

## THE INDEPENDENT.

Thursday, June 8, 1876.

### The American Newspaper.

The *Liberal Christian* is "forced to believe that the American newspaper is one of the most questionable of the superficial agents of national morality." It thus closes an article on the general subject of newspaper influence:

It has vastly more power to occupy than to guide, to distract and agitate than to settle and inform the public mind. It is usually only made to sell, without the responsibility of books and treatises, which are exposed if they do not add something solid to our information or our education. The newspaper is the great American gossip. It collects, with preternatural industry, news—good, bad, indifferent—from all the winds of heaven, and pours it as from a myriad-mouthed water-pot upon the ever thirsty attention of the American people. It has become the only reading of millions as their pulpit, library and gallery of art. It helps to make restless, smart, curious, superficial people; to keep up a perpetual buzz and fuss about politics; to drag crime, suicide, and robbery before the minds of the whole nation. It sometimes devotes itself for months to the detailed following of hateful cases of vice and filthiness, corrupting a generation of youth by their lascivious confessions. It makes a nation of averse and all-knowing people. But we sometimes think it would be in the interest of thought and meditation, self-examination, morality and religion, if the papers could be wholly abated for at least a Lenten period of forty days every year. To get beyond its reach, is one of the chief reasons for going into the wilderness in vacation.

To expect any fairness, real courage, or guidance in opinion from a popular newspaper, is like looking to a weather-vane to control the winds. The truly judicial, absolutely incorruptible, and weighty newspapers are slow of growth, and never attain great popularity, which, indeed, may almost be deemed an inevitable corollary. For there is nothing so dangerous to man or cause, to party or teacher, in the present state of the country, as popularity.

### A Local Celebration—Why Not?

President Grant has issued a proclamation recommending the carrying into effect of the late resolution of Congress for the delivery of local sketches of the country's progress, at various places on the Fourth of July next. Now the people, as a matter of local pride and ambition, should hold a local celebration and have narrated the history of our county from its first settlement to the present time. There are many here who cannot attend the State celebration, who would be glad to attend one at home, and many others who would otherwise go abroad would attend a local celebration. Will not some of our influential citizens start the project to have a pleasant and rural celebration in some shady grove on the Centennial anniversary of our country?

The chapel of Willamette University was filled with a large concourse of people on Tuesday evening last on the occasion of the graduation of a number of medical students. After the usual exercises President Gatch conferred the degrees on the following gentlemen who comprised the graduating class: Levi W. Brown of Corvallis; Dan. W. Cox, Salem; Ormon D. Doan, Eugene; Andrew J. Giesy, Aurora; Geo. F. Irvine, Albany; Harry Lane, East Portland; Thomas Mann, Portland; and J. R. Brown, of Corvallis. The benediction was then produced by Rev. H. P. Peck.

The Canyon City Express of May 20th, says: "On Monday last our city was visited by a first-class thoroughbred snow storm; the hill near by looked as pure and white as the Virgin Mary. A snow storm in the middle of May is too much for a Web foot, but the 'oldest inhabitant' tells us that snow storms happen in the middle of May—about once in 11 years. That we struck in the 11th year is what chills us."

The Owyhee Avalanche, of the 27th instant says: "The finest looking gold brick that has been seen in this vicinity for a long time, was made up by Simondi on Tuesday from Belle Peck crushing. Its total value was \$10,202.79 the proportion of which in gold \$6,974.23, and the value to the ounce about \$11.53. There were 72 tons of rock used in making this bar, resulting in an average of nearly \$142 to the ton."

### The True Man.

It is a common expression with miners that gold only exists where you find it, so with the true man. Poor nor rich raiment indicates its presence. Battle field, rostrum, pulpit, bar, nor plow can successfully claim its exclusive possession. Though in politics at this date, it "pans out" little bar "black sand," as they say in the mines. Politicians are the devil's chaff which he has specially and thoroughly winnowed for the burning. And by politicians, we mean that class of men who make politics business.

