

The Oregon Argus.

W. L. ADAMS, EDITOR. OREGON CITY: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1859.

The Next Congress. The recent elections in Tennessee and Kentucky, resulting in the choice of eight Opposition members of Congress, have settled the question of the preponderance of parties in the next House.

Trouble among the Roosters. Somebody who calls himself Brock (we believe he is the same fellow who was a zealous Whig on Clatsop Plains a little while ago, and a great toady of Governor Gaines, who took an immense disgust to him) has ordered the Loco Foco State Central Committee to come up to Eugene and "fix things" for a convention to choose delegates to represent Jo Lane's claims and interests at Charleston next spring.

RAINS.—We have been blessed with copious rains this week, which no doubt have proved unwelcome to the newly arrived emigrants. But they will find that we will have several weeks of pleasant weather yet, before the "rainy season" sets in—the present being only an Oregon mist.

WE learn that James O'Neill, Esq., is to take charge of the Metropolitan Hotel in Portland, in company with J. M. Vandyke. Under 'Jim O'Neill's' management the Metropolitan cannot fail to become the most popular hotel in Portland.

LOW FARE.—On the Columbia, last trip, passengers were taken from Portland to San Francisco for \$10 in the cabin and \$5 in the steerage. On the Brother Jonathan the fare was cabin \$5, steerage \$2.50.

OREGON FARMER.—This valuable journal will hereafter be issued semi-monthly, on the arrival of the steamer from California.

County Economy. ED. ARGUS: Our county has suffered many grievous burdens, and I suppose will continue to do so until the Commissioners learn wise economy. In the last exhibit, there is a charge of \$238,000 paid as lawyer's fees, which looks to me like something that ought not to be there.

ONE TAX-PAYER. Molalla, Sept. 5, 1859.

The Press says that the coal dealers at Coose Bay are doing a good business, and remarks that the field extends over an area of twenty miles wide by thirty long. The stratum is about seven feet thick.

DROWNED.—Eli Hedges, a young man, son of Israel Hedges, of Mounouth, Polk county, was drowned whilst fording the Willamette near Independence, on the 25th of August. His body has not yet been found. He was about twenty-four years of age.

Grover's Speech. ED. ARGUS: I have read Grover's speech and your remarks upon it, and I think with you that it was a great mistake to lose such a giant in the councils of the nation. But I was particularly interested in the stirring appeal in behalf of Democracy.

LIEUT. MULLAN'S ROAD EXPEDITION.—The Advertiser of last Monday publishes a letter written by a gentleman attached to Lieut. Mullan's road expedition, from which we learn that the company is progressing finely.

This place is about two hundred miles from Walla Walla. The country through which we passed for the first hundred and fifty miles is entirely destitute of timber, except a small willow. The land is valuable only for grazing purposes.

THAT INDIAN MONEY.—A Washington correspondent of the St. Louis Republican says: "The Secretary of the Interior has signed a requisition on the Treasury for \$246,000, which amount he designs forwarding to Oregon and Washington to meet expenses incurred in the Indian war."

The Year 1860. We begin to hear from it, and will hear and see more before it is through with. The Christian Almanac for 1860, published by the American Tract Society, has been issued.

ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1860.—There will be four Eclipses this year, as follows: I. An annular eclipse of the Sun, January 2d, invisible in America.

One of the prominent speakers at the Democratic meeting at Bangor said that he "expected to spend eternity in the company of Democrats!" The Louisville Journal says there is danger that he will actually report of his sins.

The Jacksonville Sentinel says that Eli Judd was arrested on Applegate creek by Mr. John O'Brian, and taken to Jacksonville. He is charged with horse-stealing. Bill Judd, an accomplice, is supposed to be somewhere in that neighborhood.

The house of Sheriff Corneyer, on French Prairie, Marion county, was accidentally destroyed by fire lately. Loss about \$1,500. A stean saw-mill belonging to Mr. John Kays and son, situated in Polk county near Monmouth, was burned on the 16th of last month. The loss was near \$1,500.

