OREGON CITY:

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1, 1857.

D. W. Caaro is authorized to do any busbeen connected with The Argus Office during my W. L. ADAMS.

From an article in the Washington Union in relation to Oregon and its resources, we clip the following :

"Her newspapers furnish the best evidence that Oregon understands her interests and duty. They are edited and managed by men of talent, skill, and capacity. They are in all respects equal to those of the old States, and must exercise a powerful, healthy, and controlling in-fluence. With such advantages Oregon must assume a high position in the family of States, and become one of the ornaments in the glorious confederacy. Her soil, climate, and institutions, as well as the intelligence, energy, and character of her population, entitle her to the advantages and position which we predict she will hereafter enjoy.'

We would to God that we could say that all the papers in Oregon are "exercising a powerful, healthy, and controlfing influence." Just here we shall offer no opinion as to whether the editorial corps with us even desire to exercise a healthy moral influence upon society, more than they desire to build up sects and parties. Other editors must speak for speak for us.

The greatest objection that has ever been urged against us is that we are sometimes too severe. This objection we are frank to acknowledge may have been sometimes justly urged, although few of pen of Africanism, into the open, flowery our readers are aware of the full meaning of the view that presents itself from the prosperity. standpoint we occupy when we sit down to paint a political menagerie of reptiles and creeping things. We have often seen editorials in leading papers in the States which if we should copy as such for The Argus we should be sure to hear a general murmur about " personal abuse and slang." We entertain no malice against a single individual in the world, and have payer penned an article under it's influence -and if, in describing vice and villainy, our friends ever think we over-color, they must remember that we describe them just as they look to us. Some men seem to think there is but an almost imaginary line between truth and virtue on the one side. and falsehood and vice on the other, while we believe that they are as antipodal as Paradise and Tartarus. Truth in every field of investigation is what we contend for, and we hope never to be found applying to the advocates of wrong harsher names than the scriptural ones, of "enemies of all righteousness, children of the devil, liars, evil beasts, and slow bellies."

The Oregon papers that come to hand this week are pretty much filled up you go for sl-Avery you ought not to comwith the great question that now consti- plain of us for being "neither sl-Averytutes the politics of the nation. The Salem sheet has an article six columns long from Judge Williams in favor of a free Constitution for Oregon. The article is in the main well written, and to the point, and presents some of the strong reasons in favor of free labor. If the article had been published in The Argus, the black democracy of Marion would have taken it for rank "black republicanism."

The Occidental Messenger contains nine columns of niggerism, six of which are on the outside of the paper, and are admitted by the editor to be decidedly Green.

The Standard contains over one column of argument in favor of a free State, which is very properly put, while Judge Lenox stands back looking aghast at his and Peter's quondam organ, wondering at the black spets that are breaking out on it. The thing seems to need the nursing of the two Judges (Waterman and Lenox) who used to physic it.

ritory at the recent election was about so far as heard from, is given by the Pioneer & Democrat at 519.

The next Council stands 7 black democrats, viz : C. Phillips, Wm. Cock, J. W. Wiley, C. C. Pagett, H. J. G. Maxon, Lewis H. Wallace.

The House consists of 20 black democrats, viz: R. V. Peabody, - Seary, S. B. Crockett, H. A. Smith, David Phillips, R. S. Moore, W. W. Miller, B. F. Shaw, S. Guthrie, C. B. Baker, T. W. Glasgow, W. M. Morrow, H. Jackson, - Hutchinson, C. Irby, S. B. Curtis, Wm. Kelley, - Taylor, - Fletcher, and Geo. Naggs-with 5 Republicans, viz: J. C. Kellogg, J. W. Anderson, - Johnson, O. P. Mecker, and for this reason he ought to be "chivalrous" F. S. Balch. In two counties, which elect enough to let us have something to do in three representatives, the vote was a tie, selecting our antagonists. and will be tried over again.

67 We learn from the Washington Territory papers that the northern Indians are still making occasional incursions into the country adjacent to the Sound, and rebbing and killing the Sound Indians .-Several small parties of whites have been chased by them, and made very narrow escapes.

05 We learn from the Messenger that Mr. Southworth of Benion county lost a it is feared they have ere this been "dis son three years of age, which fell into a bursed." spring and deswned, a few days ago.

