



THE SPECTATOR.

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It is with exceeding sorrow that we feel ourselves called upon to contradict the statement in our last paper, relative to the late Mr. Edward Tremble. The report of his being alive probably originated from the circumstance of a cousin of the family, of the name of Tremble, being upon the road to this country, who unfortunately died on Sweetwater. It is singular that a report so utterly unfounded in truth, should have gained such general circulation and belief.

We understand that a United States government draft for three hundred and fifty dollars, drawn in favor of Mr. Orris Brown of Tualaty Plains, is in the mail for Oregon, which will reach here on Monday next. It will be remembered that Mr. Brown, with Dr. White and others, was robbed by the Pawnee Indians some two years since while on his way to the states, and the above sum of money has been appropriated by congress as a remuneration for the loss he sustained.

EDITORIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

SNOWS RIVER, Aug. 27, 1847.

Dear Spectator—We arrived at this place, a tributary of the main Shutes, or Fall river, last evening, after an afternoon drive of twenty miles. We found Messrs. Barlow, Foster and party, encamped on the rich prairie through which this little stream descends. The road through the mountains, we are happy to say, is much improved, and the coming immigration will, therefore, not experience as much difficulty in crossing as that of last year. Wherever there is grass, it is good and plentiful.

This evening, about an hour before we commenced writing, Mr. Lewis Rogers, recently elected a member of the legislature for Yam Hill county, reached our encampment from the Dalles, whither he had been for his wagon which he had left at that place last year. From him we obtain the intelligence that we herewith transmit, and which we deem may not be altogether uninteresting to our readers.

One wagon, the head of the approaching immigration, arrived at the Dalles on the 23d of August, being an improvement of fourteen days over the traveling time of last year's immigration. We regret to state that the party who came through with this wagon, consisting of ten men, had some misunderstanding with the Dalles Indians, which resulted in bloodshed and death. In this fight between the Wascoans and the whites, young Mr. Sheppard, of St. Louis county, Mo., with whose family we are acquainted, was killed; a Mr. Parker, and another individual whose name we have not been able to learn, were seriously wounded. The principal chief of the Indians was killed, and several others were severely wounded. The whites ignominiously fled, and have not been heard of since; but it is supposed that they fell back upon the advancing company of wagons, who, by this time, it is presumed, are at the Dalles. This affair occurred on the 23d inst. Mr. Parker has been taken into Mr. Waller's family, where his wants have been attended to as well as circumstances will permit. So far as we can learn, the whites are blameable for the commencement of this trouble. What may grow out of it, it will be difficult

to conjecture; we understand, however, that the Indians are much alarmed, and are retiring from the Columbia to the interior, for fear of any hostile demonstration from the immigrants. We are informed that Mr. Waller has sent an express for Gov. Abernethy—the good of which we cannot comprehend. The immigrants, we fancy, are able and disposed to do what is right, and will punish wrong; and if the Indians have done amiss, they will undoubtedly suffer the consequences.

With regard to other items of news, we ascertain but little that is satisfactory. There is much yet unexplored in mystery—the government for Oregon, the bill, &c. We have nothing but reports, and we place no little reliance upon them that it is hardly worth while to give them. It is said that Mr. Shively is coming through as postmaster for Oregon, which, if true, would argue the passage of some bill pertaining to the necessities of this territory.

It is currently reported that General Taylor has obtained possession of the city of Mexico, and the war with that country is consequently at an end.

We have written in haste, in the woods, and used our hat-crown as a desk, therefore you must excuse style, &c. Always sincerely,
GEO. L. CURRY.

We arrived at home, in good health and spirits, on Wednesday last at noon, after the above had been put in type. We left our encampment on Shutes river, within a day's travel of the Dalles, on Monday morning last, and performed the trip to Oregon City in fifty-four hours with pack animals. It is a matter of regret with us that circumstances prevented our attempting to ascend Mount Hood as we had intended doing when we started.

We are satisfied that if it is possible to ascend this mountain, it is perfectly feasible at the present time, as its summits are comparatively bare of snow. We may yet, however, before the season passes, make another effort to accomplish this object. The advance party of the immigration, which probably will number upwards of one thousand wagons, reached our encampment on the afternoon of the 29th ult. We have received no papers or letters from the states as yet, and therefore the items of news that we shall proceed to give, must be taken as reported, and doubtless with many grains of allowance.

