

**MEXICAN ALLIES.**—We learn by late papers from the States, that the Pawnees and Ottoes, (both of which tribes receive annuities from the United States government,) have united with the Cumanches in a kind of robber warfare upon the government trains between Santa Fe and the States. Mexicans had been seen with the Indians, at various times, and were supposed to be the occasion of the confederation. The Indians had become so strong and daring as to attack, and frequently with success, trains under large and regular escorts.

**GONE.**—The party for the States, numbering some forty odd men, have left the settlements, via the Southern route, and are now journeying towards their early homes. They left sooner than had been contemplated, which we are selfish enough to regret, as we did not get all our letters off by them. The Rev. Mr. Roberts, we see by yesterday's "Spectator," journeyed with the party up the Valley for some distance, and speaks highly of the crops. We wonder if any more "CIRCULARS" were sent to meet the Immigrants?

**EMIGRATION TO CALIFORNIA.**—We have ascertained from a reliable source that the emigration to California the present season, will comprise only about fifteen wagons, and thirty men. Those with wagons will be compelled to make a large circuit to get safely into California, as we know of no practicable wagon route thither other than that by Mary's river.

**THE CROPS.**—From every quarter we hear most flattering accounts of the favorable condition of the crops, and their very promising appearance. An immense quantity of wheat and oats have been put in, and the next harvest will give a most glorious yield, if nothing unforeseen shall occur to prevent.

**GRATIFYING.**—With every number of our little paper we are receiving some new token of encouragement, assuring us that our efforts, however humble, are not thought valueless. We received a pleasant letter of this character a few days since from Puget's Sound.—We had not entertained an idea that the existence of the "Free Press," as yet, was known in that distant part of the country. We trust to make our presence there, as elsewhere, always agreeable to a large circle of patrons.

**FROM THE ARMY.**—The following letter from Captain Nesmith will show the progress of the reinforcements. We have since learned of Col. Lee's arrival at the Dalles:

FT. GILLIAM, April 23, 1848.

G. L. CURRY, ESQ. :

Dear Sir—I snatch a moment from duty to drop you a hasty note. We arrived here last evening amid a shower of rain, after a hard day's march from opposite the mouth of Sandy.

The men are all well with the exception of some slight indisposition occasioned by the change of diet. I have enlisted five men since leaving the rendezvous, viz: J. A. S. Munroe, J. N. Smith, William McCoy, John McNeal, and James Imbrie, which makes the 9th company of O. R. to consist of 72 men, rank and file.—They are a fine set of men and perform their duty cheerfully. Our company is shorter of horses than either of the others—22 men having been mustered into service on foot. They have been detached to assist up with the boats to Fort Wascopam, where we hope to obtain horses to mount them. Capt. Pugh's company are now busy crossing the Columbia about a mile above this place. We will probably cross to-morrow, and continue the line of march for Wascopam.

Yours, in haste,

J. W. NESMITH.

THE WASHINGTONIAN TEMPERANCE SOCIETY met at the Methodist church on the evening of the 1st inst., on the call of the Vice President. The house was called to order—Mr. ROBB in the chair. The Secretary being absent, Rev. LEWIS THOMPSON was chosen Secretary, pro tem.

Hon. JUDGE SKINNER, Rev. H. JOHNSON, and M. K. PERRIN, were appointed a committee to arrange the business for the meeting. After a few minutes the committee reported to the house. Their report was received, in which was suggested the necessity of determining the following question—Should the Organic Law be so changed as to erase the word 'regulate' and insert the word 'prohibit' in its stead? An animated discussion now sprung up in which Revs. LESLIE, JOHNSON, and THOMPSON, assisted by Hon. JUDGE SKINNER, advocated the affirmative—Mr. BERRY taking the negative. The ayes and noes being called, the question was decided in the affirmative—nem. con.

A committee of five was then appointed, consisting of the following persons, viz.: Messrs. JOHNSON, McLOUGHLIN, PERRIN, HERFORD, and THOMPSON. The duties of this committee are to arrange and have every thing in readiness for the weekly meetings of the society, and to secure the services of suitable persons for delivering lectures. The society then instructed the Secretary to draw up a summary of the proceedings of the evening, and present the same to the Editors of the "Spectator" and "Free Press," for publication in their respective journals. The society then adjourned to meet again at 7 o'clock in the same place on next Monday evening. J. R. ROBB, Pres't.

LEWIS THOMPSON, Sec'y, pro tem.

N. B. Hon. JUDGE LANCASTER has promised to address the next meeting.

**FOR SHERIFF.**

THOMAS A. BROWN, at the solicitation of his friends, has consented to become a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Clackamas county, at the ensuing June election.

**FOR SHERIFF.**—GEORGE E. FRASER will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Yam Hill county, at the ensuing June election. 4ts.

**CLACKAMAS CIRCUIT COURT.**

**A** SPECIAL term of this court will be held at Oregon City, on the second Monday of June next. April 18, 1848. WILLIAM HOLMES, Sh'ff.

**FOR** San Francisco, about the 20th inst, the last sailing, Hawaiian, Sch'r MARY; BELCHAM, master. For passage only, apply to COUCH and CROSBY, at Oregon City or Portland, or to the master on board. April 14, '48. 2ts.

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