A correspondent of The South, vriting from Washington, says :

"It is said that William L. Marcy, former Secretary of the Department of State, is about going over to the Black Republic ans, and is at this moment meditating the step. This information comes from an authority here entitled to considerable credit, and with such concurrent evidence that, altogether, I am not disposed to treat the report lightly. \* \* A distinguished politician here, who is well informed in the history and on dits of the State Department, from access to head-quarters. says, that he has no doubt that Mr. Marcy contemplates a change of sides in his State, and that he will execute the move with such consistency as he can, on its being insisted for him that there is really nothing in his antecedents averse to such principles as he will avow in his new cause of Black Republicanism, and that he was never known to have approved of the Kansas-

Mr. Marcy, at his post as Secretary of State under poor Pierce's administration, has had a good opportunity to witness the current that is drifting political parties to the one great "issue" spoken of by the Sentinel. The time is not far distant when the black democracy will no longer be able to dodge it. Wise and his Supreme Court have nearly got them "corralled." When the great iron gate begins to creak on its hinges and close up, and the free laborers of the North discover the archway labeled in great bloody letters, pown WITH FREE LABOR! - NATIONALIZE SLAVEthese capitals contain really the whole creed of black democracy, there will be a dreadful stampede from the gloomy, filthy fields of republican freedom and national

" THE OREGON CITY ARGUS is informed that we have not erased it from our exchange list. We would be sorry to think we were so foolish. Our supply of paper ran short for the past two weeks, which will account for its non-reception. We occasionally meet with a good thing in the Argus, and would regret to be without it -notwithstanding the odor of negroism, Abby Folsom, Elizabeth Betsy Beecher E. W. Y. Slowism, with which it is perfumed." -- Occidental Messenger.

We are glad to learn that you are not so foolish" as we were fearful you were. Hereafter, if you " run short" of paper we will cheerfully send you up enough to print us two copies on. You ought never o imitate the example of the suiveling abolitionist" of wooden-natmeg and prophilacticum notoriety just below you. We intend to print a good many " good things" which we are anxious you should " meet." We are not at all surprised that you should mistake the "odor" of our white-manism the experiment of reading The Argus outside of your office in the open air, we think you will discover the difference. While nor anti-sl-Avery."

" THE OREGON SENTINEL, comes to us greatly improved, both in appearance and matter. It gives us strong hopes that it will become a co-laborer in combatting the heresies of Republicanism. We need help. The fight is an unequal one. We have the entire press of the Territory, with but two exceptions, to contend with. If the Sentinel will 'hold off' the old man of the Argus, we can manage the other four.— We have got the crazy genius of the Oregonian frightened; but should be pluck up courage enough to interfere again, one good 'Border Ruffian' 'sockdoliger' will settle him' for the balance of the contest." -Occidental Messenger.

So the whole press of the Territory wit out two exceptions (Sentinel and Times) ire contending against you, and you pro ose to arrange the programme for th fight to your own liking. We are really afraid that some of the " four" editors you have singled out as your antagonists wil rather think you egotistical in estimating yourself equal to the whole of them .-05 The entire vote in Washington Ter. However, we shall let them speak for them selves, while in reference to ourself we 1700. Stevens's majority over Abernethy, beg to change the programme a little, so that instead of our entering the ring against the Sentinel and Times, " the old man of the Argus" will send in his devil to engage these heroes, while he lights his cigar, takes a "front seat," and watches Van Vleet, and Crumline La Du-with 2 the progress of the fight between the Mess-Republicans, viz: A. A. Denny and Wm. enger and its four competitors (Oregonian, Standard, Advocate and Statesman), while our imp takes the Times man by the leg, and uses him for a whip to flax out friend T'Vault with.

We hope that he reafter when our friend Hall makes up the programme for a fight in which we are to take a hand he will remember that being a "Southern man" we have a good many of our old " prejudices against color" sticking to us vet, and

High-handed Outrage.

On last Thursday, Elder Eli Foster brought a keg of current wine into this city for sale. While the elder was in Gib. son's negotiating a bargain for a transfer of this portion of his personal estate, some mischievous boys who, " without the fear of God before their eyes, and instigated by the Devil," took upon themselves the "responsibility of removing the deposites' from his carryall, and placing them where

What is this community coming to !

for in travelling through the upper country last week, we noticed that in threshing grain many of our farmers are as usual letting their straw go to waste, instead of putting it up for stock feed. During a residence of nine years in this valley, we have never known but one winter in which stock did not suffer more or less for want of feed. We think that on an avernge stock need feeding from four to six weeks each winter; yet in many sections stock raisers are in the habit of letting their cattle shift for themselves.

