and informed me that he was on his way to Vancouver and wished me to assist in procuring him a canoe immediately. I was very inquisitive to know if there was any difficulty above. He said four Frenchmen had died recently and he wished to get others to occupy their places. I immediately got him a canoe and concluded to go down in company with him in order to get some medicine for the Indians as they were dying off with the measles and other diseases very fast. I was charged with 'indifference. They said we were killing in not giving them medicine, and I found if we were not exposing our lives we were our peace and consequently I set out for this place. This side of the Cascades I was made acquainted with the horrid massacre that took place at Waiilatpu last Monday. Horrid to relate! The Doctor and Mrs. Whitman, Mr. Rogers, Mr. Osborn, Mr. Saunders, (a school teacher) the two orphan boys, viz. John and Francis together with all of the men at that place, numbering eleven in all. Some are living at the saw-mill which is situated about 20 miles from the Doctor's. A party set out for that place to despatch them; also a party for Mr. Spaulding's to despatch them, and they are not satisfied yet, but a party is said to have started for my place and doubtless has, if true, reached there before this time. O! had I known it when I was at home. I can neither sleep nor take any rest on the account of my family and those with them, viz. my wife and child, the Doctor's nephew, Doct. Saffarans, Mr. McKinney and wife. If I had ten men I could defend myself with perfect ease by occupying the meeting-house which is very roomy and close. You see my situation, as well as Mr. Spaulding's. I have perfect confidence in your doing all you can to get a party to come up and spend the winter here; likewise to go to the rescue of the women and children, and Mr. Spaulding if alive which I think very doubtful.

Delay not a moment in sending a few men for my protection. A few moments may save our lives. I expect to leave to-morrow for home, and perhaps the first salutation will be a ball. My family is there and I must return if it costs my life. We are all in the hands of a merciful God. Why should we be alarmed? I will close by saying again send a small force immediately without the delay of one day. Farewell.

Yours truly,
ALANSON HINMAN.

For the Spectator.

Mr. Editor—I observe in a communication, signed G. W. Bell, published in your last number, some allusions to a report of the refusal of the Secretary to deliver a commission to a Justice of the peace of this county, which I should scarce consider worth notice did they not seem to impute a sinister motive on my part. Upon receiving the blank commissions for the several Justices elected, I learnt that Mr. Hull wished to decline accepting the office, and above four months elapsed without his appearing in order to be qualified, during which time the blank intended for him, was used for a special commission, viz. the Inspector of the Mt. Hood road; at the time Mr. Hull called and expressed his willingness to accept, I had no blank, (the Governor always keeping the same,) but observed that if his delay to qualify had not injured his right to the office (a doubt also expressed by the Governor) I would procure one as soon as I could; the statutes being borrowed from the office prevented my ascertaining the fact at the moment, since which time I have not seen Mr. Hull; though the commission has been ready. These are the simple facts that leads Mr. Bell "to follow the same channel still farther" and as for any motive I could have, I will leave those citizens who know me, to be the judges.

FREDERIC PRIGG, Secretary.
Oregon City, Dec. 6, 1847.

Death at Washington.—Mrs. Allen wife of the Senator from Ohio, died last winter at Washington City. She was a most estimable lady, and a daughter of old Gov. McArthur of Ohio, one of the pioneers of the West.

Captain Kidd's Treasure Found.—A cup and four teen bars of silver, and a box containing antique jewels, set with diamonds and other precious stones have been fished up from the wrecks of Kidd's vessel, near Coffin Dam on the North River. The whole valued at $100,000. Certainly encouraging after such a long search.

☞ We have a copy of Col. Benton's speech, delivered in secret session, on the Oregon Treaty, which we design publishing in our next.

Great Failure.—Hinton & Co., great mail contractors, whose routes extended "all over the West," have failed for a large sum. Their preferred claims amount to $34,000. The catastrophe was brought on by the fierce opposition which the firm had to encounter on their stage route, from the old contractors.

