Oregon City, (Oregon Territory,) Thursday, August 24, 1848.

OREGON SPECTATOR.

In a previous number of our paper, w. stated that, in a part of a communication appearing in the second number of the "Oregon American," which we supposed to have been written by the Rev. H. H. Spaiding, we were charged, substantially, with having refused to publish a 'History of the Waillatpu Massacre.' This we stated to be an error; but that we had declined publishing a proposed correspondence between Peter H. Burnett, Esq., and the Rev. H. H. Spalding, "touching the causes which led to the Walliatpu massacre, embracing the dootrines and practices of the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches." Of all other persons, we ought to know our reasons for declining to publish the proposed correspondence, and when it was charged that we had refused to publish a "history of the Waiilatpu massacre"-when, in fact, the publication was declined, because that correspondence proposed to "embrace the doctrines and practices of the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches," we felt constrained to brand the assertion as error.

We have declined publishing two statements, which, perhaps, might be called histories of the Waillatpu massacre—one was declined because it was somewhat sectarian, and the other because publication had been refused to the first; but these were in no way connected with the proposed correspondence.

Mr. Spalding now claims that we have done him injustice. Let us see. If so, we shall be as prompt to do him justice as we were to ask it. Mr. Spalding charged, that we had refused to publish a history of the Waiilatpu massacre, as would appear by Mr. Burnett's letter to him. Now, it makes no difference who the allegation originated it is either true or false. If, when Mr. Burnett called upon us, he requested us to publish a history of the Waiilatpu massacre, or a correspondence which would constitute a history of the Waiilatpu massacre, then the allegation is true if we refused to publish a correspondence which, with the circumstances attendant upon the Waiilatpu massacre, was to include the doctrines and practices of the Roman and Protestant churches, then the allegation is false.

We did not pretend to charge, as Mr. Spalding seems to infer, that the error originated with him, nor did we charge that it originated with Mr. Burnett; but we charged that there was error in the allegation, and left it to fall where it belonged, on the one or the other. Our confidence in both these gentlemen, precluded the idea of intended misrepresentation of our reasons for declining the publication of the proposed correspondence. Below, we give the reply of these gentlemen.

It appears to us, that so far as the letter of Mr. Burnett, quoted by Mr. Spalding, is concerned, it might justify Mr. B. in the charge against us, if there was no other correspondence which would give a construction to the meaning of that letter; but in looking behind that letter to the letter of Mr. S. to Mr. B., we find that the same scope was proposed to be given to the correspondence, which, to our mind. rendered it inadmimible in a paper which excluded sectarian discus bable that the letter of Mr. S. to Mr. B. was overlooked by Mr. S. amid his many cares and anxieties. We accept the amende honorable' from Judge Burnett.

ECONOMY, July, 1848.

Mr. Epiron-I have just this moment men the last number of the Speciator, under date of July 18, 1848, in which you make some remarks touching a piece published in the second number of the Oregon American, by Rev. Mr. Spalding, in which American, by Kev. Mr. Spalding, in which you are charged, substantially, with having refused to publish "a history of the Wallistpu massacre." You also state that "confitime last spring I called upon you and inquired if you would publish, in the columns of the Spectator, a proposed discussion between Mr. Spalding and myself, touching the causes which led to the Watliatpu massacre. embracing the decided. ilatpu manance, embracing the decirines and practices of the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches." This request you very correctly say you refund, for the

have been since published in the 26 sum-ber of the American, and speak for them. it. It was with a view to its publication. oan, Mr. Spalding publishes an extract from so much of my letter as shows that mony you refused the publication of the dis-cussion, but omits the other portion in which I object to going into so wide a disme, seemed to imply. You will observe intended injustice to yourself, for whe ter stating his willingness to give to the Spalding or any one else. public, through a letter to myself, or any other gentleman, a full statement of the facts concerning the massacre of Doctor Whitman and others, goes on to say, "In giving these statements in writing, I would prefer to take the course, very much, which I have taken in giving them verbally-i. e., to lay down the principles of the christian religion as found in the Bible, as also the principles of the American Board for Foreign Missions, under whose the day of his death, and attempt to show that Dr. W. was at his post of duty when he fell-to inquire after the causes, direct and indirect, which seem to have brought about this bloody tragedy.; in doing this, refer to the conduct and attitude of 'certain Catholics, and through them, the Catholic church,' before, at the time of, and since the massacre."

Mr. S., in his piece, to which you refer, after stating that "the Spectator was refused us, as will be seen from an extract Mr. Burnett's letter in the last number your paper, then save-" The reasons given in the extract for this refusal, are, that the Constitution of the Printing Association cannot admit into the colum the Spectator, a history of the Waiilatpu seacre." In the extract from my letter there is no such statement made as that you refused to publish "a history of the scre." I stated that you ref privilege asked," and what was the privilege asked, must be seen by reference to Mr. S.'s letter to me, in which he proposes to do three things:

1. To state the facts of the massagre.

2. To lay down the principles of the christian religion as found in the Bible. 3. To lay down the principles of the

American Board. The "privilege asked," was to publish our correspondence embracing these things; and these three things certainly do embrace a great deal more than a mere "history of the massacre."

The language of Mr. Spalding, as I stated to him in my reply, was "general and indefinite," and I could not "determine how far he wished to go." I could hardly suppose he seriously intended "to lay wn the principles of the christian religion as contained in the Bible," for the mere purpose of showing that murder was therein condemned. I could but suppose that he might intend a much wider range

When Mr. Spalding stated that you had refused to publish " a history of the mas sacre"-if he had went on to say, as he did in his letter to me, that in this history he proposed to lay down " the princithe Bible, and also the principles of the grant such a request. I, however, called American Board," (all which were pro-posed to be included in the correspondence,) the public would have understood at once what the reason was. If he had even given the whole of my letter and his tion prohibited it. own, the matter would have been plain.

