

The Oregon Argus.

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OREGON CITY:

SATURDAY, JULY 30, 1859.

Arrival of the Mail.

The Eastern mail arrived at Portland on Saturday last, with dates from New Orleans to the 27th of June.

It will be seen that there has been some terrible fighting in Italy between the Allied armies and the Austrians, in which the latter were worsted in every encounter.

KOOSUTH AND THE ITALIANS.

New York, June 23.—The New York Times publishes to-day a letter from Koosuth, dated London, the 9th, and addressed to the editor of the Times.

In this letter Koosuth informs the Italians of this country that the time has not arrived for them to take part in the war.

He tells them that though the sky is brightening great difficulties are to be overcome before they can engage in the war without that degree of rashness which would be ruinous to them, and which would result in no immediate benefit to their country.

DIPLOMATIC WAR OPINIONS.

WASHINGTON, June 23.—The war in Europe is the principal topic of conversation in our diplomatic circles.

The opinion expressed by them is, that though the Governments in Europe who are not engaged in the war are desirous of peace, the complications are so great that it will be almost impossible to prevent a general conflagration.

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS FOR MEXICO.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Official information has been received from Mexico to the effect that Gen. Vidauri, a prominent Liberal leader of Northern Mexico, has, with the assent of President Juarez, accepted the offer of three thousand American volunteers, who are ready to join him.

The matter has been referred to our Government, and the subject is now under consideration.

SECRETARY FLOYD.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—Serious apprehensions are entertained by the friends and family of Secretary Floyd, on account of the precarious state of his health.

Letter from Stephen A. Douglas. Washington, June 23.—The friends of Judge Douglas are in possession of the following letter, explaining his position in regard to the Presidency:

Washington, June 23, 1859. My Dear Sir—I have received your letter, enquiring whether my friends are at liberty to present my name to the Charleston Convention for Presidential nomination.

If I have full faith they will, the Democratic party shall determine, in the Presidential election of 1860, to adhere to the principles embodied in the Compromise measures of 1850, and ratified by the people in the Presidential election of 1852.

If, on the contrary, it shall become the policy of the Democratic party (which I cannot anticipate) to repudiate their time-honored principles, on which we have achieved so many patriotic triumphs; and in lieu of them, the Convention shall introduce into the creed of the party such new issues as the revival of the African slave trade, or a Congressional slave code for the Territories, or the doctrine that the Constitution of the United States either establishes or prohibits slavery in the Territories, beyond the power of the people legally to control it, as other property, it is due to candor to say that in such an event I could not accept the nomination, if tendered to me.

Trusting that this answer will be deemed sufficiently explicit, I am, very respectfully, your friend, S. A. Douglas.

THE WAR IN EUROPE.—We read a great deal now-a-days concerning the rapidity with which the campaign in Italy will be presented, and the war likely to be ended between France and Austria, owing to railroad improvements and steam communication, which in a day can transport men and munitions of war from the French stations to those of Sardinia.

We learn from the Sentinel that James W. Bowen, who killed a Chinaman in Jackson county some time ago, was convicted of murder and sentenced to be hung on the 19th of August.

A fire occurred in Crescent City on the 9th inst., consuming the greater part of the town. Loss estimated at \$30,000.

A FIRE.

Yesterday morning, a little before two o'clock, fire was seen issuing from the roof of the building occupied by "Titus" as a boarding-house, opposite Mr. Harvey's residence. The whole building was soon enveloped in flames, and for a while it seemed as though the 'devouring element' intended to sweep the buildings on both sides of the street for several blocks—but if such was its intention, it was fortunately frustrated by the indomitable efforts of McLoughlin Fire Company No. 1, which was early on the ground, and did good service in stopping the progress of the fire, aided by the exertions of the citizens generally.

Mr. Harvey, the owner of the house, estimates his loss at about \$6,000. The venerable log building near by was also burned.

