



THE SPECTATOR.

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¶The "Temperance Ode" shall appear in our next.

¶We would inform "A Citizen of Clackamas," that the Iowa laws concerning the recording of town plats is of no avail in this country in the absence of legalized surveyors.

¶We are desired to state that Mr. J. S. Rinearson declines being a candidate for Representative at the ensuing election.

AN AGITATING COMPLAINT.—Gentle reader, have you ever had a genuine chill? Have you ever felt as though you were being stabbed in an indefinite number of places, an indefinite number of times, with an indefinite number of icicles? Have you ever had a regular *sha-a-ake*? Have you ever felt as though your whole system was about to shake itself into the largest possible number of pieces and each piece into the smallest possible size? In short have you ever had the Fever and Ague? You are most fortunate if you have escaped it, for to have it is to enjoy the very *luxury of misery*. We pray you may never have it, and as it is of unfrequent occurrence in Oregon you may esteem yourself tolerably safe.

Poor we, however, have just gotten over our fifth or sixth attack of this extremely *agitating* complaint. Faith it has nearly shaken into atoms the few ideas we once had in our knowledge box, and we get up to our labor, just as the Spectator is going to press, to find, in the first place, that we have not room to say much, and in the second, that we have not anything much to say, if we except indeed the "Sketches of Oregon," which it was our intention to have continued in this number, but they have been knocked, as it would seem, into the middle of next week.

TRESPASSING ON LAND CLAIMS.—Since the publication of our last paper, considerable excitement has existed in community in relation to trespassing upon land claims, two large public meetings have been the consequence; indeed the largest ever convened in the Territory; the proceedings of these meetings, and the unequivocal expression of public opinion, may be read in an adjoining column. These meetings were characterized by the utmost decorum and entire unanimity prevailed in the proceedings. There was a free expression of opinion the tendency of which was to sustain the spirit of the resolutions. Numerous speeches were made which were to the point—full of sound sense and determination and we regret our inability, in consequence of late indisposition, to furnish our readers an abstract of some of them as we had intended. Many friends from beyond the county were with us on the occasion and Judge Burnett, R. Newell and J. L. Meek Esq., upon invitation gratified us with a declaration of their views. In truth we have no doubt but that our fellow citizens of the Territory generally will unite cordially with us in maintaining the *spirit of the Organic Law*.

¶We understand that some of the citizens of Polk are indifferent about holding an election in that county for Territorial and County officers. This is by no means right, our friends in that section should do their duty and do it as lovingly. If they do not obey and support the laws, they have no right to expect or ask the aid or protection of those laws. The good of their country demands that they should have patriotism enough, at least, to perform a small service like this.

EXPLORING COMPANY.—We are requested to state that the company to explore the Clamet and Rogue river valleys, will rendezvous at the Jefferson Institute, on the Rickreall, and positively start on the 10th day of June next, provided twenty men can be raised for the expedition. We are informed that Gen. Gilliam, Col. Ford, Maj. Thorpe and W. G. T. Vault, Esq., are using their exertions to raise the company and will accompany it should it start.

THE ELECTION.—Before another paper is issued the people will have met at the polls and chosen their Governor, Members of the Legislature and County officers. We hope every county will manifest becoming interest in so important an event; the vote should be a full one, every man should feel that the exercise of the elective franchise is a duty as well as a happy privilege, and bestow sufficient time and consideration upon the business to ensure good and faithful functioning.

INDIAN DISTURBANCES.—Complaints come to us of Indian disturbances in various parts of the country. Near the Mouth of the Luckamute they have been destroying cattle, on Tualatin Plains they are in trouble with the settlers and here in our midst we are much incommoded by them, indeed recently at the Clackamas a citizen was fired upon by one of these people. It is not to be denied that ardent spirits is the chief if not the only occasion of trouble between the whites and Indians. Almost daily and nightly we are annoyed and disturbed by the drunken revels of these poor benighted creatures. Yet there are laws, severe enough it would seem, against selling spirituous liquors to the Indians. Are they to be violated with impunity? If they are not enforced the consequences may be most deplorable.

Matters may continue on as at present until some depredation of greater enormity will be committed by the Indians under the influence of "fire water" and retaliation ensue that may lead to serious difficulties. It should be remembered that we are entirely surrounded by various tribes of Indians, some of which are of a decidedly hostile character, and it is but the part of wisdom for us so to act as to prevent rather than invite outrage, for an ounce of prevention is said to be worth a pound of cure.

THE CROPS.—It is much feared by the farmers that unless there is an immediate fall of rain, there will be a failure of crops generally. It has been an unusually dry season thus far and by no means favorable for the growth of wheat; the plant is now about forming its head and requires rain to give it fullness and perfection, otherwise it will be but of stunted growth.

YAMHILL COUNTY PRODUCE.—Mr. W. T. Newby, Assessor for Yamhill county, furnishes us the following information relative to the productions of that county, for the year 1846: Wheat 24,546 bushels; Oats 5,217 bushels; Peas 1009 bushels. Mr. Newby states that he obtained the above facts while engaged in assessing during the present year. His likewise places the population of this county at 783 souls.