☞ Some Journal says—"The cultivation of the soil is a task imposed upon man." Is it not rather a privilege granted in mercy?

For the Oregon Spectator.

The Washingtonian Temperance Society met according to adjournment at the City Hotel on Saturday evening Dec. 4th. The choir favored the audience with a song.

Messrs. Elliot, Barlow, Berry, Magone & Hartless, made some remarks both against and for the cause.

The pledge being offered for signatures, a considerable number of persons came forward and joined the ranks.

On motion adjourned to meet at this place on Saturday evening next, Dec. 11th, at early candle-light.

Rev. Lewis Thompson, of Clatsop, it is expected will address the meeting.

J. R. ROBB, Chairman.
Carlos W. Shaw, Sec'y.

Indiana.—Some extraordinary scenes were presented during the last day of the last session of the Legislature of Indiana. The enemies of a bill providing for the funding of the debt of the State, and to secure the completion of the Wabash and Erie Canal to the Ohio river, finding that if they remained in their places the bill must pass, took upon themselves the alternative of deserting their posts, in the hope, by this revolutionary movement, of leaving the Senate without a quorum. The session of the Legislature was specially prolonged, for the purpose of giving them a chance to be heard—they spoke against time, called the ayes and noes on every motion, and when all other measures proved fruitless, deserted the hall, leaving this and other bills unacted upon. But it turned out that, upon the final vote, a quorum was present—Mr. Cyrus Taber having left a sick bed, to take part in the deliberations, and to save the state from the effects of this dishonorable conduct. Before the final adjournment, two other Senators came into their seats, and all the measures of the session were carried, notwithstanding the revolutionary proceedings to which we have alluded. There was time, too, to head all such disorganizing attempts hereafter, as the Legislature immediately passed a law which covers the case. It is entitled "An act the better to keep the members of the General Assembly from absconding from their seats and breaking a quorum;" and provides that the Treasurer shall not, before the adjournment of the Legislature, pay to any member a greater amount than one half of the per diem to which he may be entitled, and if any member shall, without leave first had and obtained, abandon his seat, before the time of adjournment, he shall forfeit one-half of his daily pay.—[St. Louis Republican.

From Liberia.—The National Intelligencer publishes the following extract of a letter from an officer of the United States navy, dated Monrovia, Dec. 12, 1846:—

This colony seems to be in as good a condition as usual. We have a rumor that England and France have agreed to withdraw most of their cruisers, and adopt a system of general colonization of the coast. An English sloop-of-war, the Favorite, Capt. Murray, is now here, Capt. Murray has called upon Gov. Roberts, to know the present relations of the Colony to America, and to the Parent Society; also to know if the Colony will make a commercial treaty with England in case of its declaring its independence; and, finally, to ask an exact description of the territory now owned or claimed by the Colony on this coast. You will perceive that these are important questions. Gov. Roberts will not do anything rashly, and Com. Reed will do whatever is required for the interests of American commerce on this coast.

If the goods for the purchase of territory are not now on their way hither, they should be hastened as much as possible. If England or France obtain any territory between this place and Cape Palmas, the continuity of territory will be destroyed, and those powers will not give up an inch without such commercial advantage as the colony will not like to grant.

Probably one of our vessels of war will remain here as long as it can be of any service.

The Intelligencer adds—

The Colonization Society sent the latter part of last December a large and well selected supply of goods for the purchase of territory. It is therefore probable that before this time the colony has secured all the points along the coast which can at present be obtained.

Appointment by the Governor, November 20.

Columbia Lancaster, Supreme Judge of Oregon Territory, vice. J. Quinn Thornton resigned.

L. DANFORTH,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,
Residence in the two story building opposite the Drug Store.
Oregon City, Dec. 9, 1847. 23—tf

Messrs. Burnett & Lovejoy hereby give notice that they have been appointed agents for Mr. Benjamin Stark Jr. and are authorized to attend to his business during his absence.
Oregon City, Nov. 25, 1847. 22—6t

Notice.