FORCE PUMP.—Rossi & Co., of the Willamette Iron Works, are putting up a force pump at their establishment, to be worked by water power, with five or six hundred feet of hose. They propose, if the city will furnish hose enough, to send water from their foundry to any part of town, even to Gov. Abernethy's residence, in quantity sufficient to supply the engine, or to throw the water from the hose to the light of eighty feet, in a stream three times the size of that thrown by the engine.

ALMOST A FIRE.—Early on Thursday morning of this week, a can of phosphorus in Dr. Steele's Drug Store took fire, and had set the papering of the wall in a blaze, when it was discovered, and the fire extinguished.

THE ELECTION.—The official returns received at the Secretary's office show Douglas county to have given Stout 156 majority, instead of 149, as at first reported—thus making Stout's majority 16. The official returns from Coos only remain to come in, but the general result will not be changed.

MISTAKE.—In our table of the official vote of the different precincts of this county at the late election there was a mistake in the vote of Tualatin precinct, which showed that Stout had 7 majority there, whereas Logan's majority was 3. The aggregate of the votes, however, in the county was correct—giving Logan a majority of one.

The Dalles Journal, by comparing the tables in the Argus and Statesman, will see that our statement above is correct, and if it will examine the Statesman's a little more closely it will there find four errors in the votes of Milwaukie and Marquam precincts—but these errors can be obviated by substituting 'Milwaukie' in place of 'Marquam's,' and 'wise waysey.' The table in the Argus is a literal transcript from the poll-books—with the exception above mentioned—and is 'correct.'

EMIGRATION TO OREGON.—We hear of a great many families intending to move into Oregon from California this season, to settle here. Those families who wish to make a home don't feel like sitting down upon an old Spanish grant and run the risk of having their improvements wrested from them by some other claimant.

NEW PAPER.—We have had a sight at a prospectus for a new paper to be issued about the first of September at Albany, in Linn county, in this State, to be under the editorial control of Hon. Delazon Smith, late U. S. S., but whose title the Portland News thinks should be 'C. U. S. S.'

CAPTURED.—Balch, who murdered his son-in-law in Portland last fall, and who broke jail some time last spring, was taken again last week near Portland.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.—Dr. Hawthorne and Loryea announces that they have opened a hospital in Portland, where patients may receive all medical and surgical aid.

Tracy & Co. have our thanks for a late copy of the Victoria Gazette.

THE ALLEGHANIAN.—This talented troupe gave one of their delightful concerts before a full house on Thursday evening last, in this city, at Washington Hall. Although laboring under the disadvantage of having a very poor room to sing in, their performance fully sustained their high character as musicians.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.—On Thursday morning last, Mr. Louis Behrens in passing the jail discovered that the prisoners confined there had nearly succeeded in driving out the staple to which the padlock was fastened, when he obtained some assistance and secured the cokeys.

BETHEL COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE.—We are pleased to learn that this Institution is in a flourishing condition, and is steadily gaining upon the good will of its patrons and the friends of education generally.

Geo. W. Lawson, late of Oregon, who ran against Jo Lane two years ago for Delegate to Congress, is the anti-Lecompton candidate for the State Senate in Yuba county, California.

THANKS.—Dr. Steele has laid us under renewed obligations for liberal files of the latest papers by the Eastern mail.

UP THE COLUMBIA.

Ed. ABRAHAM: As newspapers are the life of the world, so also is correspondence the life of newspapers. Curiosity, and a laudable ambition 'to see and be seen,' led me to quit the quiet monotony of home, and start in quest of something new.

I had never been further eastward, on the river, than Portland—and hence every foot was new to me, and every point presented something new and attractive. The usual beauty and grandeur of river scenery, is everywhere presented in bold outlines.

Touching at Vancouver, we had the pleasure of taking a stroll among its environs, and were pleased to find it a place of more than ordinary beauty and neatness, and more especially the military post located at that point.

Later from Frazer's River. ARRIVAL OF GEN. PALMER'S TRAIN AT THE DALLES.

Gen. Palmer arrived in town on Monday night, on the Mountain Buck. The General has just returned from the gold mines on Frazer's River, coming through by the route he went out, via Okinagan.

