

dustry and the rational enjoyments of society, to delve in the bowels of the earth, after wealth. Though her mines be ever so valuable and unfailing, they must make her a dependent country. Those countries where the richest gold mines have abounded, have been cursed as it were, by their own magnificence. They have never flourished nor prospered like other nations where labor is esteemed to be, as it is, the source of wealth. Most sincerely do we wish, however, that California may be a glorious exception in this respect.

"It is an ill wind that blows nobody good," as the old saying goes, for Oregon will be greatly benefitted by these gold mines. She will have a ready market for her produce; her labor will thereby be encouraged, and her resources will develop with her advancing interests and increasing prosperity. Therefore let us all "hurrah for California"—keep the spirit up to fever heat. Don't attempt to discourage your friend in going. He'll catch the chills quick enough after he gets down there. Let him try it—he'll come back better satisfied with Oregon than before.

LAND CLAIM ASSOCIATION.—We entertain the impression that no honest man can ever be injured by the operations of this Association. No wrong is contemplated in its organization—its object is the very opposite of this: the prevention of wrong doing. The examples that we have of appealing to the law in cases where the evils of "claim-jumping" have been experienced, it must be confessed, afford but little encouragement of an immediate redress of grievances. In this respect, a course of law has been found to be an insufficient remedy. The law's delay is proverbial. Its expensiveness, if it does not place it beyond the reach of all, renders it a dearly purchased privilege for every day enjoyment. Some of the members of the bar, however, think otherwise, who are men of morals and learning, dealing largely in Latin, and who constitute the chiefest part of the slight opposition that seems to exist against this general agreement of the people. An honest difference of opinion is to be respected, and we have no disposition to find fault with any one because he differs with us in sentiment—because he does not see with our eyes and judge according to our understanding. We shall have more room to speak at greater length in reference to this matter at another time.

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RETURNS.—Gen. Lovejoy has politely furnished us with the following return from his office:

General return of the army engaged in the war against the Cayuse Indians, as stated by the Adjutant General, Aug. 3, 1848:

Field and staff,	7
Medical Department,	3
Pay Department,	1
*Commissary Department,	
Ordinance do,	3
Company Commissioned Officers,	37
Whole number of officers non commissioned, and privates,	576
Greatest No. at one time in service,	554
†No. retained at Fts. Waters and Lee,	79

* The number engaged in this department, as well as the aggregate expense of the war, cannot be ascertained, as no report from the Commissary General has yet been received at this office.

† The term of enlistment of those retained in service will expire on the 15th of September next.

A. L. LOVEJOY, Adj. Gen.

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
HOLDERNESS and Co.
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 count, 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.

DR. CARPENTER,
OFFICE IN OREGON CITY.

WILL be pleased to attend to all professional calls.
June 19, '48. 12s.