I hereby forbid all persons from improving and intruding upon or in any way whatever interfering with any part of parcel of lot No. 2 and lot No. 4 in block No. 7, as found in Hastings' plats of the town of Oregon City.

S. H. L. MEEK.
Oregon City, Nov. 18, 1847. 22—3t

Just Published.

The second No. of the Main street House, corner of Main and third cross streets, Oregon City, is now ready for inspection, where the proprietor still continues to furnish the best accomodation in his power to both Man and Beast and charges nothing at all, you know the *rest*.

There is Stabling attached to the Establishment sufficient to accommodate 100 Horses. A few No. 1 Saddle Horses on hand at all times and will be let or sold low for cash.

I still continue to buy anything that no one else wants.

S. W. MOSS.
Oregon City, Nov. 18, 1847. 21—tf

Notice.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that he intends to petition the next legislature for leave to erect a breakwater near the head of the rapids above the city, with one or more locks, for the safer and more convenient passage of boats.

JOHN M'LOUGHLIN.
Oregon City, Nov. 11, 1847—21tf

NOTICE.

The subscribers offer for sale on reasonable terms, at their Store in Oregon City, the following articles, viz:

DRY GOODS.

Silks, Mouselaine de Laine, Cashmeres, Cashmere de Ecosse, Balzarines, Muslins, Lawns, brown and bleached Cottons, Cambrics, Tartan and net wool Shawls, Canton Flannel, ladies and misses cotton Hose, white and colored, cotton and silk Handkerchiefs, Mohair Mitts, cotton and lace Caps, lace Edging and Insertion, Cassimeres, Doe Skin Gambroons, &c.

Groceries.

Molasses, Sugar, Coffee, Nutmegs, ground Pepper and Ginger, whale and sperm Oil, Salt, &c. &c.

Crockery Ware.

Dishes, Plates, Cups and Saucers, China Tea Setts, Bowls, Mugs, Pitchers, plain and cut glass Tumblers, Castors, Salts, &c.

Furniture.

Bureaus, Bedsteads, Chairs, Writing Desks, ladies' Work-boxes, Looking Glasses, &c.

HARDWARE.

Planes, Rules, hand and back Saws, Sad Irons, Chisels, Gouges, Trace Chains, Bolts, Nails, Spikes, carpenter's Compasses, Razors, Hand Vices, Files, Pocket and Pen Knives, Table Knives and Forks, Scissors, Padlocks, chest and door Locks, Gimlets, assorted Brads, Brass Nails, Percussion Caps, Sauce Pans, Bellows, measuring Tapes, Axes, Hatchets, Spoke Shaves, Steelyards, Shovels and Tongs, Wood Screws, Braces and Bitts, Iron Spoons, Powder Flasks, Shot Belts, Shears, Hand Bells, &c.

Tin Ware.

Six and four quart Coffee Pots, four quart Pails, Strainers, Cups, Graters, Scoops, Cullenders, Wash Basins, Skimmers, Milk Pans, Dippers, Tunnels, Candle Moulds, Tea Caddies, Nurse Lamps, Britannia Tea Pots, &c.

Boots and Shoes.

Ladies peg and sewed Boots, Kid run rounds, children's peg Boots, boys' kip Brogan's, men's thick Boots, men's kip Boots, &c.

Sundries.

Men's and boy's Beaver Hats, Clocks, Cooking Stoves and funnel, Soaps, Window Glass, Dutch Ovens, &c.

Also—20 Tons of Coral at Portland.

KILBORN, LAWTON, & Co.
Oregon City, March 17, 1847 tf

Dissolution.

The copartnership heretofore existing between Robb & Morrison, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. All persons indebted to said company are hereby notified to make immediate payment to J. R. Robb, who is hereby authorized to settle all demands for and against said company.

