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ONE OF THE MURDERERS HUNG.—The murderer said to have been hung by SERPENT JAUNE is called LELOU-LELOU—one of Ouhie's tribe, on the north side of the Columbia river. The report rests upon the authority of a letter from Wm. McBean, Esq., Fort Walla Walla. Indians say that SERPENT JAUNE first intended delivering him up, but one of his young men being stabbed by him in attempting to tie him, he was ordered hanged on the spot.

It may not be generally known that Col. Lee, Supt. Ind. Affairs, before he left the Indian country, offered a reward for the apprehension of the murderers. The reward was offered on the faith of a subscription got up among the volunteers, after becoming satisfied that the murderers had escaped beyond pursuit.

DROWNED.—On last Friday evening, week, about dark, as Dr. Thomas McBride, Jr., was crossing the Ferry at this place, some cattle upon the boat became frightened and in his efforts to keep them on the boat he was knocked overboard and drowned. We publish this melancholy intelligence with the sincerest regret, as the deceased was a most estimable member of society, every where respected, and has left a large family to mourn his untimely death.

MR. EDITOR—Will you be kind enough to inform me, in your next, whether, under the Road Law of last winter, the Governor and government officers, are liable to pay a road tax? and much obliged

Clackamas, June 29.

A SUPERVISOR.

We have not a copy of the Road Law alluded to, by us, and therefore cannot speak as to its provisions.—The 7th sec. of art. 2d, of an Act on Roads and Highways, passed on the 22d of June, '44, reads as follows:

That the Judge of the Circuit Court, Sheriff, Clerk, Justices of the Peace, the Executive, Constables, and Members of the Executive Committee, (Legislature,) shall be exempt from working on roads while in office.

We are not aware that the Road Law of last winter, in any of its provisions, conflicts with or repeals this section of the old law.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' COURT.—At the last term of this court, the following Supervisors for the several road districts in this county were appointed. District No. 1, J. D. Holman. Dis. No. 2, William C. Dement. Dis. No. 3, Harrison Wright. Dis. No. 4, Hiram Phillips.

J. M. Vvair, Esq., was appointed Presiding Judge, and consequently Judge of Probate.

Messrs. Hiram Phillips, J. B. Mills, and Richard Howe, were appointed road viewers to view out a road from the Clackamas to the Columbia opposite Ft. Vancouver, in conformity to a petition from citizens of that section of the county, numerously signed.

A number of proposals for the construction of the three bridges on Main street, were received, opened and examined, and the building of the first and third was given to John Boyle; Sheriff Holmes was the successful bidder for the building of the second.

These improvements are urgently required, and an order passed the board giving the contractors until the expiration of the first week in August next, to com-

plete them. The expense of this work will amount to something like 600 dollars in scrip.

The Supervisor of Dis. No. 1, was directed to open the road leading from Oregon City to Cummins' prairie, as located by a previous order of the Commissioners.

JOB WORK.—We have been favored with considerable patronage in the way of job-printing since the establishment of our office, and hope for a continuance of such favors—yet we wish it born in mind, that for the subject matter of such printing we consider ourselves in nowise responsible. We never, however, even in this way, would print any thing indecent in its character, or immoral in its tendency.

UNIMPORTANT.—We got a glimpse of "The Oregon American" yesterday, but had not time to devote to the reading of the large portion of the sixteen pages devoted to us. Mr. Griffin appears to be most terribly afflicted about something.

To the Editor of the Free Press:

In searching the country from the head of the Calapooia river to the Cascade, or McKenzie's fork of the Willamette river, for Indians—and the Klamet trace we discovered an admirable route for a good road, from Scott's Falls in Canann, (a valley described by Dr. White,) to Oregon City; the distance, as computed by the rangers who live in Champoeg county, to be 75 miles, shortening the distance from the route now traveled on the west side of the river, 50 miles. This road, when opened, and it can be done from the Calapooia to Scott's Falls with very little labor, there being a beautiful valley on an equally beautiful creek called Milk and Honey, which enters into the Cascade fork opposite the plains of Canann, which heads north and interlocks with the south fork of the Calapooia, thence up the north fork of the Calapooia, through some low gaps, to Kee's mill on the Santiam, through the forks thereof, and the eastern portion of Champoeg county, to Oregon City—will be of great public utility to the travelling community, to and from the upper valley and the Umpqua, and Oregon City and Vancouver—and notice is hereby given that there will be a petition presented to the next Legislature to have said road located and marked out.

A RANGER.

June 28, 1848.

FOURTH OF JULY.

In consequence of the late and important news, we are obliged to condense the announcement of the arrangements made by the committee for the celebration of the FOURTH.

Salutes are to be fired at day-break and at sunrise.—The procession to form at the City Hotel at 10 o'clock, A. M., under the direction of Gen. Lovejoy, as Marshal of the day, and move from thence to the Bower, where the order of exercises to be observed are as follows:

Prayer, by Rev. Mr. Roberts—reading of the Declaration of Independence, by F. Prigg—music—National Songs, by a lady and gentleman of this City—Oration, by Judge Lancaster—Poem, by Geo. L. Curry—Benediction—music. The procession, re-formed, will then repair to the City Hotel, where dinner will be served; tickets for which can be procured at the stores, or of Mr. Magruder—price, one dollar and a half for each gentleman—ladies free. It is desired that all those who can, will purchase their tickets as early as Monday evening. No doubt we will have a proper and joyous celebration.

We are requested to state that the Brig Eveline, Capt. Goodwin, will sail for the Islands immediately.