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The Constitution.

We shall vote against the Constitution for many good reasons. We consider it a huge viper, with poisonous fangs in its head, a legion of eggs in its belly, and a deadly sting in its tail.

That it has some excellent qualities, real shining scales of pure silver, glistening in the bulk of its snaky coil, we concede. Indeed, who would be expected to take a thing into his bosom, that at first sight discovered itself to be all viper, scaly, hissing, and slimy?

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Resolved, That while we deeply oppose the necessity of the shedding of human blood, and the destroying of human life, we should rejoice in a successful slave insurrection which would teach slaveholders the wrong and danger involved in the act of slaveholding, and the numerous outrages which slavery necessarily inflicts upon its victims.

Resolved, That the slaveholder should be made to dream of death in his sleep, and to apprehend death in his dish and tabor; fire should meet him in his bed, and poison should meet him at his table; and the silent angel of death should everywhere be invoked to frighten him in the midst of his murderous slaveholding revelry.

Now, the fact is, the Occidental would have perpetrated no greater falsehood if it had claimed to extract these resolutions from the Bible, for no Republican meeting in Ohio or any other State ever had such resolutions before it.

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There has been a terrible wailing around the Land Office in this city lately—Guthrie "weeping, and refusing to be comforted"—because a petition has been deposited in Jo Lane's breeches' pocket signed by Judge Williams, Dandy, Gov. Curry, Harding, Grover, Smith, Nesmith, and Czapkay's agent, with perhaps a few other oath-bound members of the midnight caucus conspirators at Salem.

The facts are simply these: The clique has concluded that to "save the Union," Lanejoy must have the office, and that "Guthrie must go home to see his uncle."

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The Yamhill Representative who has gone into the proslavery party, has another long letter in the last Standard, which conclusively proves the poor fellow to be demented. He seems to be under the influence of a disease that approximates very closely to the delirium tremens.

Franklin with a vast concourse of sympathizing friends, stood upon the rocky heights above, waving it many a God-speed, and lifting many a prayer to Heaven for the success of the expedition; to which we respond in Oregon, amen! and amen!!

The overland immigration to California this season is estimated by the California papers at twenty-five or thirty thousand, more than two thirds of whom are women and children.

Opposition to the extension of slavery, and the total exclusion of slaveholders from the territories of the Union, we all know to be the life and soul, the main artery in the heart of black republicanism, or abolitionism, and that the opposite are the grounds upon which the pro-slavery party stands.

Mr. Editor.—The Constitutional Convention has at length ended its labors, and requires the people to pronounce upon its progeny the second Monday of next month.

Three several years had the people declined to gratify the hungry office seekers of Oregon by forming a State government. But last winter a scheme was concocted to obtain by fraud what had so often been refused to a direct application.

Circumstances favored the success of their schemes. Congress had made some changes in the times and places of holding District Courts in the Territories. The Legislature of Oregon intentionally omitted to remove the inconveniences the change imposed upon litigants, though fully empowered by the organic law to do so.

Those interested in the payment of the expenses of the late Indian wars by Congress, were assured that the additional representation in that body to which we would be entitled as a State would insure the payment.

To those whose fears were excited by the Dred Scott decision that slavery would be introduced among us, it was said, by forming a State government only could they prevent the evil.

The delegates to said convention shall be allowed such compensation as shall be hereafter appropriated by Congress for such payment, thereby implying a falsehood and for a fraudulent purpose.

The principal actors in getting up the authorizing act, being also the managers of the Convention, they have produced an instrument in perfect keeping with the mode of obtaining the authority to do so.

In order to cheat the people into its adoption, the Constitution has in it some good provisions copied from the Constitutions of other States. The Constitution of Indiana being the favorite. It also makes some changes in the administration of county affairs, and has some features peculiar to itself, which at another time I will notice.

But none of the provisions adopted from the Constitutions of the States secures the rights of individuals more amply than they are now enjoyed by us through the ordinance of 1787, adopted by Congress for our government.

While it initiates no new development of the Democratic idea, it omits many things necessary to good government in a country like Oregon, which in many respects presents distinctive features in surface and people to the Atlantic States.

I cannot for my life see what present advantage can result to the people from adopting the Constitution except the additional representation in Congress if they are willing to pay \$100,000 to enable

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