For the Oregon Spectator.

PLAYING THE ADVANTAGES.

One night during the winter of '45, at one of those places known as Catfish Hotel, for which the New York wharfs are so celebrated, and which are frequented by that class of persons who come under the head of loafers, there sat a solitary individual whose age betokened that he was not accustomed to enjoy his own society; the atmosphere of the bar room was redolent of the perfumes of long nines, and that nectar of groggeries, Tom and Jerry. The candle shed a mellow light through the smoke that had been made by former customers, but was now beginning to roll away; our friend, though indifferently well dressed, bore about him the appearance of one who would stoop to any low trick to entrap the unwary. He had been in the habit of picking up the dimes or half dimes that any one could be induced to stake; on this night he had had no customers. Funds were low—the night was wearing away, and he was about to depart, when there entered a long, dangling looking fellow, with straight flaxen locks, an old wool hat sat far back on his head, and a mouth which, though capacious enough, had by accident, or a freak of nature, been placed more on one side than in front of the face. He was dressed in Linsey dyed of a dirty yellow color, and his *trowserloons*, the lower extremities of which, only reached the top of his socks, gave him the appearance of being much taller than he really was, although he stood full six feet in his socks. After warming himself, he called for some liquor, in a voice which, coming from his nose, sounded like the tones of a toy harmonicon: his whole appearance was that of a "green 'un". The "thimblerigger" set him down for a "soft snap," and after some conversation, remarked, "well stranger, it is cold and dark out, suppose we play some small game to pass away the time," at the same time fingering a pack of dirty cards that lay on the table at which he was sitting. Linsey replied, "I can't say stranger—I'm all the way from Big Bullett, and I've hearn that you folks in town was as keen as briars, and I'm only a cider nag; howsomever I don't keer to play pervided we play fair with all the advantages in, and if you beat me, well and good, there's no more of it."

"Well, them *are* is fair enough, and I aint a fellow to *covort*, or make a fuss when I agrees to any thing from the start," says Linsey.

"What'll you play? What do say to *seven up*, at a dollar a game," replied Thimblerigger, his eyes glistening with the certainty of winning his expenses.

"A word of the sort's enough old *hoss*, put up your money," cried Linsey, at the same time lugging out a long leathern purse from his pocket. Thimblerigger laid down a dollar, which he had no sooner done, than Linsey coolly put it into his purse, saying, "Well, that game's done, what'll you play next?"

"But," says Thimblerigger, "we've not played for the dollar yet,."

"Yes we have, says Linsey, "I played the advantages the first lead—stealing was in you know."

The gambler was beat at his own game, and not liking the look of his customer, quietly submitted to his loss.

For the Oaegon Spectator.

Mr. Editor—My attention was called, when reading the Memorial of the Legislature of Oregon Territory, published in your last No. to the amount of flour (five thousand barrels) which the Senate and House of Representatives of the U. S. are informed could be delivered by the people of this Territory. Do you not think sir, that our Legislature have been over careful in their estimate? so much so as to lead the people of the U. S. to form a very unfavorable opinion of the industry of the inhabitants of this country, wheat being our staple? They are already informed that our population numbers 10,000 souls, by people upon whose veracity they place reliance, and I presume it is not much out of the way. Now this is a very small pro rata for this number of inhabitants, and I think falls far below the mark. I do not think I make a miscalculation when I say Champoeg county has exported into other parts of the Territory, from herself alone 30,000 bushels of wheat in the year 1846. This is but the effort of one county, and we know the inhabitants of the other seven counties have not been idle.

I think I am not making a wild calculation when I say, if a market can be found, Oregon will have 50,000 barrels of flour for exportation in 1849. I do not wish to find fault with the Memorial, but give the Legislature great credit for their efforts to explain the wants and give information in regard to the country, in as concise a manner as possible, knowing at the same time the difficulty in so large a body as our Legislature, of drawing a Memorial in accordance with the views of all, but this statement I deem but justice to ourselves.

Populi.

☞ "Sir, you have an education, I suppose," said an illiterate preacher in Maine to a learned clergyman.

"Yes, sir," was the reply.

"I am thankful," rejoined the former "that the Lord has opened my mouth to preach without any learning."

"A similar event," replied the latter, took place in Balaam's time; but such things are of rare occurrence at the present day."

☞ Cut your hay when there is appearance of rain, for when the grass has an opportunity to be well washed before going into the barn, it is, of course, more clean and wholesome for the cattle.

If you have old boots and shoes about the house, fling them into the well where nobody can see them; for cleanliness is very commendable.—*Sandwich Island News.*

Life a Journey.—Consider heaven as your home; yourself as on a journey to it; the affliction you meet with as a course of discipline to prepare you for it; and the treasures you may possess as given to defray your expenses on the way, and to enable you to do something for those who do not enjoy your blessings.

Appointment by the Governor.

26th December.

Joseph Caples, Sheriff of Clatsop county, vice Thomas Owens, resigned.

Peter H. Burnett. A. L. Lovejoy.

