

were offered and refused. Shovels, spades, pick-axes, and other 'digging' implements commanded enormous prices. Many unable to procure these, were digging with knives, sticks, and their finger nails. Enormous prices were offered for provisions delivered on the ground. Nearly 500 men, women, and children were on the ground and crowds were still flocking up. The mine is some way above Sutter's Fort, about 130 miles from San Francisco. Its extent was unknown, but it was believed to be immense. People with their families were camped out, and the mines being in the fever-and-ague country, many of them are doubtless ere this time shaking off what of their finger and toe-nails have not been worn off digging.

Almost every kind of business has been suspended to give opportunity for the gratification of the desire to accumulate wealth in a more expeditious manner than the general routine of labor affords. Many of these gold seekers will doubtless give practical illustration of the fable of the "greedy dog" before the mania shall have subsided with them. This information concerning the situation of affairs in California, will explain for what purpose the Schr. Honolulu has come into Oregon waters. As we suspected, there is a great demand there for provisions of all kinds. Although the crops have not failed, they are going to waste from the neglect incident to the impossibility of commanding the requisite labor for the harvest. The "root of all evil" in the very commencement of its shooting in that country, has thus displayed a tendency destructive to its first and best interests. However, as Oregon is destined to be the granary and provision market of the Pacific world, she can as well now as at any other time spread abroad her surplus supplies of produce, which her own genial climate, and fertile soil, and the mining industry of her people, have made most abundant.

Oregon was never in a better condition than she is at present to show conclusively her importance as a producing country. Her advantages and resources, with every year of her existence, tend to establish her reputation and consequence more permanently—to point to that exalted position which she will one day undoubtedly occupy, as a market of supply. Blessed with an industrious, hard working population, accustomed to the culture of the soil; which no enterprise can dismay or difficulty dishearten; which is being annually augmented by the constant immigration from the States—the fountain head—Oregon will make her fruitful plains and fertile valleys as gold mines that shall furnish a plentiful and unfailing supply of those products that contribute largely to man's prosperity and happiness.

NEWS ITEMS.—The Whigs triumphed at the last election in the state of New York. The Tribune, a Whig paper, says "every man on the Whig state ticket has been elected by a majority of 20,000, while Mr. Fillmore, their candidate for Governor, had at least 50,000 majority."

Connecticut has declared against the amendment of the Constitution, allowing blacks the right of suffrage, by a majority of 13,795.

Wisconsin Territorial Legislature assembled on the 18th of Nov. last for the special purpose of procuring their admission into the Union. The population of that Territory amounts to about 200,000.

WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE.—The official correspondence between the Governors of California and Oregon.

MARES' NESTS.—In almost every community there are a class of individuals who are continually finding mares' nests, but, unfortunately for their gratification, they find them empty, without even the smallest particle of the shell of the egg remaining.

NEW FIRM.

THE undersigned, having formed a copartnership under the name of

HOLDERNESS and CO.,

For the purpose of dealing in produce, and transacting a general commission business in the same, do tender their services to the farmers of Oregon, and the public in general, to sell all kinds of produce delivered to them at this place, or any of the customary places of deposite on the Willamette. They will use their best endeavors to procure a speedy sale either at home or abroad, for such produce as may be entrusted to their charge—will attend to flouring wheat and preparing it for market.

As the abundant crops this year make it evident that a large amount of produce will be on hand to be shipped, they will use their best endeavors to procure shipment to such markets as are deemed best. If necessary, they will charter a vessel at the Islands or California.

S. M. HOLDERNESS,
J. L. MORRISON,
J. R. ROBB.

Oregon City, Aug. 5, '48.

CASH paid for produce. Apply to
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Oregon City, July 29, '48. 17s.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of Joel Willcox, late of Clackamas county, deceased, and has taken upon himself that trust as the law directs. All persons having demands against said estate are required to exhibit them in one year from the 1st day of May, A. D. 1848,—and all persons indebted will make payment as the law directs.

July 30, '48.—18uu4. Wm. B. CHATFIELD.

ADMINISTRATRIX NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed Administratrix of the estate of Col. Cornelius Gilliam, late of Polk county, Oregon Territory, deceased; and has undertaken that trust by giving bonds as the law directs. Therefore all persons having demands against the said estate will exhibit the same for settlement to the undersigned, or the Probate court of Polk county, within nine months from this date—and all persons indebted to the said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, or the aforesaid Probate court.

MARY GILLIAM, Administratrix.
Polk county, July 25, '48. 17uu4.

OREGON TERRITORY, Yamhill County:

PHEBE JACKSON,
vs.
THOMAS JACKSON.

BILL FOR DIVORCE.

THE said defendant, Thomas Jackson, will take notice that the said complainant, Phebe Jackson, has filed her bill on the Chancery side of the Yamhill Circuit Court, praying a decree for a divorce from the said defendant, on account of wilful desertion. It was therefore ordered by said court that notice of the pendency of this suit be given by publishing the same in the "Oregon Free Press," as the law requires in such cases made and provided, notifying the said defendant that if he does not appear on the 1st day of the next term of said court, to be held at Lafayette, in Yamhill county, on the third Monday in September, 1848, then and there to plead answer or demur to said bill, the same will be taken as confessed, and a decree entered accordingly.

July 29.—17uu4. T. VAULT and THURSTON,
Solicitors for Comp't.