J. R. ROBB,
J. L. MORRISON.
Oregon City, Nov. 4, 1847. 21—3t

Office Spectator.

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☞ The Recorder's [illegible] City Hotel.
Oregon City, Sep[illegible]

For sale at my store in Oregon City, Plows, Axes, Hatchets, Tools, Seed Wheat, Potatoes, Pork, Store Hogs, &c. &c.

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Sep. 30, 1847.

New Goods.

Just received and for sale at the Store of JOHN H. COUCH, Striped Cotton Flannel, Rowing do; Matlock Blue Flannel, Cassimeres, Satinets, Linsey and Brown Linsey, Cotton Flannel, White Bed Quilts, Bed Cords, Brass Andirons, Tongs and Shovels, Pendents; Gilt Mirrors, Tea and Table Spoons; Looking Glasses; Iron Bedsteads, Hardware, Cutlery, Heavy and Light Brass Kettles, Sperm Candles; Molasses; Coffee; Tea; Tobacco; Brown and White Soap, Shaving do.; Salt; Sperm and Linseed Oil; Spirits Turpentine; Black and White Lead; Paints; Glass; Crockery and Queens Ware; Pewter, Shades and Brass Clocks.

For sale cheap for Cash or Produce.
Sept. 30th, 1847.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE.

The undersigned offers for sale his claim, which is situated in West Tuality Plains, Tuality Co. 30 acres of which is under fence, with other good and necessary improvements upon it; an excellent grist mill is in successful operation upon a stream passing through the premises that also affords a superior site for a saw mill. This water course indeed is susceptible of great milling improvements. A considerable lot of hogs will likewise be sold with the above mentioned property, all of which will be sold on very liberal terms. It would be to the interest of any one desirous of purchasing an improved claim to examine the above.

For further information apply to Capt. Kilborn or
JOSEPH GALE.
Sept. 30, 1847.

TWAULT & THORNTON,
Attorneys and Counsellors at Law and Solicitors in Chancery.
W. G. Twault & R. P. Thornton,

Have formed a partnership in the practice of law, and will attend to business entrusted to their care, in any of the courts established by law in Oregon territory.

☞ Office, Oregon City, where one of the partners can always be consulted.
Oregon City, October 13, 1847. 19tf

Frank Ward. William M. Smith
Ward & Smith,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
San Francisco,
5tf California.

Female School.

The fourth session of Mrs. N. M. Thornton's School, in this city, will commence on Monday, October 11th, and continue eleven weeks. All the branches usually comprised in a thorough English education, are taught in this School, together with Plain and Ornamental Needle Work, Drawing, and Painting in Mezzotint and in Water Colors.

Strict attention will be given, not only to the intellectual improvement of the pupils, but also to their morals and manners. It is Mrs. Thornton's design to make this a permanent School; and her past success and long experience as a teacher, enable her to hope that she will give general satisfaction.

Pupils will be charged from the time of their entering the School, untill the close of the Session. For further particulars, inquire of Mrs. Thornton.

References.

His Excellency, Geo. Abernethy, } Oregon City.
Hon. A. A. Skinner, }
Rev. Wm. Roberts, }
Dr. Marcus Whitman, Wallawalla.
Oregon City, October 4, 1847. 1y8

Oh Yes! Oh Yes! Everybody.

The undersigned having entered into partnership at Clackamas City, would inform their friends and the public generally, that they will carry on the BLACKSMITHING BUSINESS in all its various branches, as follows:—All kinds of Mill work, and farming utensils. Repairing and repairing old Wagons, Carts, Dearborns, &c. Making Tools of every kind made and repaired, also manufacturing Boaring Augers, Bells, Gun Work, Repairing of every description and many other things too tedious to mention, on as reasonable terms as a first class country blacksmith shop in Oregon. NORRIS & CUTTING
Clackamas City, July 6, 1847.

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