We believe that \$20,000 worth of stock lied in Oregon last winter from poverty. while what lived it through were 'at death's door" in the spring. All this loss might have been saved by a little trouble and ex. pense in saving straw while threshing grain. We hope that such as have not already done so, will immediately go to work and make provisions for saving their stock next winter.

Our indomitable fellow-citizen Gen. McCurver has returned from his arduous trip to the States, where he convinced by a public lecture one "black republican member of Congress of the justness of our war claims. This is more than Lane ever old, for he failed to convince Faulkner, a black democrat. Gen. McCarver looks remarkably well, considering the danger be encompassed by sea and land, not the least of which was his narrow escape from hav-BY !!- PUT WHITE MEN ON A LEVEL WITH ing the Utah Governorship saddled upon themselves, while we shall let our paper SLAVES! !- DOWN WITH POPULAR SOVER. him. The most that troubles him now is EIGNTY!!-UP WITH CAUCUS SOVEREIGNTY!! the " indiscretion of the Oregonian in pub--we say that when they discover that lishing the fact that he landed at the south ern extremity of the Territory, and came home by land, in order to buy war scrip."

> WILLAMETTE GARDEN, CLACKAMAS Co., ) July 24th, 1857. Mr. Adams-Sin :- As you sometimes

publish articles written by clodhoppers, I thought I would write a few lines for your paper, and at the same time send you i cluster of Lawton Blackberries, which I have raised from the seed. They seem to do well in this climate. There are only two clusters of the first setting which are now ripe. The second set promises fair, should the third, which is now in bloom, come to perfection, as they no doubt will, it will deserve a place at the head of the list of garden fruits in Oregon. GEO. W. WALLING.

Friend Walling is informed that such elodhopper" communications as his are always acceptable, and when they are accompanied by such a bountiful contribution of nice apples and delicious berries they shall always be placed in a very conspicuous column.

07 We have received an anonymous rticle, dated at Corvallis, which beats the most intensified transcendentalism of some of Miss Barrett's episodes. Notwithstanding our invariable rule not to notice for that of "negroism," If you will try anonymous authors, we will give the two closing stanzas, which contain the cream of the whole :

"though others brighter round the shine yet still I love you as one the best it seems a sparke of my trough mind to cheer me when by gloom oppressed "and like a firm unchanging friend in joy or sorrow still tis true around it pleasant last winter fire I see it Magret when I Dream of you

The transcendentalism of the article looms up a little in the "sparke of my trough mind"-and if any "brighter" genius has ever "shone around Magret," she certainly most have been possessed with more than human fortitude to have re-

go We have a good many communications which for different reasons we are not able to publish. Our friends must not feel disappointed or stop writing for us because we happen to insert their articles in the stove instead of The Argus. We have now a basketful of communications, which or 'unnecessary.' are now ready for insertion, and we shall proceed to dispose of them, after having spent hours in looking them over in order f possible to discover one gem worth preserving .- But hold !- just here an idea strikes us. Our basket is filled up with rejected communications probably two or see by the last Standard, however, that it three times a year. What we are about to is wearing it for the present. We hope Jo ed. Think you not that your neighborspropose is, that whenever we get a baske:ful of these articles, we will thrust our hand into it, and, with our eyes shut, pro- tate, or come down and pull it in two, and ceed to stir them up, and then draw out at divide it equally between these locoloco about by the nose to adopt a policy which random one article, and publish it, merely children. for the purpose of illustrating a portion of our literature which might otherwise never come to light, and also to encourage new beginners to try again. Well, here comes a "pome"-which, if it doesn't beat the finest passages in Lalla Rookh for exquisite paintings of the "pangs of woe," it has the merit of being short:

The Bachelors Sollloguy. Our strong impulsive desireing; Causes our minds thus aspireing To gratify natures dictates pure ; And ease a heart, that cant long endure Pangs of wee, fed by nature and art, Longing to find, a reciprocal heart. When our vain ambitious pride, Throws this loneing desire aside; We strive against natures design; And think triumphant to reign: Va.u pride, that would double our woe; All our days in loneliness go-Without one pure cheering ray From happy connubial day! rom happy communications.

