

FOR THE FREE PRESS.

A WORD TO THE WISE.—Settle all your difficulties without going to law—for 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 note of hand, not denied nor no offset pleaded. So great is his Honor's credulity, 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 Baratara.) 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 grating to the feelings to have our property taken from us and given to the lazy and knavish 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 maul and wedge, 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 that 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 sunder 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 compels 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 laudable and encouraging. The Judge may err in many of his decisions; yet are not errors of judgement 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

Dry Goods, Hardware, Crockery, Groceries, Agricultural Implements, Boots and Shoes, Stoves, Fire-arms, Paints, Iron, and Ready-made clothing.

The above articles are of superior quality, and will be sold low by
Oregon City, April 19, '48.
H. CLARK.
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NEW GOODS.

JUST received per Bark Janet, and for sale at reduced prices, at the Store of F. W. PETTYGROVE and Co., at Portland and Oregon City:

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| 2 thousand gall's molasses | 32 kegs vvhite, green and black lead |
| 15 hundred barrels salt | 12 bags shot |
| Sixty do syrup | 16 boxes vvhindovv glass |
| 100 lbs. black pepper | 114 doz. flint tumblers |
| 5 thous. lbs. vanilla coffee | 45 " plates |
| 1 thous. " arrowroot | 15 " striped shirts |
| 5 hundred " salaratus | 40 " regatta " |
| 1 thous. " tobacco | 2 thous. assorted needles |
| 1 thous. " rice | 6 cases flannel |
| Forty boxes tea | 300 pieces assorted prints |
| Twenty " soap | 5 bales brown drills |
| 2 thous. bags br'n sugar | 6 " blue cotton |
| Sixty gall'ns linseed oil | 3 " shirtings |
| 1 hundred kegs cut nails | 2 " duck |
| 20 doz. pocket knives | 6 " canvass |
| 50 setts knives and forks | 36 dozen crimson pongee handkerchiefs |
| 20 pairs carving ditto | 200 lbs. sewing tvine |
| 19 doz. butcher knives | 316 " linen thread |
| 6 " chopping axes | 225 " cotton " |
| 10 boxes pipes (clay) | 25 doz. manilla bats. |
| 6 doz. prs. scissiors | etc. etc. etc. |
| 46 " lamps | |
| 6 coils manilla rope | |
| 20 gross matches | |

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NEW GOODS.

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

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| Silk and Madrass hdkfs. | Butts and screwvs, vvhicking. |
| Calico, chintz. | Matches, pipes. |
| Mer. blue prints. | Palm-leaf bats, summer clothing, lamps, blacking. |
| Linens, shirting stripes. | Fancy soaps. |
| Tickings, bro. cottons. | Blank books, paper, ink. |
| Red and orange co. | Mustard, cassia, alspice. |
| Bro. vvhite and blue drills. | Claves, nutmugs. |
| Gent's and ladies' hose. | Molasses, syrup, tea. |
| Bl'k silk neck kerchiefs. | Coffee, sugar, salt. |
| Demins, cotton flanel. | Vinegar, oils, turpentine. |
| Shirts, gloves, suspenders. | Lead, pitch, nails. |
| Buttons, thread, tape. | Crockery and tin ware. |
| Pencils, scissiors, pins. | Glass and glass vvhare. |
| Lace, c. mbs, sealing-vvax, | |
| Locks, files, buckles. | |

For sale for cash or produce.

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THE MAIN STREET HOUSE.
THE LARGEST AND MOST COMMODIOUS PUBLIC HOUSE IN OREGON,

IS still kept by the undersigned, where the public are entertained free of CHARGE, as the proprietor always takes pay in hand. THANKY 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.
MOSS.

N. B. I will rent the above described property for three years if I can find a suitable tenant.
Oregon City, April 7.
MOSS.
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