The Advertiser says that upwards of five thousand bushels of apples were shipped from Portland last week to Victoria and San Francisco.

"A Naturalized Foreigner" writes a pointed and pertinent letter to the Washington Star (one of the Administration organs) in relation to its defence of the absurd doctrine of allegiance set forth by Mr. Cass under the sanction of the government.

The following letter of Gov. Wise was circulated at the late sitting of the Democratic State Committee at Albany. It does not yet appear to whom addressed: RICHMOND, July 13, 1859. DEAR SIR: I thank you for yours of the 8th inst. I have apprehended it all along that the Tammany Hegemony would carry a united delegation from New York to Charleston.

The emigrants are arriving daily. We are informed by our old friend Charles Henderson, who arrived here on Thursday last, that the emigration to Oregon will be large.

A rumor reaches us, says the Dalles Journal, that the Indians in the neighborhood of the Boundary Commission were greatly excited, and had been holding a series of war-dances.

WARM SPRINGS RESERVATION.—A correspondent at Warm Springs Reservation writes to the Dalles Journal that "the crops have been considerably damaged, but not so much as might have been expected."

In the palmy days of Rome, candidates were required to wear white robes, to indicate the purity of their lives and intentions; hence the name candidates, white.

Gen'l Marney's Second Letter to Governor Douglas. HEAD-QUARTERS, DEPARTMENT OF OREGON, Fort Vancouver, W. T., Aug. 24th, 1859. HIS EXCELLENCY, JAMES DOUGLAS, C. B., Governor of Vancouver's Island and its Dependencies, Vice Admiral of the same, etc.

I beg to offer in reply, that I have cordially reciprocated the sentiments of friendship and good will you have manifested toward American interests from the period of my service with this command. In that time, I have, on two different occasions, notified the government of the United States of your acts affecting our citizens in terms of commendation and praise.

The explanation which your Excellency has advanced, which it serves to remove the impression at first created of a direct action on the part of the British authorities of Vancouver Island against the rights of our citizens, does not expose any evidence of a prevaricating nature to a repetition of the acts which have caused so serious misunderstanding in the minds of the American people on San Juan Island.

THE FATE OF THE INDIANS.—The editor of the Christian Advocate says: "In our late trip north we saw something and heard much of the Indians of this coast. They are a hapless race of abused savages."

SANTIAM LEAD AND SILVER MINES.—We learn that Mr. Jesse Looney and two or three other persons, left Santiam City last week to prospect these mines.

ACCIDENT.—Yesterday Mr. I. C. Taylor was crossing the river on the ferry boat, with his team and loaded wagon, the horses became frightened at the "blowing off of steam," and backed off the boat and were drowned.

The wife of Dr. Shang, living some ten miles from town, on the road to Tualatin Plains, died very suddenly, Monday evening. Two days before she was in the enjoyment of her usual health.

The new and spacious fire-proof building of J. Failing & Co., on Front street, is now nearly completed. This building adds another ornament to our city, and one that would compare favorably with A. No. 1 stores in the Atlantic cities.

HIGH PRICE FOR A FARM.—We were informed, a few days ago, of the sale of a farm of 160 acres, at Dungeness, in this Territory, for the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars!

WE learn by some newly arrived emigrants, that the most difficult portion of the trip "across the plains," has been obviated by the construction of a new road by Col. Lander.

WE also learn that a gentleman in a train now on the Umattilla, has about thirty head of fine blooded cattle, one-half of which are represented as full blooded, and fully equal, if not superior, to any ever brought into the State.

ESCAPED.—Two Penitentiary convicts, named Enoch Fruit, and J. J. Mills, escaped from the saw-mill leased by Coffin & Pentland, on Wednesday evening last. A reward of \$300 has been offered for their apprehension.

THE county seat of Curry county, is to be removed to Ellensburg, at the mouth of Rogue river.