BURNETT & LOVEJOY,

Attorneys and Counsellors at Law,

And Solicitors in Chancery,

WILL practice in civil cases in the several Circuit Courts in Oregon Territory, and in the Supreme Court at Oregon City.

Jan. 1st, 1847. 25tf

COOPERING.

THE UNDERSIGNED having purchased the entire Stock, Tools, &c., of J. S. Armstrong, would notify the public, that he will continue the above business, on an enlarged plan of operation, at the same shop formerly occupied by J. S. A., being one door north of the residence of A. Hood, Esq, where he will fulfill all contracts in his line of business.

BUCKETS, TUBS, CHURNS, FLOUR AND PORK BARRELS, &c., will be furnished at the shortest notice.

WILLIAM BARLOW.

Oregon City, Jan. 7, 1847. 25tf

Female School.

MRS. N. M. THORNTON will open a SCHOOL in this city, on the 1st day of February next, for the instruction of young Ladies and Misses. A quarter will consist of eleven weeks.

All the branches usually comprised in a thorough English education, will be taught in this School, together with plain and fancy Needle Work, Drawing and Painting in mezzotinto and water colors.

For particulars as to terms, inquire of Mrs. T.

Oregon City, Jan. 7, 1847. 3t25

Farm For Sale.

THE SUBSCRIBER offers for sale his valuable country seat, about seven miles above Oregon City, near the Willamette, in Baker's prairie. There are over three hundred acres of prairie, and one hundred ready for cultivation, surrounded with good fence. Upon the Farm is a good log house, 20 by 30 feet, a well of good water, being well calculated by nature for raising cattle or sheep.

LOTS.

FIVE TOWN LOTS in Oregon City, with buildings on them that pay a rent of $20 per month. Also, his interest in the undisposed Town Lots in Clackamas City.

Any persons wishing to purchase property of this kind, may do well to call on the Subscriber on Water Street. If any person wishes to pay specie, I will make a discount of fifty per cent.

A. HUSTED.

Oregon City, Jan. 7, 1847: 25tf

Prime Chenook Salmon.

FOR SALE—40 Barrels Prime Chenook Salmon—Terms, Cash—or Wheat delivered at the Butte Granary, or at Oregon City. Inquire at the Store of JNO. H. COUCH.

Oregon City, Jan. 7, 1847. 25tf

Dissolution of Partnership.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the Partnership heretofore existing in business between AMOS COOK and FRANCIS FLETCHER, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

AMOS COOK,
FRANCIS FLETCHER.

Jan. 1st, 1847. 25tf

Positively

ALL persons who have unsettled accounts with the undersigned, are requested to make settlement by the 15th of January next; a failure to comply with this notice, will make them acquainted with William Holmes.

S. W. MOSS.

Oregon City, Dec. 22, 1846. 24tf

Medical.

DR. A. R. T. LOCEY, Physician and Surgeon, respectfully tenders his Professional services to the citizens of Oregon City and vicinity, as a regular "Botanic Physician."

He has long since discarded the use of the murderous lancet, and with it the belief, that in "shedding man's blood," to restore life and health to his decayed and wasted energies, he can act in accordance with the principles of common humanity, or the dictates of reason or philosophy. He believes in purifying the currents of life, which are the seat of health or disease; and an accumulated experience of eighteen years practice in the States, has convinced him that, in Nature's ample garden, may be found herbs and plants of sufficient variety and efficacy, to remove, (by timely application,) any of the whole family of diseases to which man's frail nature is subject. Though bred to the study of mineral medicines, as are others, yet, from his knowledge of their effects, from conviction and choice, he has long since renounced, and denounced, the use of the bone rotting, flesh consuming minerals, falsely called remedies, which generate cramps and convulsions, and, in their consequences, subject the constitution to many abiding evils, to nervous excitement and debility, gradual consumption, and premature death.

Acting as Nature's ministers of relief, his medicines are prepared to stand the severest test. The subscriber is willing to stake on the result of the timely application of his remedies to the most inveterate diseases, his reputation as a practical physician, and his honor as a man. He will pay particular attention to the diseases of women and children, to which he has devoted much time. Obstetric cases promptly attended to in the City and country. Office and residence on Water-street, at the late residence of Mr. P. H. Hatch, where he may at all times be found, unless professionally absent.

Oct. 29, 1846. 3m20

Wagon and Cart Tire.

BAR IRON, suitable for Wagon and Cart Tire, assorted sizes, for sale at the Brick Store, Oregon City. Oct. 15, 1846. 19tf

For Sale By Private Contract.

THAT most eligible and desirable claim situated on the banks of the Cattlepootle river (called the Oaks.) It is most advantageously situated for a large dairy, having a splendid range for stock and hogs. It is well wooded with the finest Oak in the country. On the claim are two log houses, one 28 by 14—the other 18 by 14—pig sties—framed barn, 52 by 27—also a house, wood prepared out of cedar, 40 by 25—and about 40 acres of land inclosed. The house is situated about 400 yards from the Cattlepootle, and about half mile from the Columbia, and within three hours ride of Vancouver. This claim will be disposed of at a moderate price. For further particulars, apply to the subscriber on the premises.

A. LEE LEWIS.

The Oaks, Nov. 6, 1846.—21tf

Dissolution.