TERRITORIAL TAX, 1846.—Several of the counties are displaying a spirit of indifference with regard to the payment of their taxes. Lewis, Vancouver and Clackamas counties alone, have paid their taxes in full. Clackamas has paid double the amount of any county. We are glad to learn that Champoege is making efforts to redeem himself. She is the largest and wealthiest county in the Territory and should be an example in all things to her sisters. But what shall we say of Tualatin county which has paid into the Treasury the paltry sum of \$27.75 cents out of the assessment for 1846. Is there no more collected? The people of Tualatin speak of having paid their taxes, therefore, it strikes us that it is high time for those who have received them to pay them into the Treasury.

We believe Yamhill, Polk, and Clatsop are somewhat behind in this matter. They ought to and we doubt not will soon settle all arrears.

THE FOURTH OF JULY.—The Anniversary of American Independence is approaching and we ought to be making some arrangements to celebrate it in a becoming manner. It is a day dear to every American heart, for it is the occasion of the grand re-union of the whole American people, their hearts are as one on that day and in jubilant sounds they testify the measure of that happiness which the wisdom and patriotism of their fathers procured them. Wherever the American may be on "Independence day," whether on the ocean or in foreign lands, that day is peculiarly his own, and is held sacred. We remember that we celebrated our last Fourth in the "Black Hills," it was none the less joyous nor earnest, however, and we made the old hills ring again with our jubilee.

There should be a meeting of citizens to choose some suitable person to deliver an oration and select a reader of the "Declaration of Independence."

¶The Columbia river is rising very fast, and there is every indication of its being much higher this season than usual.

¶The H. B. Co's Bark Cowitz, we understand, has loaded with wheat for Sitka, and is on her way down the river.

For the Oregon Spectator.

MR. EDITOR—I wish to inform the public through the columns of the Spectator, that there will be a company start from this county to the United States on or near the 20th of June. The company intends traveling over Barlow's road. If there is any person wishing to start at that time, we would be glad to meet them and organize a larger company. If any person wish further information address the undersigned at Gen. Clark's, Yamhill county. I expect to start at the time mentioned and return to Oregon next season. JAMES A. BROWN.

YAMHILL COUNTY, MAY 13, 1847.

Public Meetings.

OREGON CITY, MAY 14, 1847.

Pursuant to a notice, which appeared in the Spectator of the 13th inst. for the purpose of obtaining an expression of public sentiment relative to trespass on land claims, a very numerous and respectable body of citizens of Clackamas with many from other counties, assembled at the City Hotel at half past seven o'clock, P. M.

The meeting was called to order and the object explained in an appropriate address by Theo. Magruder—when on motion Capt. Kilburn was called to the Chair and F. Prigg deputed to act as Secretary.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed to draft a set of resolutions expressive of the sentiments of the meeting—G. L. Curry, Noyes Smith, Theo. Magruder, A. Hood and J. M. Wair, to be said committee, who after a short period presented the following preamble and resolutions:—

(The preamble and resolutions will be found below.)

On motion, the report of the committee was accepted.

On motion, those present not citizens of Clackamas, were invited to take a part in the proceedings.

On motion, the above resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Rev. H. Johnson, R. Newell, of Champoege, J. K. Barlow, and W. Mulkey severally addressed the meeting.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to obtain signatures to the above resolutions, viz:—N. Smith, Theo. Magruder, A. Hood.

On motion of S. K. Barlow, a committee of five was appointed to select twelve, whose duty it shall be to investigate and adjudicate between disputing claimants, viz:—S. K. Barlow, R. D. Torney, Theo. Magruder, Hugh Burns, R. Newell, to be said committee.

On motion, the committees were required to report at the next adjourned meeting.

On motion of N. Smith, resolved that the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Spectator, and also that those now concerned in claim jumping be requested to desist from their present course.

On motion, resolved that this meeting adjourn to Wednesday evening, next, at half past seven o'clock, and that the Chairman invite P. H. Burnett, Esq. to attend and address the meeting on the present subject.

W. K. KILBURN, Chairman.

FRED' PRIGG, Secretary.

Whereas the people of Oregon, since the settlement of the country having lived together in peace and harmony—respecting individual rights and maintaining the supremacy of the laws, we the citizens of Clackamas County, as a portion thereof, most sincerely regretting the occasion, feel ourselves called upon at this time to make a public expression of opinion concerning the disposition recently manifested to set at defiance the laws of the land, and to violate the good will and peace of the community by trespassing upon land claims; therefore

1. *Resolved*, That we regard any action calculated to prejudice the claim of any citizen who has complied with the laws, as tending to violate the good faith of community and deserving of the reprobation of every honorable man.

2. *Resolved*, That we view the spirit of the articles of compact as such, that though there should be a chance for evasion or subterfuge, that the object of them was to secure to every citizen under said compact, his private rights, not incompatible or incongruous with the rights of reservation of the U. S. Government, as such we view them, as such we hold them, and as such we will support them.

