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A skilful chemist has prepared a wash that effectively cures all eruptions upon the face. Excepting, we presume, those upon the face of the earth, generally known as volcanic eruptions.

Some mischievous wags one night pulled down a tumbler's sign, and put it over a lawyer's door; in the morning it read "All sorts of turning and twisting done here."

"Never put off till to-morrow what you can do to-day," said an advising mother to her child.

"Well, then, mamma, let us eat the cranberry pie that's in the safe," was the child's precocious reply.

Scarcely a long ladder leaning against a house, a nigger at the top, and a hog rubbing himself against the foot of it, "G'way, g'way dere, you makin' mischief."

The Burlington Free Press thinks that the best way to get up a "family broil is to buy a good ham."

Why is an intoxicated young man, who is to become the inheritor of his father's estate, like a certain kind of store? He is an heir tight (air tight).

We find the following "arithmetical" toast, by a schoolmaster, in one of our exchange papers: "The fair daughters of America, may they add virtue to beauty, subtract envy from friendship, multiply amiable accomplishments by sweetness of temper, divide time by sociability and economy, and reduce scandal to its lowest denomination."

"If ever you marry," said a Roman consul to his son, "let it be a woman who has judgment enough to superintend the getting of a meal of victuals; taste enough to dress herself before breakfast, and sense enough to hold her tongue when she has nothing to say."

Miss Mary G. Willis, of Concord, lately advertised for a husband. In the advertisement it was stated that the lady was in a "peculiar condition," rendering early proposals desirable. Subsequently, it was suggested that the printer had made a mistake, inserting peculiar for pecuniary. The error was corrected, proposals were sent in, and Mary has been married. Advertising is a great advantage to all classes of persons.

The eastern papers report a Yankee improvement of the baby-jumper in the form of a machine which gently rolls and tumbles the baby along the floor, plays a hand organ, with a whistle and rattle "attachment," and tickles and pats, and "rubs-bys" the "little pot" until it roars with laughter. The machine also performs little odd jobs about the baby's person which can be better imagined than explained. Take the machine to the great "Industrial Fair," by all means.

There is a hymn in one of the New England Puritan collections, commencing "Purge me with hyssop, and make me clean," which was given out on Sunday morning. The clerk set the hymn to the wrong tune, which he did not discover until he had twice or thrice endeavored to execute the first sentence, "Purge me with hyssop," etc. At length, out of all patience, an old maid who led the trouble, whined out, "Haden't you better take some other yarb, Mr. B——?"

It will be remembered by those who read the report of the late "Rights of Women" Convention in Ohio, that a Mrs. Tilden was among the foremost of the petulant prattlers of that interesting assemblage. The lady's husband, Hon. D. R. Tilden has been nominated by the free-soilers of that state as their candidate for Governor. We should like to know whether Mr. Tilden considers the married state a free state or a slave state, and what are his views on the will not proviso.

"Tooth inserted here," as the bull dog said when he bit at the loafer. "It's false," as the girl said when her beau told her she had beautiful hair. "Beaute," as the potter said to the lump of clay.

"Licking hassers," as the man said when he whipped the girls. "Well, it's no use talking," as the boy said to his deaf daddy.

GETTING INSURED. The Boston Post relates a "good one" of Jacob Barker, the Quaker, who hearing of the loss of one of his vessels which he had omitted to get insured, wrote to a broker with whom he had spoken on the subject, as follows: "Dear friend, if there has not filled up the policy which I bespoke on Saturday, there need not, as I have heard from the vessel."

The broker in fact had not filled up the policy, but presuming from the tenor of Jacob's note that his vessel was safe, and tempted by what seemed a good chance to clutch his per centage without risk, he filled it up forthwith and sent it to Jacob with the assurance that it had been made all ready for him on Saturday. On Monday morning the first thing that met his eyes on opening his newspaper, was the loss of Jacob's vessel, which he had so wickelily insured on Sunday. Then also, he discovered the cunning ambiguity of Jacob's note: "the had heard from the vessel!"

A funny correspondent of ours desires to know what would be the consequence of an irresistible force coming in contact with an immovable body.

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FRENCH PICKLES, Cauliflower, Peccolinn, Gherkins, Onion, and Mexico Pickles.

