

BIBLE SOCIETY.—The fourteenth annual meeting of the Oregon Bible Society was held in Portland May 13th. The Treasurer's report shows a comparatively prosperous financial condition of the Society. The following named officers were elected for the ensuing year: D. Leslie, Pres't; G. H. Atkinson, Vice Pres'; Wm. Roberts, Cor. Secy.; P. B. Chamberlain, Rec. Secy.; H. W. Corbett, Treas'; H. Failing, Auditor.

TOOLS.—Mr. Kennedy in his census report says that some of the tools used in the British armories were made in Chickopee, Massachusetts. Jo Lane's "tool," which would answer equally well for a British or rebel armory, was made in the town Chickopee, we believe. It is said to be badly out of order now, however.

The Sheriff of Thurston Co., W. T., Mr. Mixley, has arrested and delivered to the authorities of Idaho the notorious murderer Boone Helm. He has also arrested one Saver a very desperate character. Mr. Mixley is worthy of much credit for his untiring efforts and firm de-

termination to bring him to justice at all hazards.

The Union Convention of Washington Territory has nominated Mr. J. O. Raynor, of Vancouver, for Delegate to Congress. The Convention passed very strong and patriotic resolutions.

The Democratic Convention has nominated Mr. George E. Cole for the same office.

The boats of the lower Willamette seem to be still exerting their latent powers in trying which shall be fastest. The Baker was considered the fastest till now. The *Times* says: "The John H. Couch is the fastest boat on these waters."

Speaker Grow of the U. S. House of Representatives, has received the compliment of a unanimous vote, moved by Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, [a political opponent], for his courtesy and impartiality as presiding officer. We believe he is the only speaker who has been thus honored since Henry Clay 40 years ago.

THE NEXT CONGRESS.—The spring elections being over the political complexion of the House of Representatives in Congress shows 85 Republicans and 74 Democrats. The elections in Vermont, West Virginia, California and Missouri (where there is a vacancy to be filled) will add to the Republican majority.

TROOPS FOR BOISE.—We learn that three companies of California volunteers will leave for Vancouver for Boise on Monday next. The steamer Julia has been chartered to carry the troops to the Cascades and will leave at a very early hour.

"Old Long Legs" thinks that as organ is required to combat the machinations of the disseminators of abolition arguments. We think an organ is required to look up the bands of cattle thieves, who infest the country."—*Moscowian*.

GASTON.—Rev. Theo. Condon delivered a plain and instructive lecture on the science of Geology, last Saturday evening, at the Court House in this city. It was a good intellectual treat; and we regret that so few availed themselves of the privilege hearing it. The speaker demonstrated, both by argument and an exhibition of a fossil cabinet, that the Willamette Valley is without doubt the bed of a sea—a salt sea, and not an inland fresh water lake, as many unscientific minds suppose. He also showed in a very lucid manner the process by which nature forms coal, how those shales are deposited in rock, and many other interesting and instructive explanations. We would say to our citizens and especially to students, never lose an opportunity of hearing a lecture on geology.

Monthly receipts at the Custom House at Astoria, from June 18th, 1861, to April 20th, 1862, as follows:

Month	1861	1862
June	\$12,000	October, \$8,000
July	8,000	November, 4,000
August	5,000	December, 4,000
September	12,000	
Total, 1861	35,000	
January, 1862	5,000	July, 20,000
February	10,000	August, 6,000
March	12,000	September, 16,000
April	10,000	October, 12,000
May	6,000	November, 12,000
June	10,000	December, 12,000
Total, 1862	55,000	
January, 1863	20,000	March, 18,000
February	25,000	April, 18,000
Total,	45,000	April 20, 1862, \$15,000.

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## ESTERN NEWS.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE ADAMS.]

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New York, May 24.—The *Herald's* Washington special says, advises from Grant have been received by the President to-night, with details of his proceedings up to the 29th. He had fought 5 battles, captured 64 guns, and taken 9,400 prisoners.