True nature says, a months a year;
Without hope, in some loved one dear.

Farmers Boy.

The city of Corvallis has enacted an ordinance requiring all "theatricals, lecturers, musicians, or showmen," who exhibit, sing, or play" for pay, to take out license at a cost of \$10 a night, under pain of \$20 fine for neglecting to do so.

OF The weather was uncommonly warm from Monday to Thursday this week. | genius.

05 "It [the Portland Times] betokens to the fullest extent an endorsement of the positions we have maintained against the Salem proscriptive resolutions. It imitates us." &c .- Standard

If Czapkay's organ has really been 'curtailed," and its fly-whipper screwed to the Standard, Jo Lane will have occasion to ponder over the fable of the man who took a frozen snake into his bosom.

At all events, we think the Oregonian will now be forced to acknowledge that, along with the Standard's "new head," it has also been blessed with a "new tail,"

Difficulty in Fixing Up the Black Demscratte Piatform, and Licking the Progeny into Shape.

"For the benefit of those complaining, we copy a resolution of the Democratic Central Committee of Sacramento County, California ; here it is :-

· Resolved : That while it is the privilege of all persons who desire, to vote for the Democratic nominees at any election, to do so, yet no persons who had voted at year. the last election against the Democratic nominees shall be entitled to vote at the primary election.

Now if the Democracy of Oregon adopt a similar resolution, there are but few persons in Oregon who will be entitled to vote at primary elections. For our part, we did not vote for all the nominees of the convention, nor would we if it were to do again, and according to our construction of the rule it matters not if a man refuses to vote for the nominees, whether he votes against them, or declines voting at all .-It is all the same-he violates the usages and customs of the Democratic party, and is not entitled to participate in nominating candidates for office. This is going it blind."-Jacksonville Sentinel.

Czapkay's organ copies the same resolution, and says:

"This is even more stringent than the rules laid down in our convention, yet we believe it is right enough. We have heard no man worthy the name of democrat complain of it. It is only our enemies who are dissatisfied. Our

friends rejoice."

So then T'Vault, who "complains," is read out of the party, as not being "worthy the name of democrat."

But we will now give a lump of the first fruits" of Jo Lane's imported Indiana black democrat, which the Salem paper and the Standard both try to lick into

"It is due to truth to acknowledge that in our late political struggle here against Spiritualism and Black Republicanism, intermingled with a small sprinkling of unnecessary defection in our own ranks, which, with better luck, will come up right at the right time," &c .- Portland Times. The Standard sets up a terrible bulla-

baloo of rejoicing over this "deposit"thinks it sees its own image in it, considers it quite "national," and runs up and licks it after this wise :

" In the above Mr. Hibben, having inrestigated somewhat the issue which has

Czapkay's agent, however, thinks it rather an unsightly mass, "without demoeratic form," and, upon the whole, rather "void" under the "decision" of the "can cus." He consequently writes a communication, dating it Yambill, in which, after quoting the extract from the Times, he

"The new editor here declares, as understand it, that the 'defection' of the Avery and Leland ilk was 'unnecessary'; gerly dealt with, suffered to proceed in their disorganizing course without complaint on the part of the democrats. This is what I understand Mr. Hibben's mean-

Now I think Mr. Hibben has erred in the opinion expressed through a want of knowledge of Oregon politics and politicians; he has hardly been long enough here to determine what action, having its cause in conduct of years past, is necessary

There has been such a pulling and hau! ing between the Salem organ and the mented with the Times as a nether extremity, that we have actually feared they would pull the poor thing in twain. We Lane will either decide who shall have the whole of this portion of his personal es-

science political economy, morality, religion, reason, and experience declare to be a Slaves are already held as property in Minnesota. According to the St. Anthony Republican a southerner holds a slave at Stillwater in that Territory.

