

the mouth of the Columbia—one of the main arteries of our very existence as a nation—for without that noble river where would be our commercial interests, even as limited as they are? We say AGAIN, because the loss of three vessels, some years ago, made the mouth of the Columbia “a nest of dangers” to the whole world. We were just bravely getting over the bad effects of those disastrous occurrences, by proving, through the frequent arrivals and departures of vessels, the entire practicability of the entrance to our river. The good news was fast spreading abroad, and we were proud to see that our own humble efforts in writing in defence of the Columbia, had not escaped the notice of the newspapers of the eastern and commercial states, and was contributing its little, through republication, towards the grand result. We do not lose faith, and our earnest hope is, that this fresh disaster may tend to hasten the arrival of a steam-tug for our river.

**COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.**—The regular May term of this court commenced in this City on Monday last. Considerable business was transacted, the most important of which we here notice. A petition for the establishment of a precinct on Columbia Slough, was granted, and the house of Anthony Whitaker designated as such, and John Switzler, Anthony Whitaker and J. B. Mills appointed to act as Judges of Elections.—Ferry Licenses were allowed to Hugh Burns, on the Willamette, and to W. J. Smith on the Clackamas, rivers.

Agreeably to the provisions of the road law, enacted by the last Legislature, this county was laid off into four districts, as follows:

Dist. 1. Commencing at the mouth of Clackamas river, thence up said stream to the mouth of Clear creek, thence south to the Moallala river, thence down said stream to its mouth, thence down the Willamette to the place of beginning.

Dis. 2. Beginning at the mouth of Clear creek, thence in a direct line to the mouth of the Sandy, on the Columbia river, thence south to the Molalla river, thence down said stream to the east boundary of Dis. No. 1, thence with said boundary to the beginning.

Dis. 3. All that portion of Clackamas county lying south of the Moallala river.

Dis. 4. All that portion of Clackamas county lying north of Clackamas river and west of Dis. No. 2.

We are glad to learn that the shattered and “rickety” condition of the bridges, on the road leading to the Clackamas, did not escape the attention of the court. In reference to this matter we find the subjoined upon the record:

**ORDERED**—That J. M. Wair, Ninevah Ford, and Robert Caulfield, be, and they are hereby appointed, commissioners to examine into the improvements required upon the bridges on the road from Oregon City to the Clackamas river, and report the same, with an estimate of the expense attending the same, at the next term of the County Commissioners' court.

A special term of this court is to be held on the third Monday of June next.

**MR. THURSTON'S ADDRESS.**—We were present for a few minutes only, on Monday evening last at the Methodist church, while Samuel R. Thurston, Esq., was addressing the “Washingtonian Temperance Society.”—The auditory was very large, and the address, we understand, gave abundant satisfaction. These temperance addresses appear to occasion much interest. We learn that A. E. Vwait, Esq., is to deliver the next.

**CONDITION OF THE COUNTY TREASURY.**—The Treasurer of Clackamas county reported a ballance in the treasury, on the 16th inst., of seven hundred and fifty-six dollars and sixty-six cents. The county has never been in so flourishing a condition in regard to its finances as it is at present. The whole of this sum will likely be appropriated for the improvement of roads and bridges.

**IMPORTANT LOSS.**—We understand that Mr. Reeve, the bar pilot, since the wreck of the Vancouver, has lost both of his whaleboats. Himself, with Mr. Robinson, river pilot, were going from the wreck to the cape, we are told, when a squall struck the boat, shifted the ballast, and capsized her. The two pilots were picked up by canoes. The other boat was stove by the Mary Dare in coming across the bar.

Mr. Reeve, at present, is using the long-boat of the Vancouver. We have heard that the “Board of Management” of the H. B. Company intend presenting him with a suitable boat as soon as one can be procured.

**MARINE.**—The Sch'r Mary, Capt. Belcham, for San Francisco, went to sea last week.

The H. B. Co.'s brig Mary Dare, Capt. Scarborough, from the northward, arrived at Fort Vancouver, on Wednesday last.

**CLACKAMAS NOMINATION.**—We learn that the people of the Clackamas district held a meeting on Thursday last, and nominated Mr. J. P. Rogers as a candidate for the next Legislature.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

### FOR REPRESENTATIVES.

The name of PHILIP FOSTER is announced as a candidate for Representative for Clackamas county, at the ensuing election.

**MR. CURRY—**

Sir—Through the solicitation of many friends, JAMES D. HOLMAN has consented to become a candidate for Representative of Clackamas county.

We are authorized to announce the name of WM. J. BERRY as a candidate for Representative of Clackamas county at the ensuing election.

The friends of GEO. L. CURRY have nominated him as a candidate for REPRESENTATIVE for Clackamas county.

### 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.

GEORGE E. FRASER will be a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Yamhill county at the ensuing June election.

### CATTLE FOR SALE.

ONE HUNDRED head of Spanish cattle for sale low for cash. Apply to the undersigned, at Mount Pleasant, Yamhill county. GEO. GAY.  
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