

as the smile of social love repays with mental light the melancholy day, so does thy spring burst smiling on our senses, and like the returning waters of the distant Nile, create fertility and joy around; and those who now are leaving thee for other lands, in hopes to better still their lots on earth, will, when they hear of thy advancing march and onward growth, repine they left thee in thy infancy, and wish that they had "rose with thy uprising, and strengthened with thy strength;" and when they learn that the usurping fern which held for countless years, unchecked control, had succumbed to the oft and well-timed action of the plough, or been strangled from the soil, by the tough and fibrous hemp, that bleating flocks o'erspread the hills of Yam, and Kancema's falls propel the weaving loom, then would they fain return and dwell upon the spots they once possessed, but what they then disposed a section for, would now scarce purchase one town lot.

And who says I am an enthusiast? Be it so! I will enjoy the rich idea, though but in fancy—

In fancy's garb, I'll deck the beautiful vales,  
For beauty dwells where industry prevails.  
(Signed) "OWL" OF MT. HOOD.  
Oregon City, February 14, 1845.

\*The Indian name for the site of Oregon City.—Ed.

**SHIPPING DISASTER AT VANCOUVER.**—We regret to state that the beautiful and elegantly fitted up yacht, "Victoria," so much famed for her sailing qualities on the sweet waters of the Columbia, became almost a total wreck on Tuesday evening. Some boats, laden with wheat, from the Willamette, had arrived late, and from the threatening aspect of the weather, it was judged wise to have the cargo transferred to this "Clipper." This was speedily effected; but the overseer of the grain department in stowing it, unfortunately did not calculate the trim and crank qualities of the yacht, and during a gust of wind, she was suddenly on her "beam ends." The exertions of the crew were then doubly required to land the commodity—the water quickly rushing in, and the vessel in a sinking condition. We are, however, happy to announce that the wheat was all landed with only trivial damage; but are sorry to say this "model of nautical symmetry" is now almost entirely under water. Serious doubts were for some time entertained for the safety of the crew of the vessel, who worked to the last moment at the pumps; but the boats of H. B. M. S. "Modeste" being promptly sent to render assistance, they were all safely rescued from a watery grave.

*Vancouver, April 8, 1846.* A SUBSCRIBER.  
Although we have long known the above mentioned craft, we had yet to learn she was "beautiful," "elegant," or a "model of symmetry," but presume it is a "Modeste" description of "VICTORIA."—Ed.

It is a law of nature that labor, in some shape, is necessary for the support of man's existence, and those persons are surely in error who consider this condition as an evil, and labor as essentially a sacrifice or hardship. So far from complete inaction being perfect enjoyment, there are few sufferings greater than that which the total absence of occupation generally induces. When Napoleon was slowly withering away, from disease and ennui together, on the rock of St. Helena, it was told him that one of his old friends, an ex-colonel in his Italian army, was dead. "What disease killed him?" asked Napoleon. "That of having nothing to do," it was answered. "Enough!" sighed Napoleon, "even had he been an Emperor."—Potter.

That the happiness of individuals does not necessarily increase with their wealth, is attested by the combined authority of all the philosophers and moralists of past ages: Nay, there are those who very plausibly urge that the cares of life increase with the increase of property. A shrewd writer tells the following: A sick sovereign was recommended, as an infallible specific for his disorder, the application of "the shirt of a happy man." His emissaries in vain ransacked all countries in search of such a being. At last they discovered an individual who acknowledged himself to be happy, in the shape of a wild mountain shepherd. But, alas! he had no shirt! The tale ends with the monarch exclaiming, "those only are happy who have no shirts to wear." So Jean Jacques says: "Whoever enjoys health, and is in no want of necessities, is rich enough."—Potter.

**BOTANY.**—There is something exceedingly pleasing and sublime in the contemplation of the growth of vegetables, the germination of seeds, appearance of sprouts, development of stems, branches, leaves, buds, blossoms, flowers, and fruits—their variegated forms, dimensions, movements, colors, and odors.—Some persons who have never turned their attention to this subject till the evening of their days, have been astonished at the wonders which burst on their view. A new state of existence seemed to open upon them.—Their perception and estimate of things were changed. Instead of considering the world as calculated only for what man too generally makes it—a scene for the display and gratification of the most groveling and sordid passions, they find it a theatre crowded with enchanting specimens of the Creator's skill, the study of which imparts the sweetest pleasure, and the knowledge of which constitutes the greatest wealth.