The Pennsylvania Know Nothings have nominated Isaac Hazlehurst, of Phil- of a free State. adelphia, for Governor. Mr. Caufield and Mr. Flaherty

have the thanks of The Argus office for favors shown in the way of fruit. At the gold mines on Santiam lead

has been found in vast quantities. OF There is now a first-rate opening in this city for a good school teacher.

to The veteran Gen. Walbach, U. S. Army, lately deceased, was upward of 90 years of age, and had seen service in Europe and America, extending over three quarters of a century. He served under Louis XVI., and often had the Dauphin

VIGOR, TALENT, AND GENIUS. - He who in the same given time can produce more than another, has vigor; he who can prodece more and better, has talent; he who can produce what no one else can, has overwhelming majority that will forever genius.

ALBANY, July 15th, 1857. Editor Oregon Argus-The annual Oregon. meeting of Linn county Bible society was held in this place on Wednesday July 8th. Excellent addresses were delivered by Rev. Mr. Roberts and Rev. Mr. Condon .-The regular business was transacted, and the following officers were elected for the

coming year: President-Doet. Joel Shepherd. Vice President-Rev. Wilson Blain. Secretary-John Barrows. Treasurer-Demus Beach.

Directors-Rev. T. S. Kendall, Rev. E. R. Genry, Rev. T. Condon, Rev. J. Mc Kinney, Mr. J. H. Doughet. Delegates to Territorial meeting 12th

August at Corvallis-Rev. Mr. Irvin, Rev. Mr. Hines, D. H. Bodine, J. H. Payne. The Directors requested to meet at Leb anon Saturday August first for the transaction of business. Adjourned for one

> For the Argue. A Vexed Question Settled.

J. B.

Daring the late political canvass in this county, the Hon, L. F. Grover represented that he went to Corvallis and brought the seat of Government back to its home in Salem. Now we say, as those of old, 'hetter late than never.' For the people of Oregon will have great reason to feel thankful for such information, even at this late hour. If Mr. Grover had thought best in his wisdom to reveal the extent and importance of his act at the time of its consummation, what an ocean of bitterness, buncomb and bullion it would have saved! Even Leland would have been saved his martyrdom. But we shall not repine, for who knows the benefits of an apparently useless experience. Enough We have the declaration that the seat of Government has been at home since the removal to Salem; a declaration postponed, no doubt, through the extreme modesty of our worthy representation; " The evil that men do lives after them, the good is often interred with their bones;" so let it not be with the truly liberal gentleman referred to in this note.

Hereafter who will think of taking the seat of Government away from its home, in Salem 1

Waldo Hills, July 24th, 1857.

For the Argus. Slavery in Oregon. LINN Co., July 25th, 1857. Slavery in Oregon? who says it? Is not the very mention of the subject a slurlibel-on the intelligent, industrious and enterprising citizens of our country!-What! Oregon become a land of slavery--an auction block for the bodies and souls of men! Are our green fields and broad prairies to be converted into "plantcreated the defection in the Democratic ations" where stately lords may "build ranks, declares that the cause of this de- their houses by unrighteousness and their fection was unnecessary. This is just chambers by wrong," where they may use their neighbor's service without wages, and giveth him not for his work'? Shall the crack of the slave-driver's whip be heard. cars? Who can look away down the dim vista of coming years and predict for Orgon such a future as this? But it has 'got into the papers," and that which was a few years ago thought to be impracti cable and impossible, namely, the introduction of Slavery into Oregon, all at once hat is that they ought to have been gin- becomes a subject of every-day conversation and newspaper discussion. And not only is it announced to the reading world that articles pro and con on the subject will be published in an "Independent Journal," which is "hostile to every species of sectionalism, fanaticism, and intolerance"; and which " will vigorously oppose all attempts to incorporate any of the insaneisms of the day into our Territorial legislation," but right here in our midst springs up a paper to advocate the claims of the "peculiar institution," and its in-Standard to know which should be orna- troduction among us. Some are very much alarmed at the progression of things, and much afraid that slavery may yet cast its blighting curse over our promising country. Good friends, do not be alarm-

