lafayette has sent us a bottle of his Balsam of Wild Cherry, to be used in cases of Consumption, Asthma, Bronchitis, &c.

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and hold fast to the good." I ask you as a gentleman, in the name of the people I am here to represent, to insert this correspondence in the columns of the "Argus" and thereby do us justice and prove that you are liberal and just.

DAVID M. STUART.

MERCHANT'S HOTEL, NEW YORK, April 15, 1857.

EDITOR HERALD:—Sir: As myself and Mr. E. K. Hanks are the last persons who have come to the States from Great Salt Lake City, I deem it my duty to bear testimony against the lying scribblers who seem to be doing their utmost to stir up a bad feeling against the Unionians.

There is only one house between my house and the Penitentiary said to contain "five or six young men from Missouri and Iowa," and I do know that up to the day I left there were only three Indians in that place of confinement, who were there at the time of Col. Steptoe's sojourn there, for having taken part in the massacre of Capt. Gunnison and party, which Drummond now charges upon the Mormons.

I have but a short time at my disposal for writing, but must say that I am astonished to find in the States rumors against Utah. We left our homes in peace, dreaming of no evil, and we come here and learn that we are the most corrupt of men and are preparing for war.

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whoredom; and we are told we "must submit" to it in order to "save the Union"!

Your manner of refuting Judge Drummond's testimony is a little amusing. The letter you produce from Little, a mail boy, who by his christian name we take to be an Italian, and whom, by his sympathies, and by your admission to us, is a Mormon, is nothing more than a flat denial of fact given by Drummond, most if not all of which the mail boy could know nothing about.

Judge Drummond states many facts developing the darkest and blackest corruptions in Salt Lake, many of which came under his observation while acting as judge in Utah, and his statements, revolting as they are, are fully sustained by numerous other witnesses.

Your attempt to invalidate Judge Drummond's evidence, because he had a conversation with him in Carson's valley, is decidedly cool, coming as it does from a Mormon. How do you know but she had been regularly "sealed" to him by Brigham himself?

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Official Vote for Delegates to Congress. Copied from Czapkay's Organ.

Table with 2 columns: COUNTY and VOTES. Lists counties like Clatsop, Columbia, Wasco, Multnomah, Washington, Clackamas, Yamhill, Marion, Benton, Linn, Polk, Douglas, Lane, Tillamook, Umpqua, Jackson, Josephine, Cook, Curry.

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Black Democratic Literature.

In order to show our readers in the States the intellectual caliber of the loco-foco whippers-in in Oregon, we publish below a literary gem from each of the principal African papers in the Territory.

"Homicide.—We learn that a man by the name of Martindale was killed at or near the toll bridge on Pudding river in Marion Co., on the 8th inst., by one Irving. The difficulty, as our information goes, arose about a spring near the bridge. It appears that the deceased had his gun concealed in the bushes near by for the occasion, and as Martindale was going from him ran and seized it and shot at Martindale, missing him. Martindale then snatched a musket and shot and killed Irving in the act of re-loading his rifle."

"THANKS.—We are indebted to the TRUS gentlemen politeness of the Captain of the steamer Clinton, John Boston, and the clerk, John W. Gibson for the information which we spread, in advance of the mails, before the people who will read our paper.—Corvallis Messenger.

"Those who love scenery, cannot but be delighted by visiting that portion of Jacksonville situated on the eminence of an evening the valley shows, the beautiful plain interspersed with groves and dotted with scattering timber still further on the mountains forming the eastern rim of the great valley of an evening at this season of the year, the clouds hanging in the horizon over the summit of the hills, the sun as at this moment reflecting its golden rays, with occasional shades in the background, formed by indentations in the mountain," &c.—Jacksonville Sentinel.

"We have received a copy of a new work just issued by Fowler & Wells, New York, entitled How to Behave, which is sold, post paid, at 25c or 50c, owing to binding. It is an admirable little book, and we do hope that the publishers have sent a copy of it to all the loco-foco editors of the Territory.

"The Corvallis Messenger sent us no exchange this week. We hope friend Avery will not let his organ grinders imitate the silly example of Czapkay's agent at Salem, but that he will see to it that the thing is sent along.

"We learned that a Mr. Whitmore was accidentally killed in Portland last Thursday, while engaged in raising timbers by means of a pulley—the rope parted and let the timber fall upon the deceased.

"Resolved, 1st. That an unbiased use of the elective franchise, is the palladium of Liberty—that the rights of man can be as effectually subverted by party cliques as by French bayonets.

Resolved, 2d. That we deprecate the departure from the policy of that Apostle of Liberty, who, by the ordinance of '87 established the fact that in the Territories there should be neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except for the punishment of crime, thereby proclaiming to the world that our progress is onward—that this ordinance must be the crowning feature of the Constitution of the State of Oregon.

Resolved, 3d. That the only issue now before the people is Freedom or Slavery, patriotism and plebeian, land lord and tenant, and as such we will meet it.

Resolved, 4th. That if the management of public affairs for the future, is intrusted to the present ruling Dynasty, bankruptcy will be the inevitable consequence—there repudiation; for their policy is foreshadowed by the management of the Indian war department—that is, unblushing swindling.

Resolved, 5th. That Labor is the wealth of the world—and the laborer, in whatever field he labors, is the TRUE NOBLEMAN—and, as such, we recognize him—that all grades of society should be based upon labor.

Resolved, 6th. That we fight not for hours, for party, or for spoils—but for our Country, and our Country's good—Religion—Liberty—and Law.

Resolved, 7th. That we will not support a man for office except he is a free State man, and an ardent supporter of the cause of Liberty, and wears the stamp of Nobility—the true LABORER.

Resolved, 8th. That union is strength; that we call on all those that are in favor of the great principles which our forefathers fought for, to rally and organize, so as to have a concerted action in the great issue now before us; and we call on lovers of Freedom in the Territory to cooperate with us; that we recommend that Central County Committees be appointed—the precinct Committees—that it shall be the duty of said Committees to correspond with each other, and act as a unit.

Resolved, 9th. That the Jeffersonian Democracy, "is the capable 'he honest'" is the only rule to select officials to fill public stations by; that should be the rule of the UNION DEMOCRACY.

Moved and seconded that a committee of three be appointed in the counties of Umpqua and Douglas, to act as a Central Committee.

Moved and seconded that the proceedings of this meeting be published in THE ARGUS, and the Oregonian be requested to copy.