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FROM CALIFORNIA.—Messrs Saxton, Martin, and six other persons, arrived at the first settlements at the head of the Valley, on Tuesday last, from California. They were only fifteen days from settlement to settlement. They were attacked by the Rogue river Indians, at the "Point of rocks," who succeeded in stealing from the party some sixty-five head of horses.—The escape of the little company with their lives may be considered, under the circumstances, most miraculous.

By this arrival we do not get much news, nor any very encouraging information, concerning our sister territory. The emigration from the States to that country last year amounted to only thirty-five wagons.

Mr. Saxton informs us that five wagons of the last year's immigration, that were at the forks of the road on Mary's river when last seen or heard of, it is feared, have been cut off by the Indians, as they have never arrived in California, nor in this country, as far as he has been able to ascertain.

We learn that quite a large number had contemplated coming over land from California this season, but from some unaccountable reason had given it up. Several families intended coming round by sea. The Brig Henry had arrived at San Francisco.

Mr. S. states that during the attack at the "Point of rocks," he observed a Molalla Indian among the assailants, one whom he was well acquainted with during the time of his residence here. He is of the opinion that the news of our Indian difficulties has already been spread among the savages of that section of the country, who are gathering in for their share of the plunder of the coming immigration. Could not some early step be taken to insure the protection of the immigrant?

EXPENSES OF GOVERNMENT.—Some people are very inquisitive in this world, really. We have been importuned repeatedly to give information relative to the receipt and disbursement of the public revenue—just as though we should be favored by the government with intelligence about such matters.

Our fellow-citizens have contributed liberally to assist the Government out of its difficulties, and it is no more than proper that they should know how that money has been expended, where, and when. Perhaps the whole of this liability may yet come back upon the people to discharge, 'till they are actually cursed with taxation. Therefore it would seem to be their right to be informed in some way about the business.

The monthly publication of a statement of the financial condition of the Government with the receipts and disbursements of the revenue, would be interesting and acceptable. Such publications would help to fill and greatly enhance the interest of, the Government paper.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.—Letters dated the 26th April have been received from Walla Walla. All very quiet there—the murderers dispersed and flying, and the Indians most willing to make peace.

Letters from Fort Hall, dated the 7th of April, mention that Mr. Meek (Messenger to the United States,) and party, arrived there in safety on the 22d March, and continued on his journey without loss of time.—The Mormons were quiet and flourishing.

The Barks "Anita" and "Cowlitz," have crossed the bar and gone to sea.

## HURRAH FOR OUR SIDE!

GO THE WHOLE TICKET—NO SCRATCHING.

In the course of a month, we shall be in the midst of the excitement of election times. From present appearances; the contest in this county will be for the office of Sheriff, for which there are already some three or four candidates in the field. Much interest does not seem to attach to the canvass for Representatives, or, it is not time yet, perhaps, for Clackamas has never been "backward in coming forward," on such occasions, with at least a baker's dozen of ambitious aspirants.—We have been cogitating for some time upon this business of the election, and as it is a pretty important affair in the judgment of the "sovereigns," we have come to the conclusion to put in nomination a ticket of our own—a "bran-span new" ticket, none of your caucus doings for the benefit of broken down political hacks—but a purely independent concern, for which we shall go the "entire swine," tail and all, if need be, and we urge our friends to go it with us. Won't the BROWN-ites be astonished? How the HOLMES-men will rally in desperation—and HANNER's friends be lost in dismay. But we can't help it—the country must be saved, and that salvation is only in the Free Press ticket. Therefore let there be a grand rally—a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull altogether, and elect

FOR SHERIFF,

GENERAL PATRONAGE.

The claims of General Patronage to this office are many and indisputable. Since he failed to be chosen to administer the affairs of the "Spectator" office, his purse has of course suffered from depletion, and he has become decidedly dyspeptic. He is, beyond doubt, committed to the mercantile interests. Most assuredly he is personally known to the merchants of the Falls' City, and may consequently rely upon their support and influence. He is not only an unflinching Jeffersonian Republican, but also an uncompromising advocate of every thing that is popular. His peculiar views may be expressed in "short metre." He is with the people, whether they are for or against striking out the word "regulate," in the Organic Law, and inserting "prohibit," because he knows "vox populi vox Dei"—so three cheers for General Patronage.

For "mental luminaries" in the "congregated wisdom," we go with a "perfect rush,"

FOR REPRESENTATIVES,

EXTENSIVELY ADVERTISE, ESQ.,

Judge EVERY ONE SUBSCRIBE,

Col. PAY IN ADVANCE.

These "three worthies" cannot be defeated, and the county of Clackamas is bound to prosper in their success.

Of the candidates for Sheriff, one thinks he can carry the county, does he? Another feels sure of the City vote, while the third claims every vote in Columbia slough. Is that the way you have divided it among you, gentlemen? But it won't do. General Patronage is wide awake and up to snuff, and we calculate that he won't be behind in the race. Then up with your hats for outside, and let there be a grand rally at the polls, on the day of election, for Patronage, Advertise, Subscribe, and Pay in Advance. Hip, hip, hurrah!—cock-a-doodle-doo!