3. *Resolved*, That we shall look upon every man in any way connected with the movement now in progress, assailing the rights of citizens, as a disorganizer, whose conduct will weaken the golden bond of society and give occasion to mob law and violence.

4. *Resolved*, That we hold all persons who advise trespassers upon small points, relative to what they in their wisdom anticipate may be the future law regulating land claims, as violators of our Organic Law and equally guilty.

5. *Resolved*, That as an order loving and law abiding community, we discountenance all men who by their actions display a want of moral principle and an utter disregard of social obligation.

6. *Resolved*, That in view of the approximation of the Jurisdiction of the United States, we will stand by one another in maintaining the supremacy of the laws, placing confidence in the belief that that government will afford justice to all its citizens.

7. *Resolved*, That in espousing the principles contained in the above resolutions, we herewith affix our names, pledging one another to stand by the issue and support our individual rights, whatever may be the consequence.

On motion of Mr. A. Priest,

Resolved, That we will not give our votes to any man for any public office who is in any manner, shape or form connected with claim jumping.

A. L. Lovejoy	Wm. P. Dougherty
Geo. Abernethy	F. Teve
S. K. Barlow	Wm. Wallace
P. G. Stewart	John Howland
Geo. L. Curry	Jas. Wootton
Fred' Prigg	Robert Pentland
Andrew Hood	Simon Horie
A. B. Price	A. F. Hedges
Jeff. Brown	J. Fenton
Hiram Phillips	James Bechan
C. Richardson	S. Smallman
Walter Pomeroy	Milton Brown
J. M. Ware	S. H. L. Meek
W. Mulkey	Geo. Urban
Albert Priest	Geo. Evans
R. D. Torney	C. D. Sackett
H. N. Winslow	Stewart Morse
W. H. Bennett	H. Burns
W. C. McKay	A. Zachary
A. L. Alderman	A. Husted
A. R. T. Lacey	Jesse V. Boone
Geo. Davis	E. Hartley
Sam'l T. Chase	Ira Bonan
Wm. McKaney	Wm. K. Kilburn
Andrew Louchna	Jas. Bench
James Lapprath	Jno. McLoughlin
J. S. Barlow	Jno. P. Brooks
W. H. Reese	M. Crawford
Jas. McCormick	C. W. Savage
George Gay	John Wayne
R. McCarty	A. J. Holon
E. M. Robson	Obadiah Newton
Geo. W. Rice	Wm. Monroe
T. Summers	C. B. Gray
Wm. P. Hudson	George Brock
John Fleming	R. W. Moxie
Wm. Glaser	D. Wallace
John S. Griffith	J. M. Wyatt
S. W. Moss	A. P. Caldwell
Thos. Purves	F. Hathaway
G. Hanan	H. Black
Henry Evans	John Dorn
Theo. Magruder	James Athey
Robert Burnie	Aaron Butler
S. M. Holderness	Jas. Holman
H. H. Sargent	Thos. Hood
W. F. Goodie	N. P. Mack
A. McDonald	W. T. Newby
Peter H. Burnett	R. K. Payne
Robert Moore	Jno. H. Couch
Wm. Wheeler	Columbus Wheeler
Arch'd. McKenney	Joseph L. Meek
Ransom Clark	E. B. Magruder
Edw. Dupont	D. T. Lenox
Thomas Mason	Greenberry Trekol
Joseph Church	Wm. Geiger Jr.
W. Holman	G. W. Weston
David Crawford	A. E. Davis
John H. Bosworth	Wm. Hood
N. Smith	F. C. Cason
B. B. Rogers	T. P. Powers
John McLuskey	Wm. Holmes
R. W. Hamilton	James Barlow
Wm. C. Dement	Aaron Cook
Wm. Berry	George Cornelius
Wm. Garney	T. R. Jackson
C. D. Burkhardt	Wm. Athey
J. T. Lasater	J. R. Robb
Jacob Caplinger	T. M. Chambers
Wm. G. T. Vault	S. C. Morris
James E. Alsop	L. Van Bebber
Joseph Blount	Rowland Chambers
Peter DeLough	Thomas S. Kendall
Thomas Rot	Geo. Jones
T. H. Seavy	F. X. Mathew
Creed Turner	Thomas McKay

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 1847.

Pursuant to adjournment, at the hour appointed, the City Hotel was more numerously thronged than on the former occasion. The meeting being called to order by the chairman, the minutes of the last meeting were read.

On motion, the report of the committee for obtaining signatures, was accepted.

On motion, the citizens of other counties were invited to take part in the present proceedings.

On motion, P. H. Burnett Esq., was requested to address the meeting, who responded to the call in a happy and forcible address, which received an almost unanimous approval.

A. L. Lovejoy, A. J. Vickers, J. McLaughlin, A. A. Skinner, W. Mulkey, J. S. Rinearson, J. L. Meek, J. Fleming, G. L. Curry, S. Parker, and Theo. Magruder, were severally called on and each in turn addressed the meeting.

On motion, the report of the committee of five to select twelve &c., was dispensed with and the officers of the meeting were empow-