THE HAT MANUFACTORY, by John Travers and William Glaser, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

W. GLASER,
JOHN TRAVERS.

TO CUSTOMERS.

The Manufactory of Hats will be carried on at the OLD STAND by WM. GLASER, who has taken charge of the entire Stock, and assumed the debts of the firm. Orders filled at the shortest notice.

W. GLASER.

Oregon City, Oct. 24th, 1846. 20tf

A. L. Lewis—LAND SURVEYOR.

A. L. L. respectfully announces to the public that he is ready at any time to survey any claims or landed property, when called upon. All orders forwarded to A. L. L., at the Oaks, below Vancouver, will be attended to. Sept. 29, 1846.—18tf

Clocks! Clocks! Clocks!

A FEW Fancy Metal Clocks for sale, at the store of John H. Couch, for available funds. An awful discount made for cash! No charge made for examining the article. For price, inquire at the store, or of JOSEPH WATT.

Oct. 29th, 1846. 20tf.

Notice.

THE undersigned have this day formed a co-partnership for the transaction of General Commission Business at Oregon City and Portland, under the name and style of F. W. Pettygrove & Co.

F. W. PETTYGROVE,
A. E. WILSON,
DAVID McLOUGHLIN.

Oregon City, Nov. 10th, 1846. 23tf

J. B. McClurg & Co.

SHIP CHANDLERS,

GENERAL AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

JAMES B. McCLURG,
ALEXANDER G. ABELL,
HENRY CHEVER,
} Honolulu, Oahu, Sandwich Islands.

Nov. 19, 1846. 21tf

LINN CITY HOTEL.

THE undersigned proprietor of the LINN CITY HOTEL, being permanently located, respectfully invites the citizens of Oregon to give him a call. Country produce will be taken in payment of dues.

Having purchased the Ferry, I will fulfill the various contracts already entered into; and ferry my travelling customers free of expense.

The travelling public are respectfully informed that the ferry shall be punctually attended to, and every effort made to deserve the patronage of its old customers, and the community generally.

Oct. 15. 19 tf. A. H. FRIER.

The way to keep things straight.

ALL those who have made accounts with H. M. Knighton for ferriage or tavern bills, will please call and settle. As I have sold my ferry and shall close my tavern business with the present month, I must bring things straight.

Dec. 10th, 1846. H. M. KNIGHTON.

Tavern and Tannery.

NOTICE is hereby given to the citizens of Oregon, that the undersigned is now occupying the stand formerly kept by Mulky, on the west side of the river, and hopes to give general satisfaction to all who may call on him. Terms—Ready pay, 25 cents per meal. Price for lodging over night, 75 cents. All kinds of produce will be received for the same.

Also, Hides which he will receive and tan on shares. Places of deposit—Joseph McLoughlin, near the mouth of Yamhill river, and at the Tannery, also, at my Tavern stand.

C. D. SMITH.

Linn City, April 30, 1846.—7tf.

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 Pitch Forks, Hoes, 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 patents.

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—2tf

Farm for Sale.

The subscriber offers his valuable claim, in Tualaty plains, for sale. There are on the claim 80 acres in cultivation, under a good fence, with a log-cabin thereon, and also timber for a framed dwelling and barn, a quantity of shingles, &c. Persons wishing to purchase a good farm, will do well to visit the above, as it will be sold on good terms.

For further particulars, inquire of Wm. Burgess, on the adjoining claim, or of the subscriber, at Portland.

May 28, 1846—9tf A. COOK.

WAGON AND CART BOXES, for sale at the Brick Store, Oregon City.

Oct. 15, 1846. 19tf

Farm for Sale.

THAT superior and most desirable claim, situated on the Yamhill river, and occupied by the subscriber, is offered for sale on favorable terms. It is situated at abt at the center of Yamhill county, well watered, and the best timber in Oregon. The fences are superior, and buildings good. For price and terms, apply to the subscriber, on the premises. RANSOM CLARK.

Yamhill, Sept. 10th, 1846.—17tf.

New Arrangement.

THE undersigned will furnish the best accommodation in his power, to both Man and Horse, and will *charge* nothing at *all*, as he will expect ready pay in all cases. Horses Bought and Sold as usual.

N. B. $200 of Oregon Scrip wanted in exchange for Horses, or payment of outstanding accounts.

A. W. MOSS.

Willamette Falls, Nov. 26, 1846. 22tf.

Notice.

I HEREBY give notice that my note in favor either of John McLoughlin, or the Hudson's Bay Company,—I do not now distinctly remember which party—dated in October 1845, will not be paid unless the payment is compelled by law, as the payment of said note in "good merchantable wheat" has been refused at the granary at Linton.

Dec. 10, 1846.—23tf JACOB HOOVER.

Produce for Sale.

WHEAT, Oats, Corn, Peas, White Beans, and Potatoes. Also, Bacon, Salt Pork, Pork Hogs, and Breeding Sows.

Apply to the subscriber, at his house on the Yamhill river. RANSOM CLARK.

Yamhill, Sept. 10th, 1846.—17tf.

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