The Montgomery Advertiser of the 18th, says, in relation to the fight at Jackson: "Our corps commanded by Johnson, were finally driven back to Jackson, and fought the enemy through the streets, till overwhelmed by greater superior numbers they were compelled to evacuate the city. We also learn that great dissatisfaction exists toward Gen. Pemberton, who is accused by many of selling out to Gen. Grant, and also of planning auxiliary operations for the last four weeks so as to insure the latter's success. It is too early to do more than approximate our loss. I think it will be about 1000 killed and wounded. It may prove less. It cannot be much more. But few officers of distinction were injured. The 24th Indiana regiment lost 100 men; Lt. Col. Swain commanding was killed. Not a General staff officer was injured. This has been the hottest and most brilliant fight in the Southwest for several months. Well authenticated cases of rebel barbarities to our men have been communicated. No less than three different men who were shot down to-day were subsequently sabered by the rebels when they temporarily retook the ground. The men lived to narrate this atrocity, but will scarcely recover.

Washington, May 24th.—The rebels crossed the Cumberland yesterday, at Fishing creek and Hartford, Kentucky, but were driven back by our forces, after slight skirmishing.

New York, May 25th.—A private dispatch received in this city, to-day, dated near Vicksburg 24th, says, in reference to the city, that it had not been captured up to that time.

A Washington dispatch to the Times, says the war department has issued an order requiring all the abandoned rebel farms within Gen. Heintzelman's district—Northern Virginia—to be put under cultivation by contrabands.

The President, to-day, visited several hospitals, meeting with an enthusiastic reception from the sick and wounded soldiers.

A Panama letter states that the war of Guatemala against St. Salvador has degenerated into a raid for the sake of plunder. All sorts of atrocities are committed at the town of Metapan by a force of 500 men. It is said that a conspiracy to assassinate President Perrios by a person from Guatemala was discovered. The two brass 12-pound howitzers, brought \$3,000 in greenbacks.

From the Richmond dispatch of May 23d, we take the following: "A correspondent of the Knoxville Register, writing from Cumberland, 17th, expresses apprehension of a severe invasion of Georgia. It says the rebels are advancing the advance of 5,000 or 6,000 Yankees upon Rome in this State. No particulars are given of their whereabouts, and the only assurance was that preparations were being made."

A Charlotte dispatch of the 21st says the steamer Nassau with 120 boxes of cotton struck a sand, and is supposed to be a week.

May 24.—A Port Royal father reports the capture of the slaves Stevens and Butterfield, taken with cotton, of Charleston.

Gen. Grant arrived before Vicksburg on the evening of the 18th, and boldly invested—had seven lines of supplies via Chickasaw, having the town off from Haine's Bluff, and the rebels were fighting throughout yesterday. Steene now holds Haine's Bluff and the enemy's upper water batteries. Sherman's corps lost 1000 killed and wounded. McPherson's who holds the centre sector lost 1000 killed and wounded. McPherson who holds the left side of Haine's Bluff, and holds the left. The Goobarts kept the enemy on the alert all night. Probably the town will be carried to-day. There are from 12,000 to 20,000 of the enemy at Vicksburg.

Washington, May 25th.—We received the following dispatch from Vicksburg:

Cleveland, May 24.—A dispatch from Mr. Fuller, manager of the telegraph at Memphis, says that the Stars and Stripes had over Vicksburg. The VICTORY is CLEVELAND. I have held this message here to get it to you, as the line has been interrupted, and I now give it to you.

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Dr. Fritz says the rebel killed and wounded on the field where Sedgwick fought, outnumber ours three to one. Additional fortifications are being built behind Fredericksburg, as if the rebels expected another attack like those of Burnside and Sedgwick. The most stringent orders have been issued forbidding our pickets from conversing or exchanging papers or holding any communication with the rebels over the river, on pain of being shot. Nevertheless the practice continues.

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