Those pious but mistaken people, who incessantly murmur against the world, and long to depart from "this howling wilderness," as they are pleased to term it, reproach their Maker by reviling his work. They are waiting for future displays of his glory, and neglect those ravishing ones by which they are surrounded, forgetting that "the whole earth is full of his glory"—looking for sources of pleasure to come, and closing their eyes on those before them—thirsting for the waters of heaven, and despising the living fountains which the Father of all intellects has opened for them on earth.

They seem to think happiness hereafter will not depend upon knowledge, or that knowledge will be acquired without effort—a kind of passive enjoyment, independent of the exercise of their intellectual or spiritual energies. But they have no ground to hope for any such thing. Reasoning from analogy and the nature of mind, the happiness of spirits must consist in being imbued with a love of nature—in contemplating the wisdom and other attributes of the Deity as they are unfolded in the works of creation. In what else can it consist? It is not probable that human or finite beings, of any class, can ever know God except through the medium of his works.

It is admitted that the study of nature is a source of exquisite pleasure to intelligent beings, and the most refined one, too, that the mind can conceive. It is, also, one that can never be exhausted. Those persons, therefore, who take no pleasure in examining the works of creation here, are little prepared to enter upon more extensive and scrutinizing views of them in other worlds. If they have no relish for an acquaintance with the Creator's works while they live, they have no right to expect new tastes for them after death. The works of God are all perfect—those in this world, as well as those in others; and he that can look with apathy on a tulip or a rose, a passion flower or lily, or any other production of a flower garden or a forest, has not begun to live. Besides, we are not sure that other worlds possess more captivating or more ennobling subjects for contemplation and research—more thrilling proofs of the wisdom and beneficence of God.—*Erskine.*

From the Repository of the Falls Association.  
ON LEAVING THE UNITED STATES FOR OREGON, IN 1843.  
Your flowers are fair, your fields are green,  
Your summer sun hath golden sheen:  
Sweet be your sleep, and soft the bed  
Where ye may rest the weary head.

Though fair they be, we may not stay,  
Fate bids us go—away, away;  
Our homes, the tent heretofore must be—  
The prairie vast, or forest tree:

The wolf may wake our poor repose,  
Fear may forbid our eyes to close—  
The savage yell assail our ear,  
And threaten all we value dear.

Though war and death, or hunger press,  
Our pathway thro' the wilderness,  
May health and peace, with plenty dwell,  
In your green fields—then, fare ye well.

ON LEAVING OREGON FOR THE U. S. IN 1845, BY THE SAME.  
I love thee, fair land of the far distant west,  
Thy beauties, thy grandeur, thy wildness, I love them,  
And friendships have strengthen'd the tie in my breast,  
And memory will treasure forever the gem.

I love the rough shores of thy thundering ocean,  
And the high curling waves of thy boundless blue sea;  
I love thy wild main, when the storm is in action,  
But the Home of my fathers is dearer to me.

I love thy broad rivers, majestic rolling  
Their bright crystal waters away to the deep,  
And to sit where the foam of thy cataract's pouring,  
Like a fiend in its wrath, o'er the rough rocky steep.

I love thy dark forests the storm never without,  
Fit emblems to sprout on the hills of the free;  
I love thy storm sky, when the winter storm gathers,  
But the home of my childhood is dearer to me.

I love thy high hills, and their deep dark ravines,  
Where the wild beast and savage for shelter retire,  
And thy wood-belled prairies with carpets of green,  
Thy snow-crowned peaks, and thy mountains of fire.

I love thy wide wastes, and thy bleak barren sands,  
'Tis pleasure each contrasts in nature to see;  
I love the parade of thy red warriors' hands,  
But the home of my childhood is dearer to me.

Fare thee well, lovely land, in wildness reposing,  
Fit garden for rearing fair forms and proud souls—  
Farewell to the hills thy green valleys enclosing,  
In peace may they bloom, while thy blue waters roll.

For as long as may flourish thy ever-green pine,  
So long may thy people be populous and free;  
Be the home of the happy—then may't not be mine,  
For the scenes of my childhood are dearer to me.  
(Signed) Y. O. U.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE GOVERNOR.**  
APRIL 6.  
JOSEPH M. GARIBOLDI, Probate Judge and President of the Court for Clatsop county, vice WILLIAM H. WILSON, resigned.

**APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL.**  
S. W. MOSS, City Marshal, vice H. H. HYDE.

To the editor of the Spectator:  
SIR—The verses of M. J. B., as published in the third number of the Spectator, have not been corrected as they should have been.—The sixth line of the third verse should read: "And friendship's dew so few have won."  
W. G. T.

**MARRIED.**—On the 2d instant, Mr. STEPHEN STAATS to Miss CORDELIA FORREST; all of Polk county, and formerly of Platte county, Mo.

On the 29th ult., by Rev. J. S. Griffin, Mr. HENRY SEWELL, of Oregon City, to Miss MARY ANN JONES GERISH, at her father's residence, in Tuality plains.

The choice of exercises on the occasion, were befitting christian parties who receive the institution as of divine origin—to be religiously celebrated, and its blessings to be received from its heavenly benefactor.

The friends of religion and good order, who are best acquainted with Mr. Sewell and his lady, have become endearingly attached to them, and have pleasing hopes that the best influences may be expected to the church and community, from this worthy couple now added to the families of our rising country; and cannot but congratulate the people of Green Point and vicinity, where they are about to reside, with the pleasing relations they are sure to maintain.—Communicated.

On the morning of the 12th inst., by F. Frigg, Esq., Mr. SILAS HEIGHT, to Miss REBECCA ANN SPALDING, all of Clackamas county.

"—may all their days  
Glide as the silver stream which never stays,  
Bright as whose shining'd bud 'till life's decline,  
May all their worth and all their virtues shine."

**June Election—1846.**

Mr. Editor—Please to insert the name of A. L. LOVEJOY as candidate for representative of Clackamas county, at the ensuing election, who will receive the support of  
MANY VOTERS.

Mr. Editor—Please to insert the names of SAMUEL PARKER and H. STRAIGHT, as candidates for the ensuing election, as members of the legislature in and for Clackamas county, who will be supported by  
MANY VOTERS.

**Library Notice.**  
THE shareholders of the Multnomah Library, residing in Yam Hill county, are respectfully notified that the subscriber has been appointed librarian of the Yam Hill branch of said library, and received its share of the books.

RANSOM CLARK.  
Yam Hill, April 1, 1846—366

**TANNERY.**  
THE subscriber, having permanently located in Oregon City, for the purpose of carrying on the tanning business, solicits the patronage of the citizens of Oregon. Persons wishing to purchase sole leather, harness leather, skirting, saddle rigging, or bridle filling, will call at the tannery. Merchandise trade, orders on solvent merchants, and beef hides, will be received in exchange.  
Good beef hides, at \$3 per hide, and others in proportion, according to quality.  
NINEVEH FORD.  
April 16, 1846—81f

**JEFFERSON INSTITUTE**  
IS located in the Rickreall Valley, one mile west of the residence of Col. N. Ford. The first session of this school will commence on the second Monday of next April, and continue twenty-four weeks. Scholars from a distance, can be accommodated with boarding in the neighborhood. Terms of tuition, \$3 per scholar.  
J. E. LYLE, Teacher.  
March 7, 1846—41f  
N. Ford, Jas. Howard, Wm. Beagle, Trustees.

**CITY HOTEL,**  
BY H. M. KNIGHTON,  
Oregon City.

The traveling community are respectfully invited to call. The City Hotel is undergoing repairs, and the proprietor feels safe in saying that when completed, his customers will feel more comfortable, as every necessary attention will be rendered to make them so. His table shall not be surpassed in the territory. Those who favor him with a call from the west side of the river, will receive horse ferrage free.  
Jan. 30, 1846—11f