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Brushes, Hair, Shaving, Clothes, and Tooth Brushes, for sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

MEDICINE CHESTS, containing a good assortment of DRUGS and MEDICINES, for sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

WILLAMETTE. THE subscribers, proprietors of this Town, situated at the foot of the Clackamas Rapids, on the west side of the Willamette River, having just completed a survey and plan of the place, would call the attention of the public to this location, as one of importance, and possessing undoubted natural advantages as a point for business.

MANILLA SUGAR, A superior article; none better in the Territory. For sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

FOR WINDOWS, CARDS, TASTERS, and GULLEYS, for sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

BRASS CLOCKS, GOOD time-keepers, for sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

Writing Paper, CAP AND LETTER, for sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

INDIAN TRADE. BEADS, Hair Pins, Medals, Trinkets, and Jewelry, suitable for the Indian Trade, for sale by STEPHEN COFFIN.

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PROSPECTUS OF THE OREGONIAN.

The undersigned will publish in the thriving town of Portland, Oregon Territory, a Journal to be called "THE OREGONIAN," to be published weekly.

While the Editor will recommend and advocate all the fundamental principles of the Whig party, he will exercise an independent judgment upon its acts.

No party can long preserve its honor and integrity, and its hold upon the confidence of the people, which will sink at the least appearance of corruption.

The present administration came into power as the advocates of free and liberal legislation—as the friends of peace, progress, and some industry.

It is well known that the Whig party is not a new party, but an old party, and that its principles are the principles of the founders of the Government and of the Constitution.

SEALD Proposals will be received at this Office, until the 25th day of December next, at 8 A. M.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT. PORTLAND, NOV. 25, 1850.

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FORM OF A BID. I (or we, as the case may be,) here write the name in full, of the residence or residence, hereby propose to carry the U. S. Mail on number from to on as often as the advertisement requires, in the time stated in the schedule, and on horseback, or otherwise, to be stated in the mode of conveyance, for the annual sum of dollars.

FORM OF A GUARANTEE. The undersigned, here insert the guarantor's name or names in full, guarantees that here insert name of bidder in full for carrying the mail be accepted by the special agent, shall enter into an obligation, prior to the 1st day of January, with good and sufficient surety to perform the services proposed. Dated day of December, 1850.

FORM OF A CERTIFICATE. The undersigned, Postmaster of or Justice of Peace of, &c., certify that the guarantor above named is able and sufficient to make good his guarantee. Dated day of December, 1850.

JOHN RICKETSON. WOULD inform his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the store now on Front street, lately occupied by May & Co., where he has by recent arrivals from San Francisco and the States, a large stock of merchandise, consisting of a general assortment of DRY GOODS, CLOTHING, BOOTS, SHOES, INDIA RUBBER GOODS, &c., which he will sell at the lowest prices in any quantity to suit purchasers.

REMOVED BILLS, PUMP AND AQUIDUCT BUILDER. HAS Located himself permanently in Portland, Oregon, and is now prepared to execute all calls in the above line.

Manufactures and keeps on hand MOULD CANDLES, at Reasonable Prices.

United States Laws. PUBLIC ACTS Passed at the First Session Thirty First Congress.

PUBLIC No. 6. AN ACT authorizing the negotiation of Treaties with the Indian Tribes in the Territory of Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be authorized to appoint one or more commissioners to negotiate treaties with the several Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President be authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a superintendent of Indian Affairs in the Territory of Oregon, who shall receive an annual salary of twenty thousand dollars, and whose duty it shall be to exercise a general superintendance over all the Indian tribes in Oregon, and to exercise and perform all the powers and duties assigned by law to other superintendents of Indian Affairs.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That a treaty of the Oregon Territory, approved the 11th August, 1846, as regards the Governor of said Territory to perform the duties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and to receive a salary therefor, in addition to the salary allowed for his services as Governor; and that the Governor of said Territory shall hereafter receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President be authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one or more Indian agents, not exceeding three, as he shall deem expedient, each of whom shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, give bond as now required by law, and perform all the duties of agents to such tribes of Indians in the Territory of Oregon, as shall be assigned to him by the Superintendent, to be appointed by the President.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That the law regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky Mountains, or such portions of the same as may be applicable, be extended over the Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the sum of twenty five thousand dollars be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

HOWELL COBB, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

MELAND FILLMORE, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate.

Approved, June 7, 1850. ZACHARY TAYLOR.

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