The General traveled with his pack train of about fifty mules from the forks of Thompson's River to the Dalles in eighteen days. He reports the route as being excellent, finding good grass and water all along the route.

A SOUTHERN OPINION.—The Savannah Republican, one of the ablest of the Opposition journals of the South, says that for the purpose of beating the false Democracy

this time. Strychnine whisky, gambling, and the 'Indian trade' (countax?) alone are in heavy demand. If you were to ask the number of grog-shops and saloons in the city, where strychnine and 'rot-gut' whisky is dealt out in murderous doses to the lazy, lousy, loafing forms in humanity's shape that frequent them, for my life I could not tell you.

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in 1860 it is willing to cast its vote for any sound, patriotic statesman for President and Vice-President, whose past history affords a guaranty of reform, and especially of opposition to all the destructive elements that are now seeking to undermine the Government and bring the Constitution into contempt.

THE GREAT ISSUE.—The great contest of 1860 will be fought out on the issue set forth in the following points of the Republican and Democratic platforms:

Resolved, That the Constitution confers upon Congress sovereign power over the Territories of the United States for their ties of the United States government, and that in for their government, the exercise of this power and, in the exercise of it, is both the right and the power, it is both the duty of Congress to promulgate and duty of Congress to promulgate and duty of Congress to promulgate.

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boat, about the size of the Jennie Clark, though with a deeper hold, and built open almost loaded, and expecting soon to be at. At this place there are four or five buildings, a store, eating house, small stone barn, and a new dwelling erected by our friend R. M., and into which he intends soon to introduce a blooming bride, transplanted from her Willamette home (at least so they say). A few acres of black, rich-looking soil below the mouth of Deschutes will furnish room for gardens, and if there were a half dozen nice families living here it would not be an unpleasant place for a residence.

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At Palouse, when supplies destined for the different expeditions are stored, there are only one or two canvas houses, with a guard of some half dozen men, over many a thousand dollar worth of Government property.

Had a pleasant bath in the water of Palouse, finding it much warmer than Snake. Quite near us, too, there was a large patch of wild currants, a fruit between gooseberries and currants, having a little the quality of each.

Our trip down only occupied about one fourth as much time as going up. In conclusion let me only observe that I reached Portland after an eight days' trip, having had a pleasant time; and that I am under obligations to captains, agents, and owners of steamboats for courtesies during my trip. EX-"STUDENT."

OREGON CITY MARKET.—Wheat \$1.15; flour \$6.00 to \$7.50; potatoes 75; oats 75; butter, fresh, 25c—packed, 20c; beans 15 to 16c; eggs 30c.

A CARD. The undersigned takes this method of tendering his warmest thanks to his fellow-citizens of Oregon City, who so manfully exerted themselves to save his property from destruction by fire on Friday morning.

MULTNOMAH LODGE No. 1. F. & A. M., holds its stated communication in the Sons of Temperance Hall, on the first Saturday preceding the Full Moon of each month. Brethren in good standing are invited to attend. W. W. BUCK, W. M. D. W. CRAIG, Sec'y.

MARRIED. In McMinnville, Thursday, July 14, by W. H. Humoy, J. P., Mr. Archibald Saling to Miss Mary Ann Buford, all of Yamhill county. On the 14th inst, by C. C. Luther, Esq., at the residence of Powell & Kent, in Williams County, Mr. J. L. Kent to Miss Sarah Jane Dyer, all of Josephine county, Oregon.

DIED. Near Bethel, Polk county, June 27. Miss Jane and Sarah Margaret Frier, aged 13 years and four months, and 10 years and two months of putrid sore throat, caused by using water from a foul well. At the residence of Wm. H. Pennington, Williams Creek, Josephine county, Oregon, June 19. Michael & James Donnelly, (of Irish descent) aged 45 years. Of consumption, near Sublimity, Marion county, July 1, 1859. Thomas Coffey, aged nearly 40 years.