SPRING.
The birds sing cheerily—the streamlets shout
As if in echo—tones are all around;
The air is filled with one pervading sound
Of murmuring—bright creatures flit about.
Slight spears of emerald glitter from the ground,
And frequent flowers, like helms of bloom, are found,
And from the invisible array of fair things
Flows a low murmur like the distant sea.
I heard the declarations of the insect kings
Marshall their busy cohorts on the tea,
Life—life in action, 'tis all music—all.
From the enlivening cry of children free,
To the swift dash of waters as they fall,
Released by thee, oh Spring, to glad, wild liberty.

SOLEMN THOUGHT.—We see not, in this life, the end
of human actions. Their influence never dies. In every widening circle it reaches beyond the grave. Death removes us from this to an eternal world. Time determines what shall be our condition in that world. Every morning when we go forth we lay the moulding hand on our destiny, and every evening when we have done, we have left a deathless impression on our character. We touch not a wire but vibrates in eternity. Not a voice but reports at the throne of God. Let youth, especially think of these things, and let every one remember, that in this world, where character is in its formation state, it is a serious thing to speak, to think, to act.

SWISS VOLUNTEERS FOR THE MEXICAN WAR.—In looking over some copies of papers from the Sta's, we see a statement that eight hundred young and hardy men, among whom are some of the most distinguished officers in the Swiss service, had offered their services to the United States Government, through the American Consul at Basle. They would engage to serve during the war, or for five or ten years, and afterwards form themselves into a military colony in California. We do not learn that the proposition was accepted.

PUBLIC MEETING.
At a meeting of the citizens of the Eastern Precinct, held at the usual place of holding elections in Multnomah City, for the county of Tuality—on motion, Judge LANCASTER was elected Chairman, and J. M. MOORE was chosen Secretary. After the object of the meeting was briefly explained by the Chairman, they proceeded to ballot for one candidate for the succeeding Legislature, and for one Sheriff, to be elected on the first Monday of June next. On motion of A. E. Warr, that we unanimously agree to support the nominees of this meeting.
The ballots being in and counted, it was found that SAMUEL R. THURSTON was unanimously nominated for Representative, and R. E. WILLEY for Sheriff. On motion of H. BURNS, it was resolved, That the Chairman and Secretary sign the proceedings of this meeting, and that the Editors of the Oregon Spectator and the Free Press be requested to publish the same.
On motion the meeting adjourned.
C. LANCASTER, Chairman.
JAMES M. MOORE; Secretary.
April 29th, 1848.

C. L. ROSS,
"N. Y. STORE," COR. WASHINGTON AND MONTGOMERY STS., SAN FRANCISCO, UPPER CALIFORNIA.
Refer to KIBBON, LAUTON and Co., Oregon City.
Geo. A. BERNETH, do.
April 8, 1848.

NEW STORE.
For sale at the New Store on Main St., the cargo of Brig Eveline—consisting of a large and extensive assortment of
Dry Goods, Hardware, Crockery, Groceries, Agricultural Implements, Boots and Shoes, Stoves, Fire-arms, Paints, Iron, and
The above articles are of superior quality, and will be sold low by
H. CLARK.
Oregon City, April 19, '48.

NEW GOODS.
JUST received per Bark Janet, and for sale at reduced prices, at the Store of E. W. PETTIGROVE and Co., at Portland and Oregon City;
2 thousand gall molasses 32 cks. vinegar, green and
15 hundred barrels salt 42 bags shot
1 thousand lbs. manilla coffee 110 doz. flint tumblers
1 thousand " arracatoc " 45 " pipes
5 hundred " salaratus " 15 " stripped shirts
1 thousand " tobacco " 40 " regalas
1 thousand " rice " 2 thousand assorted needles
Forty boxes tea 6 cases flannel
Twenty " soap 300 pieces assorted prints
2 thousand " bags h.n sugar 3 " shirtings
Sixty gal'l's linseed oil 2 " ducks
1 thousand legs cut nails 6 " blue cotton
20 thousand doz. pocket knives 3 "
50 sets knives and forks 6 " canvas
20 pairs carving ditto 36 dozen crimson pongee
19 doz. butcher knives 2 " handkerchiefs
9 " chopping axes 200 lbs. serving (vine
6 " boxes pipes clay) 316 " linen thread
46 " lamps 235 " cotton
6 cks manilla r.p. 25 doz. manilla bats.
Twenty gross doz.
April 14, '48.

NEW GOODS.
JUST arrived per Seb'r Mary, and for sale at reduced prices, at Cochr and Casavo's, Oregon City and Portland, viz:—
Silk and Muslins tk'd.
Calico, chintz.
Mer. blue prints.
Linen, shirting stripes.
Ticking, bro. cottons.
Red and orange do.
Blank books, paper, ink.
Bro, white and blue drills.
Gents' and ladies' hose.
Bk silk neck kerchief.
Deminis, cotton flannel.
Shirts, gloves, suspenders.
Vinegar, oils, turpentine.
Buttons, thread, tape.
Pencils, scissors, pins.
Lace, c. m.s, sealing-vax, glass and glass ware.
Locks, files, buckles.
For sale for cash or produce.
April 11, '48.

CONTINUED.
THE MAIN STREET HOUSE.
THE LARGEST AND MOST COMMODIOUS PUBLIC HOUSE IN OREGON.
I s still kept by the undersigned, whereto the public are entertained free of charge, as the proprietor always takes pay in hand. Thank you for past favors—suit yourself as to the future—but if you choose to call you may rest assured I will do all I can to render your stay agreeable.
N. B. I will rent the above described property for three years if I can find a suitable tenant.
MOSS.
Oregon City, April 7.