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PAY UP.—With the next number terminates the first six months of the existence of the FREE PRESS, and those of our subscribers who shall continue in arrears with us after that period, or shall not have made some arrangement for the liquidation of our demands against them, need not expect to receive the paper thereafter—we are too poor to publish a paper for nothing, even should some of our patrons seem to act as though they judged to the contrary.

Any and all who, as it will be considered, discontinue in this way will be charged for the year's subscription. So please pay up, gentlemen, and oblige us.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.—The brig STIRLING, from the Sandwich Islands, arrived in the river some ten days ago. She left the Islands on the 10th of August, not coming direct from Honolulu, however, she has no later papers, as we learn.

The term of enlistment having expired, the command at the Dalles are returning to the valley. At Fort Waters we trust that, the garrison may remain, at least until the immigrants shall have passed through the Cayuse country.

We understand that a party are to rendezvous near Salem, on Tuesday next, for the purpose of starting out to explore the section of country on Powder river, with a view of ascertaining as to the truth of the reports relative to gold having been found in that vicinity.

IOWA.—The Iowa legislature, after quite a boisterous session, encountering much difficulty and wrangling has been compelled to adjourn 'sine die' without being able to elect either United States senators or judges of the courts. Thus it will require another session before any choice of these high officers can be made.

ASTOR'S FORTUNE.—John Jacob Astor's fortune, at the time of his death, is estimated at forty millions of dollars. He appropriated three hundred thousand dollars for a public library in New York—the annual interest of this sum to be appropriated to the purchase of books. A building is to be erected, not to cost over sixty thousand dollars. A good many legacies were left, but the bulk of his estate goes to his son.

LOUIS PHILIPPE'S DEBTS.—A good deal has been said about what the ex-monarch owns, but the following is all we have seen as to what he owes:

"The Paris correspondent of the London Atlas says: 'Louis Philippe has quitted the country, leaving behind him 25 million francs' worth of debts, his custom being to pay his creditors but once in five years. It is the third year only which is now elapsing.'

C. M. CLAY vs. THE PEOPLE OF LEXINGTON.—The Lexington Atlas, says that the suit brought by Capt. C. M. Clay against "The Committee" for removing the True American office from this city, in August 1845, was

terminated on Saturday last, in the Circuit Court of Jessamine county, to which place the trial had been removed, by the jury returning a verdict in favor of the plaintiff for twenty-five hundred dollars. The defendants, we also learn, have taken an appeal.

PRODUCE AND TRANSPORTATION.

MR. EDITOR; I wish to inform those who feel interested in the subject (through the medium of your excellent paper) that there will be a meeting, on Saturday, the 30th inst., at the City Hotel, in Oregon City, at 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of making arrangements for building a vessel for the transportation of Oregon produce. All interested are particularly invited to attend.

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A FARMER.

MR. EDITOR; I believe you could not do better than to devote a portion of your excellent sheet to showing the propriety of an undertaking of the kind proposed.

The farmer furnishes material for a barrel of flour at, about 3 dollars—the shipper in a few days sells the same for from forty to fifty dollars per barrel. You will please let me know the profit each receive, as near as you can, and by doing so you may show us where we are and what we may expect.

MR. FREE PRESS-MAN let them know one important fact, that is, whatever we WILL to do, that we CAN do. If we conclude to labor for the benefit of others, and let them enjoy the profits of our labor, we CAN BE SLAVES, in one sense of the word—or if we determine to have the profits on our labor we CAN have them. In short, insist upon every man coming up to the work, for I believe it our only salvation. A FARMER.

We take the greatest pleasure in giving our correspondent a chance to be heard. He appears to be in earnest—and certainly whatever concerns the interests of the producing classes is of the first importance to the country. As to our capability of constructing such vessels as would be required to convey our exports to ports as convenient as those of California, there need be no question. That these vessels are actually wanted, we judge is the fact, as those vessels that are regularly concerned in trading here will not take freight, their owners, generally, monopolizing them in speculations of their own. At any rate let there be a grand conference of the producers, in order to determine upon whatever course of action is necessary. By reference to another column it will be seen that the people of Clatsop are moving in this matter with spirit.

CONGRESSIONAL.—On the 22d of March, Mr. Atherton, rendered in, from the annual reports of the Secretary of the Treasury, a statistical exposition of the state of the finances, from which he drew this satisfactory conclusion; that, including the current revenues, there would be only required for the present and the next fiscal year, loans to the amount of 36,000,000 dollars; that is to say, the present bill of 16,000,000 dollars for existing deficiencies, and another bill of 20,000,000 dollars for anticipated deficiencies. Mr. Atherton urged the immediate passage of the bill, because the Secretary of the Treasury wished to draw this money from Europe, so as not to exhaust our floating but