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[From the Spanish.] A Love Lay. My love slept there, In the shadow of my hair,

THE HEBREWS.—A late writer, who has dipped deeply into the calculation, asserts that there are two hundred thousand Jews in the United States, while in England there are only thirty-five thousand.

GLAD OF IT.—About one half the democratic voters are as glad of the explosion of their party as if it were the event they had most desired and prayed for.

DEATH OF LADY BYRON.—We learn that on the 17th May, Lady Byron, the widow of the great poet, died at Condon, in the sixty-sixth year of her age.

A RARE WITNESS.—A Helgian journal gives an example of a husband ready to do justice to his wife under most trying circumstances.

EXPORTS.—In the year 1859 the United States exported to England one hundred and sixty-six million, seventy-eight thousand, seven hundred and thirty-four dollars.

The Chicago Convention. Correspondence of the Argus. DEAR SIR: It was my intention to send you some sketches of the Chicago Convention, but my time has been wholly occupied.

The Wigwag, of which you have had descriptions, when filled to its utmost capacity, held twelve thousand people. Before each session of the Convention, more than an hour was consumed in being seated.

The delegates and spectators, while not striving to imitate the mock enthusiasm of 'ye Old Fogie' Convention at Baltimore, in which every word of every speaker was followed by "cheers," were actuated from the first by a spirit of conciliation and deference.

It was felt that the greatest difficulty of the Convention would be to create a platform acceptable to all the classes represented, and especially to the laborers of Pennsylvania.

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RATIFICATION MEETING IN YAMHILL CO. SPEECHES, &c. LAFAYETTE, July 2, 1860. Editor of the Argus: The Republicans of Yamhill County met here on Saturday last to respond to the nominations of ABRAHAM LINCOLN for President, and HANNIBAL HAMLIN for Vice President, and they ratified the nominations most cordially.

The meeting was organized by calling S. M. GILMORE to the Chair, and appointing JOHN H. HALL, Secretary. Mr. GILMORE, after explaining the object of the meeting, paid a high tribute to the personal and political character of the nominees, and the Convention which nominated them, and said he did not doubt their triumphant election in November next.

The Republican Platform was then introduced and read by G. L. Woods, when a speech was loudly called for, from Dr. McBRIDE.

Dr. McBRIDE said that he was not in a very good condition for making a speech, having a bad cold, but he could not refrain from saying a few words by way of expressing his entire satisfaction with the action of the Chicago Convention.

He said that he came to Oregon a democrat, and that he had continued to act with that party so long as their measures of policy tended to promote the interests and the welfare of the laboring class, in opposition to the measures of the Whig party, which he honestly believed were calculated more for the benefit of the capitalists of the country than the poor laboring man, and he also thought the Whig leaders were more inclined to aristocratic notions than the Democrats.

He contrasted the policy of the self-styled Democratic party of the present day, in a very clear and comprehensive manner, showing beyond all question and cavil, that the policy of the Republican party now, was precisely like that of the Democracy of former days, and that the present Democracy were opposing every measure calculated to benefit the laboring class, and instanced their opposition to the Homestead Bill, and the Agricultural College bill, both of which were designed for the special benefit of the poor man;—the Homestead Bill giving a home of one hundred and sixty acres to every young man and every head of a family; while the College Bill was intended to furnish young men with an education who were unable to pay for it with money, but who would be willing to labor three or four hours in a day for their board and tuition.

Dr. McBRIDE'S speech, as a whole, was a most effective one, and we hope he will make many such during the canvass. Dr. A. G. HENRY being perseveringly called for, at length rose and said, that— On resuming the practice of his profession, which he knew he understood better than politics, he had promised himself not to take such a part in the political strife of the country, as should in any way interfere with his professional business, and he hoped his response to the flattering call just made upon him, would not be understood by his personal friends as evidence of a disposition to depart from that settled determination; and that this was probably the last time he should be found taking any active part in the coming exciting and most important political canvass the world has ever witnessed. He should feel that he was recreant to a most intimate and ardent friendship of more than a quarter of a century's duration, if he should fail on this occasion to give expression to the satisfaction he felt at the nomination of his friend, Abraham Lincoln of Illinois, as the Republican candidate for President. In his judgment,

TOBACCO FOR BOYS.—A strong and sensible writer administers a wholesome dose to boys who use tobacco in any form, assuring them that tobacco has utterly spoiled and utterly ruined thousands of boys, inducing a dangerous precocity, developing the passions, softening and weakening the bodies, and greatly injuring the spinal marrow, the brain, and the whole nervous fluid. A boy who early and frequently smokes or in any way uses large quantities of tobacco, never is known to make a man of much energy of character, and generally lacks physical and moral vigor, as well as mental energy. We would particularly warn boys who want to be anybody in the world, to abstain tobacco as a most baseful poison.