> curse to mankind ! I may be mistaken, but if I were guess. ing at public sentiment on the subject of slavery in Oregon, I would say that at least two thirds of the people are in favor

your fellow-citizens-the great mass of the

people of Oregon possess too much intelli-

gence and have too much sense to be led

But I am loth to say there is no danger. For often when we feel most assured in our predictions, we find ourselves mistaken .-The general impression seems to be that the matter will be finally settled when we come to vote on the constitution. Some are in favor of making a constitution to say nothing about slavery, leaving it for a matter of future legislation. Surely this should not be done. For two reasons :-1st. It would be a bone of contention causing enmity and partisan strife, and producing no good results whatever; 2nd. There are many who will not live here if it becomes a slave State, and who are anxious to have it settled beyond the reach of danger. Then let us have a vote on it :ves, a vote on the moral institution of slave. ry. Let us have rex populi-the voice of the people-let us work for-labor forand vote for a free State, and pour in an

the thought of introducing slavery into

Many say, "we will vote for slavery if you don't quit talking about it." The sympathies of such men are with the slave power, and this will form a pretext for voting for it. The cause of freedom and liberty, having its foundation in eternal truth, will bear scrutiny to the core. Let us not fear agitation and discussion, but bat. the face to face with the enemy. No doubt but the pro-slavery party will make an effort. Therefore we should watch. Bernal vigilance is the price of liberty."

Gov. Walker and Senator Wilson were passengers on the steambont New Lucy, on the Missouri river, for Kansas, The boat was crowded with Free State and Slave State men, who applied to Gen. Wilson for a speech He complied with their request, and delivered an eloquent address, saying, among other things, that-

"But one year ago, this noble stream, up which there were now floating, was closed by lawless violence against the emigrants of the North-of Massachusetts. Now he was freely giving utterance to the sentiments of those proscribed emigrants, and that too, by the request of Southern gentlemen. Surely, reason is assuming again her empire over madness and fa naticism. One year ago, the virgin sods of beautiful Kansas were reddened by frater. nal blood and her skies illumed by the lurid light of sneked and burning dwellings.
It was to be hoped that these scenes of violence were forever ended, that the frauds upon the people would come to nought, that the people would rule, and that Kansas would soon take her place in this sieter. hood of free Commonwealths. He had recently passed through the gaps of the Blue Ridge, crossed over the Alleghanies of the Old Dominion, stood by the grave of Henry Clay on the glorious soil of beautiful Kentucky, traversing the rich prairies of Illinois, gazed upon the Mississippi, and was now wending his way up the Miss. ouri, to that land upon which the eyes of so many thousands rest with mingled hope and fears. He certainly should return to his own New England home with larger views of the present power and future greatness of his country; great as the country now is, he felt that its future was to be grand and glorious. Labor-free, intelligent, educated labor-is hereafter to subdue these vast fields, to develop these mighty resources God had bestowed upon them, and to beautify and adorn these regions that lie in the heart of the Republic.'s

67 Col. James Price, of Clark county, Kr., was killed near Winchester, Kr., lately, with his son, a fine young man, by a neighbor named Gay. It seems that Price's wife has been writing, under the nom de plume of " Molly Broom," sketches for the Ohio Farmer, in one of which she held up Gay's family and himself to ridicule. It was for this that Gay took re-

05 The London Times notices the steam frigate Ningara favorably. It calls " the fastest sailer in the world, one of the fastest steamers, a fine sea boat, and a very good man of war."

BEAUTY DEFINED .- Beauty, young man s the girl you love, whatever she may

AN EXHIBIT of the Receipts and Expenditures of Clackomas County for the current

year ending June 30, 1857. Am't rec'd from licenses .... tax on Linn City lots... Washington county for keeping Burris.....

Barnes, road supervisor, co. and poll tax for 1856 " co. and poll tax for 1856 " delinquent tax for 1855, 156 M

Whole am't of receipts..... EXPENDITURES. roads and supervisors...... 677 80 clerk & auditor, 639 80 sheriff,..... 223 juries..... 610 75 school super't'd't,100 00 pros. attorney ... 

two safes for co... " fuel, rent, records, stationery, &c., 287 41

86303 21\$11,740 0 Am't over and above the expenditure ... 8 5445 8

An Exhibit of Finances. Whole am't of county orders issued up to June 30th, 1857.....

An Exhibit of School Fund. Whole am't of school tax for 1856 ..... \$1383 " " paid by coll'r,
" " new assessm't,
delinquent for 1855.....
of fines..."
strays sold.....

School orders canceled, July, Delinquent list returns.....

Oregon City, July 24, 1857.

Water Power to Lease THE undersigned is ready to lesse part of t Oregon City Water Power for manufacturi purposes. Dn. JOHN MacLOUGHLIS. Oragen City. July 4, 1857.