



If any man attempts to haul down the American flag, shoot him on the spot!

The Oregon Argus.

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OUR ELECTION.—AT HOME AND ABROAD.—The union and co-operation, under a new name and upon a new issue, of political elements hitherto discordant and antagonistic, afford lessons and inferences which we and our neighbors as well are not slow to apprehend.

Hereafter no man or set of men can demand a party shibboleth, or damn the man who fails to pronounce the old catch-word "Democracy" with all the proper inflections.

OREGON CITY.—We are pleased to see that a spirit of improvement is beginning to stir among our people, and would be glad if it could be multiplied tenfold.

Two of our State officers elect have been seriously, if not dangerously ill since the election. Gov. Gibbs has had a severe attack of typhus fever, from which he is slowly recovering.

Col. De Russey, U. S. A., has recently paid a visit to Astoria, for the purpose of surveying for fortifications in the vicinity of the mouth of the Columbia River.

It is universally acknowledged that the fortifications are useless. Our harbor is so easy of access that an enemy can come in, in a fog, or at night, as easily as at bright noon day.

A special correspondent of the Sacramento Union, in a letter from New York under date of May 8th, speaking of the rejoicing for Union triumphs, says:

Every day now brings us news of a Union victory, and the popular heart is leaping for joy over the glorious accumulation. Yesterday evening came in the intelligence of McClellan's defeat of the rebel army at Williamsburg, Va., and arriving as it did immediately upon the heels of a discouraging dispatch intimating that the enemy was in greater force than the Union army, its inspiration was wonderful.

Such are the emotions which inspire the hearts of all true Americans everywhere, when the good news of Union victories is received. No matter where the place of sojourn may be—East or West, North or South—on this continent, or in the most distant corner of the world—loyal Union men may be readily distinguished from rebel-sympathizers, traitors, and the scorch generally.

FOURTH OF JULY.—As the old National Anniversary comes nearer, we are glad to see an increasing disposition to halt the day with something like the old-fashioned observances.

By the efforts of Mayor Steele, and the politeness of Capt. Myrick, the mainmast of our old Liberty Pole has been towed up, and may be improved by the addition of a more shapely topmast, so that it will look better than before.

A writer in the Boston Traveller says:—"The production of capital in the loyal States exceeds the consumption by \$100,000,000, annually."

CONFIRMED.—W. H. Bennett has been confirmed United States Marshal for Oregon, by the U. S. Senate.

ASTORIA.—Ed. Argus: After traveling to different parts of the country, I am well satisfied that Astoria has natural advantages that no other place on the Columbia or Willamette river has, and before long these advantages will be appreciated, and they are already beginning to attract the attention of capitalists in California.

I regard it as inevitable that Astoria will become, at a day not far distant, to Oregon and Washington, what San Francisco is to California—a depot for the trade of the upper country—and the point from which river steamers will start, to do the carrying business direct to the Falls of the Willamette and to the Cascades of the Columbia—and from Astoria to the Cascades, and back, without going the round-about way to Portland to gratify and subserve the interests of a few speculators.

A movement has been commenced in this city and at the East for the purpose of presenting to the gallant Lieutenant John L. Worden, a substantial testimonial of the universal admiration of his devotion and heroism. In this city the subscription has already reached \$5,000, in sums of fifty dollars and upwards.

MISSION CLAIM.—We have received, at the hands of Archbishop Blanchet, a pamphlet copy of the report and decision of the Surveyor General of Washington Territory (Dr. A. G. Henry) in regard to the Catholic Mission Claim at Vancouver.

RENNING THE FALLS.—Several empty flat-boats, which have floated down at different times from the upper Willamette, loaded with flour and other produce, were this week turned adrift to take their chances of running the Falls.

CAUTION.—We have been requested to caution those boys who are in the habit of entering people's gardens and orchards, at night, and taking fruit, besides doing other damage, to beware the penalty for such acts. The law inflicts a fine of fifty dollars or three months' imprisonment, on conviction of every such offense.

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IF WOMEN'S WORK.—We are informed that the board of official canvassers for Josephine county, presided over by that fine orator G. T. Vining, when they came to the vote of Briggs' precinct, finding that there was a slight want of formality in the returns—as it stood twenty-four Union to two secesh—proposed to throw it out entirely.

EVEN IN HER ASHES (COLER) LIVE HER WINTER FIRES.—The Monitor having been invented, constructed, and triumphantly proved in Hampton Roads, for an ingenious English youth, yelet Coles, arises and claims the invention!

HERNAN FOR OREGON.—Later and more full returns from the Oregon election show the Union ticket to have been elected by over three thousand majority, Union Democrats and Republicans discarded partyism and worked side by side for one common object, the support of the Administration and the war for putting down the rebellion.

REMOVED.—The office of Superintendent of Indian Affairs has been removed to Salem, by order of the Department at Washington.

EAST TENNESSEE.—If there can be found on earth a people more deserving the heartfelt sympathies of every true patriot than East Tennesseans, we do not know it.

IF THEY SEEK PERSONAL SAFETY, NOT BY RESISTANCE BUT BY FLIGHT, they are hunted down by cavalry, caught and carried through towns and villages, like prisoners at the chariot of some Roman conqueror, and made a spectacle and a show, for the double purpose of wounding and humiliating their friends and gratifying the insatiable vengeance and savage cruelty of their enemies.

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BUTLER AT NEW ORLEANS.—Our Sepoy slaughtering friends in England denounce General Butler's management of affairs at New Orleans as excessively harsh and severe. Probably, if the Union commander had blown from the muzzles of cannon the Federal flag, the wretches who tore down upon the loyalists who ventured to cheer the stars and stripes, and a few other "susceptible" things of that city, the humane Or they might have been better satisfied.

"MONITOR" FOR THE MISSISSIPPI.—The Navy Department seems to be at last thoroughly aroused to the importance of staunch iron clad gunboats for the defense of the Western waters, as appears by the following suggestion made by Secretary Welles:

THE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES TO CONSTRUCT a few vessels of light draught, great speed and heavy armament, for the Western waters; also a class for harbor defense, and to operate upon the Atlantic coast and in the Gulf of Mexico, which shall be as far as possible invulnerable, each armed with 12 inch guns.

CONFISCATION.—The Government is now enforcing a law confiscating rebel property, and strange to say, there are individuals claiming to be Union men, who desire legal men to repudiate that doctrine. Why, the next move will be, to desire us to repudiate the idea of confiscating the life of a traitor in fighting. Unconditional support of the Government will prevail, and political demagogues cannot avert it.

HOBBLESHIF TRUTH.—Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune from York Peninsula of date of May 10th says:

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