## The Red House & Portland.

JUST received, per Union of New York, on consignment, the following goods, viz:  
20 cases window shades; 20 bbls dried apples;  
3 small sofas; 1 doz. cream cut chairs;  
Mill saws and saw sets; mill cranks, plough shares and plow forks;  
1 winnowing machine; 100 ends cut nails;  
50 boxes Indian tobacco; 6 boxes carpenter's tools;  
12 doz. hand axes; 20 boxes manufacturer's tobacco;  
50,000 cigars; 50 large white loaves;  
100 large pipes; 1.5 doz. medicine chests;  
20 bags Rio coffee; 25 bags pepper;  
200 boxes soap;  
50 cases boots and shoes; 6 doz. dippers;  
50 doz. cane seat chairs; 40 doz. wooden seat do.  
50 doz. campstoves; 10 boxes clothing;  
4 cases assorted prints;  
1 bale duck cloth; 1 dozen shirts;  
5 pieces striped jeans; 6 doz. suitcases;  
12 doz. linen duck pants; 10 doz. cotton do. do.  
12 doz. red flannel shirts;  
200 doz. cotton hdk's; 6 cases white cut. flannel;  
6 boxes extra heavy Indigo blue cotton;  
2 cases negro prints; 1 case black velvets;  
4 boxes Mackintosh blankets;  
150 cases and bbls. molasses;  
450 large sugar, &c., &c., for sale at reduced prices for cash, by F. W. PETTYGROVE,  
At the Red House, Oregon City, and at Portland, 19 miles below this city. Jan. 29, 1846—61f

## Farm for Sale.

The subscriber hereby notifies the public generally, and those in particular who wish to purchase an improved farm, in an eligible part of the country, that his claim is now offered for sale. Said claim lies on the Wallace Prairie, adjoining Jas. Ford and Jas. Ford, formerly known as B. Del Cour's claim, having a log cabin and a French barn, and also another set of logs for a cabin, which was once put up, and has been removed, and about two hundred acres enclosed, and about sixty acres of that old land, upon it. Said claim is about 3 miles from the Salem mills, and 4 miles from the Oregon Institute. Terms reasonable, and conditions easy. For further particulars, enquire of the subscriber at Salem mills.  
JNO. B. McCLANE.  
March 19, 1846—41f

## Hat Manufactory,

Oregon City:  
JOHN TRAVERS & WM. GLASER.

HAVING associated themselves together in manufacturing Hats at Oregon City, are now ready to supply their friends and customers with hats manufactured in Oregon. Although the profits are small, they confidently hope, by their prompt attention to business, to be able to furnish hats to the Oregon citizens at reduced prices.  
Wool, beaver, otter, raccoon, wildcat, muskrat, mink, prairie wolf, and fox skins will be taken in exchange for hats.  
February 5, 1846—11f

## Plows! Plows! Plows!

\$10,000 Reward for every one to attend to his own business.

THE subscriber begs leave to inform the public at large, that he has established himself in the Blacksmithing in general, in Oregon City, where he will keep on hand an assortment of Plows, which cannot be surpassed in the States. Persons wishing to purchase plows, can be accommodated with them, finished or unfinished. Also, Patent Fish Forks, Horse Axes, and all kinds of mechanics' tools. As the subscriber has had long experience in machinery, he feels himself competent to execute all kinds of mill work, shingle machines, and thrashing machines of the best approved patterns.

Gentlemen wishing to purchase any of the above articles, will do well to call and examine for themselves on Main street, Oregon City.  
D. C. INGLES.  
February 19, 1846—81f

## Blacksmithing.

**NELSON & McDONALD,**  
HAVING rented Mr. H. Burn's old stand in Multnomah City, on the west side of the Willamette river, are now ready to supply their friends and customers with all kinds of manufactured iron and steel. They have a large stock of assorted iron and steel on hand, which will enable them to supply all orders in their line with dispatch. They have now on hand a number of Diamond and Cary Plows of the best quality, axes, drawing knives, mortising chisels, and edge tools of all kinds, warranted to carry a good edge, or no charge. All of which will be sold at a moderate price for good pay.  
Customers coming from the east side of the Willamette river to our shop for iron work, will be furnished free of charge.  
Feb. 19, 1846—11f

## Over the Mountains.

THE company to examine for a practicable wagon route from the Willamette valley to Snake river, will rendezvous at the residence of Nat. Ford, on the Rickreall, so as to be ready to start on the first day of next May. The proposed route will be up the Willamette valley, crossing the Cascade mountains south of the three heavy lakes. A portion of the company will return after crossing the Cascade mountains. It is hoped that several young men will be prepared to go on to meet the expedition. Those agreed to start at the time above mentioned, are Solomon Tuthorow, Nathaniel Ford, Gen. C. Gilliam, Stephen H. L. Meek, and James Harris and many others. It is expected, will be ready by the time above specified.  
NATH. FORD.  
March 20, 1846—31f