All that has been done for Oregon is an extension of mail communication. There will be an express mail and one by sea, via Panama, for which latter route we learn that \$100,000 have been appropriated by congress. Gen. Gilliam, of Polk county, is to have the superintendence of the post office department for the territory, a very good appointment we should say. Mr. David Hill is appointed postmaster for Oregon City, and John M. Shively for Astoria; and last of all, the not least, Chas. E. Pickett, Esq., has received the appointment of Indian Agent for the territory. There, we think that is a sufficient dose for the present. "Bring me no more reports," we exclaim with Macbeth; and therefore we shall wait until the arrival of the mail, which is in charge of Mr. Shively.

W. G. TVVAULT, Esq., who arrived here on Wednesday night last, having accomplished the journey from the Dalles in three days, has kindly furnished us the following information:
GEO. L. CURRY, Esq.

DEAR SIR—It would probably be interesting to you to know some of the occurrences that past after I left you at Messrs. Foster & Barlow's camp on the east side of the Cascade Mountains. On the 28th ult., after Messrs. Foster, Barlow and myself had proceeded to within twelve miles of the Dalles, we met the advance company of wagons, consisting of 16, under the guidance of Capt. Nat. Bowman.

We were informed that Mr. Waller had pursued the company some six or eight miles desiring assistance to return and protect his family and Mr. Parker who was wounded in the affray that took place at the Dalles on Monday the 23d ult.

We then halted for the night. After the wagons had all formed in *correll* we learned that Mr. Shively who has been for some time in Washington City, was in company with a large quantity of papers and letters for the settlers in Oregon. We learned from Mr. Shively that nothing further was done for Oregon than the establishment of two Post Offices, one at Oregon City, the other at Astoria, and the appropriation for the transportation of the Mail via the Isthmus of Panama.

On the 29th, early in the morning, Mr. F. and myself joined a company of men for the purpose of returning to the aid of Mr. Waller. About 12 o'clock we arrived at the Dalles and found that the superintendent of Indian affairs for Oregon had arrived and about five wagons of the emigrants; we therefore thought Mr. Waller and family as

well as all others at that place in perfect safety. Accordingly about sunset on the 29th we left the Dalles for this place, where on the 1st inst. I arrived. About fifty miles from Oregon City at the foot of Laurel Hill, one of the principal peaks of the Cascades, we found three of the men that were in the affray at the Dalles on the 23d ult. They were much fatigued and very hungry, having subsisted for the last six or seven days on dry flour, as they were too fearful to make a fire to bake bread. We soon came up with a company of packers and they obtained provisions and joined them for the purpose of coming into the Valley.

In haste, your friend,
W. G. TVVAULT.
Oregon City, 2d Sept. 1847.

With regard to the late difficulty at the Dalles, we can only say that we had probably been misinformed when we attributed the blame in the matter to the whites. Mr. Aram, one of the party who was wounded in the fight, has since called on us and intimated so that the Indians stole some of their property while they were encamped near the Dalles, and that the Rev. Mr. Waller advised them to retaliate by taking some of the horses belonging to the Indians and holding them until the property was returned, which was accordingly done, and which resulted so lamentably. The Indians along Columbia river are badly disposed towards the whites, and merit chastisement for previous depredations. Had Mr. Aram and his companions maintained their ground, they might have rendered a public service in inflicting punishment where it was richly due. There are four of this unfortunate party still in the mountains, whither they fled to endeavor to reach the Willamette valley. Mr. Aram suffered much hardship and had a very narrow escape. He is indebted to the kind services of some friendly Indians for his safety. Mr. Parker, the other wounded man, is fast recovering as we understand, and may be expected among us in a few days with Mr. Waller's family, who contemplate a removal from the Dalles.

We understand that sixty wagons of the first company of immigrants have taken the northern route.

SUPREME COURT.—The Hon. J. QUINN TARRANT, presiding as Judge of the Supreme Court, will commence the September Term of that Court in this city on Monday next.

A BOSTON NOTION.—Petitions are in circulation in Boston praying the Legislature to exempt those who do not make, vend, use, or derive a profit from the sale of intoxicating drinks, from that portion of the taxes which is applied to repair the mischiefs of such drinks.

ROBERT OWEN has returned again to the United States, having crossed the Atlantic four times in less than six months. Though upward of 75 years old, he is still as enthusiastic as ever in the pursuit of his plans of reform.

THOMAS FITZPATRICK, the well known guide to Captain Fremont's expedition, has been appointed United States agent for the Indians located on the Arkansas, Kansas and Platte Rivers, and not for Oregon Territory as we have seen it stated in some of the States papers.

For the Oregon Spectator.

LONG LOOKED FOR HAS AT LAST ARRIVED.

