

NOTICE.—The controlling interest in the Oregon Statesman, heretofore owned by D. W. Chappin, has been sold to other parties, under whose auspices the paper will hereafter be conducted.

SALUTATORIA.

Patrons of the Statesman: A change has come over the spirit of the Statesman. Already you have heard the fare well shot of the retiring editor, and now, ere its echoes have fairly died away, we come to renew the battle. Modestly we mount the tripod, whence older and wiser men have flung themselves reverently to the winds, conscious that this is no holiday altar, but written all over with the indications of toil and labor long unceasing.

THE OREGON PENITENTIARY.

Some time ago the Penitentiary Commissioners purchased one hundred and forty-seven acres of land east of Salem for the purpose of a State Prison and Insane Asylum. The land is very good land, and made especially valuable from having a valuable water-power connected with it. It is able to run all the machinery the State may ever have occasion to use, and furnish ample supplies of pure fresh water to both the State establishments.

THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL UNION CONVENTION.

The proceedings of this Convention, so far as they have been received, are published elsewhere in our columns to-day. This is represented to have been the largest political gathering ever held in the United States. There were over two thousand delegates present, every State and Territory in the Union being represented.

WOOL AND WOOL MANUFACTURERS.

For many years past there has been a great deal of jealousy, not to say actual opposition, between the producer of wool and the manufacturer of it in this country. This disagreement arose from the fact that each class looked no farther than the immediate and special interests of its business, and entirely separate from that of the other.

EASTERN NEWS.

Cincinnati, August 10.—Since last evening at 4 o'clock the report of the health officer shows 40 cases of cholera. Only one being recorded. The others, although not recorded, were attacked two or three days previously.

New York, August 13.—The Savannah Herald of Friday 10th reports 12 deaths by cholera.

Advices from the City of Mexico dated 20th of July, says there is no doubt that Maximilian and his dependents will leave this continent at an early day.

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