I was well satisfied that you would not grant such a request. For an editor to pledge himself in advance to publish a correspondence, is hazardous. The fair and generous course is for the correspondence to be laid before the editor, and he can then see the whole matter, and judge ac-cordingly.

You will see, Mr. Editor, by reference to my first letter to Mr. S., that I proposed two principal things in the four propositions I made him. "3d. That you make a written statement of all the material a written statement of all the material dor of Mr. Wait, furnishes me with the facts in reference to this matter, so far as sure confidence, that this matter will be known to yourself, and also so far as you placed in its true light.

have been informed by others."

selves. My second letter to Mr. S. was as well as from a regard to propriety, that not written at the time I exhibited the other or two. In the first number of the American selves and sectarism matter, and confining us to a statement of facts and testi-

"amende honorable," if I had any to make, for I cannot perceive, in candor, wherein cussion as his language, in his letter to I was at all blamable. I certainly never that Mr. Spalding in his letter to me, af. have so high a regard, nor did I to Mr.

PETER H. BURNETT.

TUALATIN PLAINS, Aug. 3, 1848. One Error committed by correct-ing another. To the Editor of the Oregon Speciator:

My Dags Sta-Your paper of July 18 has just come to hand. In your editorial you substantially charge me with an error. In reply, I have to say, in so doing, the editor of the Spectator, himself, has committed an error; and I should do inpatronage Dr. Whitman was laboring up to justice to myself should I allow it to pass nnoticed, and uncorrected.

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That portion of my com pearing in the 2d number of the American, which you pronounce to be an "error," reads as follows: "The St was refused, as will be seen from an exnumber of your paper." "The reason given in the extract, (from Mr. Be letter,) for the retuenl are, that the Co tution of the Oregon Printing Associate causes a unit into the columns of the Spanter a history of the Wallistyn manner.

The extract from Mr. Burnett's letter referred to, was taken from the following: " Bennowy, April 28, 1848. Rev. H. H. Spalding :

"Rev. H. D. Spunning."

"Dear Sir—I received your letter, under date of 11th of April, in due time, and have delayed answering it until I could see the editor of the Oregon Speciator. In your letter you state to me your willing-ness 'to give to the public, through a let-

dertake to make out your statement, I was upon the gentlemanly editor, and he amured me of his great desire to great us the privilege asked, but stated that the Constistitution of the Oregon Printing Associa

> Your very obedient servant, PETER H. BURNETT."

Spectator, having this arrest of Mr. Burnett's letter before him, and referred to, could intimate that I have committed an error, and call for a correction, I certainly am unable to perceive.

The high respect I have for the can-

"4. That we both be allowed to ask exvery correctly say you refused, for the reason that the constitution of the "asson that the constitution in reference to any portinent notice of the early missionaries. Standing in any other consection, I should have course is simple, in a most tion are dispatched in any other communication in valuable; it is assolutely more any the carry missionaries. Standing in any other communication in valuable; it is associated the course is simple, in any other communication in valuable; it is associated the course of the sarly missionaries. Standing in any other communication in valuable; it is associated the course of the sarly missionaries. Standing in any other communication in valuable; it is associated the course of the sarly missionaries. Standing in any other communication in valuable; it is associated the course of the sarly missionaries. Standing in any other communication in valuable; it is associated the course is always and the course is always. If the course is always and the

Master which the eulogy supposes.

One thing at a time.
Your obedient servant.

H. H. SPALDING.

the United States. We have no doubt but that Judge Thornton will do every thing

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ness 'to give to the public, through a letter to myself, or any other gentleman, a full statement of the facts concerning the late massacre of Dr. Whitman and his associates, as also of others abiding at the station, so far as they have come under your eye, and so far as you have received them from witnesses." You add, in conclusion—"All this I will obserfully undertake, provided, finally, you will secure the continued use of the columns of the Oregon Spectator, in which we may publish all our correspondence, provided it be written in courteous language." You also express your unwillingness to enter into the matter unless this can be done.

When I read that perties of your letter making it a condition, that the "continued use of the columns of the Spectator" should be obtained, before you would undertake to make out your statement, I was discussed, and not be an ecclesiastic, or a member of any leichne corfar, aenestally a Jesuif. Such and the ambassador from the Pope should not be an ecclesiastic, or a member of any leichne corfar, aenestally a Jesuif. Such and the columns of the "leichne corfar, aenestally a Jesuif. Such any leichne corfar, and a support of the constitution of the Earl of Eglinton, it was canced by a majority of three votes, that the ambassador from the Pope should not be an ecclesiastic, or a member of any

not be an ecclesisatic, or a mem religious order, especially a Jes are the safeguards adopted in the but.
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demonstrations of the monkophobia. The
Earl of Aberdeen attributed to the Nuncio Earl of Aberdeen attributed to the Nuncio the powers of a Legate, and elevated to the rank of Cardinal the prelate who per-forms the functions of the Nuncio; won-derful tales were teld of papal intervention in free countries by those artful person-ages, who, it seems, monopolize wisdom and wickedness to the damage and confu-sion of the simple minded statesmen of all countries.

countries.

The Home News of Pebruary 24, says:

'On Friday, 16th February, Lord John Russell-made his financial statement. It was a painful revelation. It was a counterpart, as Mr. Cebden said, of the balance sheets of half the mercantile firms in the sheets of half the mercantile firms in the country. He told us of the disasters of last year; of a defeit in the treasury; of increased taxation. He calculates an acceptability for the year 1848-0 of \$54.

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rn section of the conservative. We extract the following fro