FOR THE FREE PRESS.

A WORD TO THE WISE.--Settle all your difficulties without going to law--the law in Oregon is not only expensive and tedious but vexatious and extremely uncertain. However just and plain your case may be, the learned gentlemen of the bar are ever ready to help you out of your difficulties; or, rather, to get you further in. They all seem to be supplied with a score of ponderous volumes of "Kent's Commentaries," and other unheard of authorities. They easily impose on the court by raising a law question on every case—even on a suit for debt, where the evidence is a node of hand, not denied nor of itself pleaded. So great is his Honor's creditability, that I will not be surprised if I hear quotations read to him, for authority, from the fourth volume of Don Quixote, decisions of Sancho Panza on the Island of Barataria. Hence the great uncertainty of going to law, since all evidence and equity are lost sight of, and nothing but the learned instructions of his honor suffered to go with a jury to their retirement. It is gratifying to the feelings to have our property taken from us, and to be lazy and know of part of the community—and even worse, to hear of the learned gentlemen of the bar relating fictitious anecdotes purporting to be our follies—thus filling up their idle hours with risible exercises.

To avert such abuses, and to reduce the professional gentlemen to the main and arge, or scythe and cradle, I beg leave to offer the following advice:

If a difference arises between you and your neighbor, submit the case to arbitration, and if the idle knave refuses to pay his just and undisputable debts, or jumps your claim of land, call on Judge Lynch, who is always ready to deal out stern justice to the very letter of the law, on reasonable terms.

I do not mean to say that the laws are insufficient—but the administration of them are wholly so. His Honor would do well to resign his office, for it is neither honorable to himself nor profitable to the honest part of the community.

HYZ. LYNCH.

The advice of "Hyz. Lynch" against going to law is most unquestionably good. Too frequently the very substance of a man is wasted away in protracted litigation without the slightest return of satisfaction for his great investment of fears and hopes as to the ultimate result.

As to the administration of the laws, we believe that they can be administered to the benefit and satisfaction of the people without a resort to "Judge Lynch," an end that should be most carefully guarded against.—Whatever tends to violate the supremacy of the law has a tendency likewise to undervalue the bonds of society, and the result would be that the correction of one evil, by such a reprehensible method, would create a thousand infinitely worse.

Our correspondent uses such strong language in reference to Judge Skinner that really he compells us to observe that, in our humble opinion, since the establishment of the Circuit Court in this Territory, our approximation towards a becoming dignity and authority in the dispensation of the law, has been most laughable and encouraging. The Judge may err in many of his decisions; yet are not errors of judgment common to humanity, however exalted? and is it possible for him to be an exception? Let us be charitable, at least, in our opinion of our fellow men always, and endeavor to redress wrongs in a manner that will not occasion their multiplication.

NEW STORE.

FOR sale at the New Store on Main St., the cargo of Brig Eveline—consisting of a large and extensive assortment of


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 F. W. Pettigrove and Co., at Portland and Oregon City:

2 thousand gall. molasses 32 kg. white, green and 15 hundred barrels salt black lead 100 lbs. black pepper 12 bags shot 5 thousand lbs. manilla coffee 45 plates 1 thousand "" arypeod 15 " " striped shirts 1 thousand " " tobacco 40 " regatta 1 thousand " " rice 2 thousand " assorted needles 40 " cases flawed 20 thousand " " soap 300 pieces assorted prints 2 thousand " " sugar 5 bales brown drills 40 " " glaze 7 " " " fifty 2 hundred " " dancing girls 36 dozen crimson pongee handkerchiefs 2 thousand lbs. selling to 200 l. b. selling SV. 316 " " linen thread 222 " " cotton 25 doz. manilla bats etc. etc. etc.

NEW GOODS.

JUST arrived per Sch'r Mary, and for sale at Cochen's, Oregon City and Portland, viz:


Red and orange Co. Red, white, and brown drills.

Muslin.

Gent's and ladies' hose.

Bk. silk neck kerchiefs.

Dram, c. noon flannel.

Coffee, sugar, salt.

Vinegar, oil, and mineral water.

Lead, pitch, nails.

Crockery, and tin ware.

Lace, c. mbs. sealing-wax, glass and glass vare.

For sale for cash or produce.

April 14, 48.

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THE LARGEST AND MOST COMMODIOUS PUBLIC HOUSE IN OREGON.

I S still kept by the undersigned, where the public are entertained free of charge, as the proprietor always takes pay in hand.

THANKS for past favors—suit yourself as to the future—but if you c. lose 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.