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APPOINTMENT.—The Governor has appointed Columbus Wheeler, Esq., Justice of the Peace for Clackamas Co., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Jacob M. Wair.

OREGON EXPORTS, ETC.—The Honolulu left Portland last week with about 300 barrels of flour, and 200 of salmon, and some 50 passengers vvhho were allowed, as we are informed, to take two barrels of flour each. VVe confess that we are unable to conceive vvhhere all this could have been stowed in so small a craft.

VVHO IS THE INCENDIARY?—VVe have neglected to speak of the burning of the Indian houses on the opposite side of the river, vvhich occurred a few weeks since. It was a shameful act, and deserves punishment. VVe understand the Indians were all absent, at the time, assisting in harvesting above. All their winter provision, and property of considerable worth, to them at least, was destroyed by the wanton act. VVe allude to it now because we have been informed that there are those ready to testify as to the person or persons vvhho perpetrated it, vvhenever the matter shall be properly investigated. Retaliation is as much a law with the Indians as it is sometimes with the whites, and if the business is not properly settled, our houses, our property are not secure.

MELANCHOLY OCCURRENCES.—A young man by the name of Aram was killed on Souvie's Island a few days since, by a man named Leonard. The circumstances that led to this melancholy result, as reported to us, are these: Aram held a gun belonging to Leonard as security for a debt due him by Leonard, vvhho was making preparations to go to California. He came to Aram for the gun, and after some altercation, got possession of it, and, having discovered that it was loaded, told Aram not to advance or he would shoot him. Notwithstanding the threat, Aram resolutely advanced to re-possess himself of the gun, and vvhhen within a few feet of it received its contents in his left breast vvhich occasioned his death in about six hours. Leonard succeeded in effecting his escape. Both came into the country in the last Immigration and were together in the difficulty with the Indians, at the Dalles, last August.

On Tuesday afternoon last Thomas W. Berry was stabbed in the back, near the spine, by Samuel K. Barlow, vvhho was arrested and examined before Justice Wheeler and bound over in a bond of 5000 dollars to appear before the Clackamas Circuit Court, at its next term, in October. It appears that Berry charged Barlow that morning, vvvith having cut two trail ropes that secured a couple of horses to a fence; an altercation again took place in the afternoon, vvhich resulted as above stated. Mr. Berry, it is expected, vvvill recover, and as the trial of Mr. Barlow takes place in a few weeks, vve abstain from any comments that may prejudice the case.

We feel truly thankful that such occurrences as the

above, are not frequent in our Territory. The citizens of Oregon are an order-loving, law-abiding, people, and we should regret any circumstance that might make them appear otherwise. Should not some measures be taken for the apprehension of Leonard, ere he has an opportunity of leaving the country?

We have been requested to give the subjoined communication a place in to-day's paper, and we do so presuming it to be a statement of facts. In regard to this business, we can state that the "Superintendent of Indian Affairs" sent orders, on Thursday, to Mr. Rogers, commander at the Dalles, authorizing the detention of these supplies until further directed:

MR. EDITOR: VVith respect to a report lately put in circulation, and regarding a certain quantity of ammunition sent by the Priests to the Cascades, we derive the following information from an authentic source:

The public is aware that late last Spring the Flathead Missionary came down to this Valley, according to his yearly custom, to make the annual supply for his Mission. Confident of the loyalty and attachment of the Flathead Indians towards the Government, the Missionary addressed himself to the Governor, George Abernethy, and to Joel Palmer, Esqrs., to be permitted to procure arms and ammunition for them, as they stand much in need of it, both to provide for their subsistence and to defend themselves against their enemies, the Black Feet. The Missionary's request was well received by the Governor and Mr. Palmer; vvhho promised to exert their influence with the Legislature, to obtain for him this permission, as soon as troops should arrive from the States to preserve order among the Indians. He relied on this promise; as also understanding that the law did not forbid the transportation of ammunition to place it in depot, so as however, not to distribute it till the promised request would have been granted. His reason for so acting is this: he could bring up his provisions only once in the year, and by neglecting to bring them up at present, he could not get them till next summer—consequently, his Indians could not enjoy, till about the end of next year, the permission vvhich will undoubtedly be granted them at the beginning of winter, on the earliest sittings of the Legislature; vvhich would cause a delay of nearly a year to those Indians, most of vvhhom depend upon their ammunition to provide for their subsistence: this was deserving the attention of the Missionary. It is to be observed, that the ammunition, vvhich has been sent, is to be distributed among six Missions, viz: the Flatheads, the Kalispels, the Cœurs d'Aleines, the Okanagans, those of Colville and those of New Caledonia.

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MEDICAL SOCIETY.

At a meeting of the members of the medical profession, held at Oregon City on the 19th inst., pursuant to previous notice, Dr. P. Welsh was appointed chairman, and Dr. F. Prigg, Secretary—vvhhen the object of the meeting being explained and sundry remarks made, it was

Resolved, That it is deemed expedient to form a medical society in Oregon, vvhose object shall be the promotion of the science of medicine, and the individual improvement of its members from the expressed experience of each other—thereby inculcating a feeling of good will and fraternity among the profession; and for the purpose of advancing these desirable objects, the members of the medical profession generally, throughout Oregon, are respectfully invited to co-operate, and meet at Oregon City on the 3d Saturday of September