We are credibly informed that C. E. Pickett has received the appointment of Indian Agent for Oregon territory! Who can believe that the jurisdiction of the United States could have made its appearance in such a form? No one, I am sure, that knows the critical situation of the people of Oregon as it regards their affairs with the natives. The last we heard of Mr. Pickett, he was at the Sandwich Islands. His advice to emigrants to California, recently published in the Spectator, is sufficient to tell the man, in which he says, "kill all the Indians you may find from Oregon to California." Such advice to emigrants! is it not worth a remark? I, for one, am disposed to think there is some mistake, as the office of Indian Agent is the most important of all we at this time most need—a man of sufficiently established character to give credit to the office. Do we not feel sore to think we have so displeased our president that he should inflict such a punishment as this appointment? A. Q.

MEMBER FROM OREGON.—There will be a handsome office created by forming Oregon into a State.—The 'mileage,' at the present rates, will be about \$12,000, as it is 15,000 miles, via Cape Horn, to that most delightful country. The Oregon Member will make his money easy on the constructive traveling principle so much in vogue at Washington.—N. O. Tropic.

The Gradual Scale.

Translated from the German of P. Pfeffel.

A Sparrow caught upon a tree
A fly so fat his taste grew stronger,
The victim struggled to get free,
And begged to live a little longer;
The murderer answered, "thou must fall,
For I am great and thou art small."

A Hawk beheld him at his feast,
And in a moment pounced upon him;
The sparrow frightened, begged at least
To know what injury he had done him;
The murderer answered, "thou must fall,
For I am great and thou art small."

An Eagle saw the fool below,
And quick upon the gormand seized,
"Oh! noble king pray let me go;
Mercy! thou peckest me to pieces!"
The murderer answered, "thou must fall,
For I am great and thou art small."

He feasted; Lo! an arrow flew
And pierced the eagle's bosom through;
Unto the hunter then screamed he—
"Oh Tyrant! whosoever murder me!"
"Ah!" said the murderer, "thou must fall
For I am great and thou art small."

G. L. C.

For the Spectator.

MR. EDITOR—Allow me through your columns to give the public some information respecting the death of Ezekiel Popham.

On the 22d inst., I had an inquest held over the body of the deceased, Ezekiel Popham. It appeared from the evidence given to the jury, that the deceased came into the building where Jos. Holman, a native of the Sandwich Islands, (Jimo,) and John H. Bosworth were at work, and Mr. Popham asked who had been whipping his child. Bosworth said he had. Witness, busily engaged at work, did not hear much of their conversation, but on hearing a noise as if they were in a scuffle, turned round and saw Mr. Popham lying on the floor, but did not know how he came there. Witness then assisted him in getting to his feet, after which Mr. Bosworth struck Mr. Popham twice. Witness thinks the first lick was with the open hand in the face, and the second lick with the fist on the neck; said Popham staggered back a short distance, picked up a stick, and was in the act of raising when he dropped on the floor dead. The jury, after deliberating on this testimony, required that a post mortem examination should be had on the body; whereupon Drs. W. J. Bailey and J. W. Boyd proceeded to examine the body. After which, reported to the jury as follows: "It is our belief that the deceased, Ezekiel Popham, before death, had been laboring for a length of time from an organic affection of the heart and great vessels of the pulmonary tissues, and in consequence of the arterial excitement produced by the quarrel with John H. Bosworth, produced a rupture of the pulmonary artery, and consequently followed by immediate death." Whereupon the jury returned a verdict, that they believed that "the death of Ezekiel Popham was occasioned in consequence of a scuffle and fight between said Popham and John H. Bosworth, and also from several blows received from said John H. Bosworth, in the town of Salem, Champcoog county, Oregon territory, on Friday, the 20th day of August, 1847." Signed by the twelve jurymen.

I hereby certify the above to be a summary account of the proceedings pertaining to the inquest held over the body of the deceased Ezekiel Popham. Given under my hand this 25th August, 1847.

J. M. GARRISON, J. P.

For the Oregon Spectator.

MR. EDITOR—I avail myself of the earliest opportunity afforded me, in forwarding you an abstract together with an outline of my proceedings in relation to the revenue of Clackamas County, for the year 1846, at the request of the County Court of said County.

It is hardly necessary for me to call the attention of the public at this time to the peculiar location of Clackamas County, as it is well known that in and about Oregon City changes of location more often occur than in any other portion of the Territory, therefore more delinquencies must necessarily happen.

The Tax books for Clackamas County were delivered to me in the month of September last, and according to the laws now in force, it becomes the duty of the Collector to settle with the Treasurer in the month of October, permitting barely one month to collect and pay the taxes due from Clackamas County for 1846.

The amount of Territorial tax due from Clackamas County for the year 1846 was \$567 76 1/2. Amount of County tax for the