Oregon Fruit Growers' Association. In compliance with Article 9, of the constitution of this association, the first annual meeting will be held at Salem on the first Wednesday of October, 1859.

The following are the premiums offered: On the best fruits of any variety offered, \$2; 2d best, \$1; 3d best, 50c. For the largest and best collection of apples, \$10; 2d do., \$5; 3d do., \$2.50.

INDIAN DIFFICULTIES OUT SOUTH.—We learn from the Yreka Union that the Indians are getting to be troublesome in that section. J. T. Longley, of Bear Creek, writes, under date of August 23d, that the Indians have killed two more men—N. McElroy and David Wells.

AT Orleans Bar, the Indians fired the town in two places, burning Kerby & Campbell's stable, together with a large quantity of hay, and a mule—loss \$3,000. Indian Jo was hung for murder by the Sheriff on the 24th.

MURDERED BY INDIANS.—John Callahan, formerly of Yreka, with his cook, were murdered by Indians at his house at Hat Creek, on the Pitt River wagon road, several weeks since, and the house robbed of all its valuables.

FATAL ACCIDENT.—We learn from a gentleman who came down from Corvallis yesterday, that Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell and two children were crossing the river at that place on Sunday last, in a skiff, and by some mishap the skiff became entangled by a rope and was upset.

THE editor of the Press has seen a plum raised by Philip Mulkey, of Lane county, that measured five inches transversely, and six and seven-eighths longitudinally.

A writer in the Richmond Enquirer proves that woman was the cause of the late terrible European war. Another writer goes on to prove that woman has been the cause of all the wars that ever have taken place.

THE annual Fair of the Linn County Agricultural Society will be held in Albany, on the 25th and 29th of September. Hon. L. F. Groves is expected to deliver the address.

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MULTNOMAH LODGE NO. 1. F. & A. M., holds its stated communications in the Sons of Temperance Hall, on the Saturday preceding the Full Moon in each month.

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DIED: At Clatsop, Aug. 31st, Joseph Lonatoin, an Andre Lonatoin, aged 22 years.

NOTICE: IS hereby given to all those who wish to have their ACCOUNTS COLLECTED, as are willing to patronize me, that I am constantly on hand, and will devote my entire time and energy in attending to the same for them.

Sheriff's Sale. BY VIRTUE of an execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in a judgment rendered in said court in favor of Wayman C. Hembree against Clayton Richardson for the sum of \$350.00 debt, and \$30.00 costs, together with interest and accruing thereon, and for want of sufficient personal property to satisfy said execution, I have levied upon the following described real estate as the property of said Clayton Richardson, situated in the county of Yamhill, State of Oregon, to-wit:—All the lot No. 13, (thirteen) in the town of Lafayette, also block No. (3) two in the town of Amity, containing two acres more or less, together with the improvements, privileges, and appurtenances thereto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, consisting of a dwelling-house and other buildings. The above described real estate will be sold at public auction for cash to satisfy said execution, on the premises in the town of Lafayette on the 14th day of October, 1859, and in the premises in the town of Amity on the 15th day of the same month, at the hour of 1 o'clock P. M. of each of said days.

THE LARGEST HARVEST ON RECORD.—The Philadelphia Ledger, a well-informed journal, designates the wheat harvest of this year as "The largest probably ever produced on this earth." It says: "The season has been unusually early; the insects and rust have not been able to extort from the farmers their usual groans and growlings, and with the exception of a single night of frost injuring the crop in a few counties of Western Virginia, Pennsylvania, New York and Ohio, the ground sown in wheat has yielded most abundantly."

ANOTHER OLD SETTLER GONE.—The Red Bluff Beacon chronicles the death of the old pioneer, Sam. Neal, which took place at his ranch lately. Probably no man in Upper California was friendlier known or had more warm personal friends than the deceased. He was one of the first American settlers in the Sacramento Valley, having emigrated there at a very early period, probably over twenty years ago.

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