Most in his profession, often the true man is comparatively unknown until some great calamity in society or government brings him into the field of action. But generally he is prominent in his community, respected and loved by the true, disinterested and "honest" by the false. He may not be popular and so have Tracy, Banister and Sweetwater having Loupian his track.

His features are calm, neither wrinkled by toil nor distorted with passion. The countenance shows the simple and unctuous, nor the boisterous laughter of the poor, never upon his face nor oral from his throat.

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and more likely; deceitful, baseless, the can and cuntry. Calm, even, and methodical in his every day duties, he is forcible, aggressive and effective when important occasions call him forth.

Or when cultured, he appreciates talent and genius without regard to caste, maturity or station. He never hawks his own infernal wares, "offers" your revenue property, and going to court as a vector, resists and wins him some time ago, did not emanate from him, but "brass." His despises by-words and slang as a pure woman rates lewdness. He loves mankind, and either a philanthropist or patroon-pher, and often both.

S. H. Humphreys and T. Butler were elected Justices of the Peace for this precinct.

### ELECTION RETURNS.

#### WASHINGTON COUNTY.

The following is the reported vote of this county for June 1, 1876:

Hillboro—For Prosecuting Attorney, R. Stott, 157; E. R. Strong, 63; State Senator, D. C. Gault, 73; T. L. Tozier, 19; T. H. Denby, 53; T. B. Handley, 91; E. E. Fanning, 56; H. Dustin, 74; Clark, J. H. Matthe, 63; A. Lansing, 116; Sterrett, H. B. Morgan, 35; G. M. Morrow, 86; Co. Commissioner, T. W. Thompson, 78; T. E. Fanning, 47; T. E. Fanning, 63; W. Simonds, 103; Assessor, J. O. Young, 13; J. A. Flippin, 193; Surveyor, W. E. Smith, 92; J. W. Withycombe, 82; School Superintendent, J. D. Robb, 81; F. A. Bailey, 47; Coroner, C. W. Meek, 45; H. Wehring, 11.

Foster—For Prosecuting Attorney, R. Stott, 25; Strong, 19; H. S. Chapman, 33; Gault, 53; F. T. Togher, 37; D. C. Hilliard, 21; Mathews, 23; Dustin, 47; Morrow, 24; Thompson, 31; Day, 31; Buxton, 33; Tucker, 42; Wilcox, 25; Simmons, 45; Young, 18; Flippin, 53; Smith, 51; Withycombe, 47; Robb, 33; Bailey, 45; Meek, 23; Wehring, 41.

Burnett—Stott, 25; Strong, 19; H. S. Chapman, 33; Gault, 53; F. T. Togher, 37; D. C. Hilliard, 21; Mathews, 23; Dustin, 47; Morrow, 24; Thompson, 31; Day, 31; Buxton, 33; Tucker, 42; Wilcox, 25; Simmons, 45; Young, 18; Flippin, 53; Smith, 51; Withycombe, 47; Robb, 33; Bailey, 45; Meek, 23; Wehring, 41.

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Cottonwood—Stott, 25; Strong, 19; H. S. Chapman, 33; Gault, 53; F. T. Togher, 37; D. C. Hilliard, 21; Mathews, 23; Dustin, 47; Morrow, 24; Thompson, 31; Day, 31; Buxton, 33; Tucker, 42; Wilcox, 25; Simmons, 45; Young, 18; Flippin, 53; Smith, 51; Withycombe, 47; Robb, 33; Bailey, 45; Meek, 23; Wehring, 41.

Craig—Stott, 25; Strong, 19; H. S. Chapman, 33; Gault, 53; F. T. Togher, 37; D. C. Hilliard, 21; Mathews, 23; Dustin, 47; Morrow, 24; Thompson, 31; Day, 31; Buxton, 33; Tucker, 42; Wilcox, 25; Simmons, 45; Young, 18; Flippin, 53; Smith, 51; Withycombe, 47; Robb, 33; Bailey, 45; Meek, 23; Wehring, 41.

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