



THE SPECTATOR.

OREGON CITY.

THURSDAY, MAY 10, 1850.

Legislative Assembly.

Friday, 10.—Immediately after the assembling of the two Houses, it was announced that the Hon. David Hill had deceased on the preceding day, and after the adoption of the usual resolutions, both Houses adjourned till Monday at 10 o'clock, A. M.

Monday, 13. **CONV. C.**—The day was occupied with the bills which came up in order, providing for the licensing and taxing merchants, and also to provide for the chartering of a bridge company at La Fayette in Yam Hill county. Both these bills were warmly opposed and will undergo some important amendments before their final passage.

HOUSE.—Mr. Curry presented a petition from citizens of Clackamas county, asking for the location of the County Seat of the county. Also a petition asking for a road from Oregon city to Molala.

Col. King introduced a joint resolution to enquire into "the propriety of calling a Convention for the purpose of framing a State Constitution preparatory to admitting this Territory as a State into the Union."

This important and popular measure was shoved off the track by the adoption of the following resolution.

Resolved, The Council concurring therein, that our Delegate in Congress be requested to use his influence to have the organic law of this Territory so amended that the Governor and Secretary may be elected by the people.

Mr. Davidson, of Marion, introduced a bill to provide for the payment of the officers who served in the Cayuse War.

Mr. Shaw, of Marion, introduced a joint resolution to provide for the election of a Commissioner to settle the Cayuse War Claim, in place of Judge Skinner, resigned.

Some time was spent in committee of the whole, on the bill to repeal so much of the Revenue Law as relates to taxing land claims, and after some consideration thereon, the committee rose and the House adjourned.

On Tuesday and Wednesday there was so little done in either house, that we find nothing worth recording, excepting that a joint resolution was adopted, requesting our Delegate to Congress to use his influence to have the mail steamers come to Portland semi-monthly.

The Legislature will probably adjourn on Saturday, or early next week.

News from the States.

Through the politeness of Dr. McLaughlin, we have been permitted to see a copy of the New York Herald of March 9.—The only news of importance brought by this paper, is that Senators Webster and Calhoun had delivered speeches in the U. S. Senate, on the slavery question, which have produced a great sensation throughout the Union. The views of these Senators seem to harmonize, and it is said that Mr. Bell would introduce a new compromise, on which it was thought a majority of both branches of Congress would agree, and thus settle the slavery question for the present.

MAIL STEAMERS. We have been informed on good authority, that the United States Mail Steamer Caroline is advertised at San Francisco to sail on the 15th inst., from that city, for Portland, Oregon.

COURT.—A special term of the District Court is now in session in this city. The inquiries of the grand jury progress tardily, an account of the reluctance of witnesses to come up to the work. Those who shrink or shirk now in the Cayuse affair, will be held to a strict accountability by the public.

We publish on our fourth page a letter from the Hon. S. R. Thurston, which, though addressed to us as a private letter, yet we thought it entirely too good to keep to ourself.

The Deserters, to the number of 22 have reached California in safety.

Information Wanted.

The father of Talmadge B. Wood wishes information concerning his son. T. B. Wood was formerly engaged in business at Hunt's mill on the Columbia, but was some time since killed by the Indians in California. His father now wishes information, "as to his circumstances while in Oregon, the time of his leaving; how he left his affairs, and with whom he engaged in business, and also whom he may address for further information." Any one who can do it, would confer a great favor by conveying the desired information to Jesse Wood, Ballston Spa, Saratoga Co., N. Y.

INFORMATION is also wanted with reference to Mathew Neally, whose whereabouts is unknown to his friends. Any information conveyed to his father, "S. S. Neally, Burlington Iowa," would be gratefully received.

Mail Routes.

We have received, and now lay before our readers, the following *amiable and lucid* expose of post office affairs, from the Agent. We raised so few objections, not because there were not very many, but because a bare sample was sufficient for our purpose. For the further information of our readers, and the agent, we publish in this paper the schedule of mail routes proposed by Mr. Thurston, in Congress, which is altogether the best and most judicious we have yet seen. We are at a loss to know whether the following was intended as an advertisement, or a communication, but we finally concluded to view it in the latter manner, and publish it accordingly. And as the agent has kindly improved his plan, by connecting this place and Yam Hill, we will take encouragement to suggest from time to time, such other improvements as present themselves.

I must say I have been no little surprised to have learned through your valuable paper, of so few objections to the mail routes proposed to be temporarily established by my direction, as agent for the post office Department; and also with regard to the distributing office for the Territory.

The latter, however, is so obviously necessary, I cannot see why there has not been more objections made known that has yet been spoken of. I do not in this propose to take up and discuss this subject, where we might at once be considered as living at the point necessarily designated for its location, and consequently interested in establishing the fact; but as I am doing nothing in the matter but what is for the service of the community, it is that community who might ask me for an explanation. I therefore shall say the reasons for establishing the distributing post office at Portland is, first, because the wisdom of the Legislature at its last session recommended to Congress this arrangement, by their making this the point to which they consigned our mails from the States should be directly landed; and as the country is interested in this, I hope any one section, or even two in connection, will not expect to be favored with this, at the expense of the Territory—without holding myself accountable to the wishes of any particular section or single individual, as to my own, or whether these acts be authorized by the Department—it is not necessary here to discuss; these are matters which I presume will be determined by those who are not in the habit of whimsical editorial railings. But before leaving the office, (which I perhaps should not have accepted if I had known that this service had been sought after by another, who I am very well satisfied would have performed the service better than I—and who, until lately, I had not known would take this office.) I will suggest, in conclusion, that as nothing has been done by me or will be done at present, but put into operation what the necessities of the country require; and although my temporary action will be necessary to execute any thing, we must have some propositions made for conveying mails on the most important routes, before they can be let—and before the dreaded catastrophe! suggested by the editor of the Spectator, of being "cut off from the upper country" communications. We will say that he has very properly remarked that they should have a mail route to Yam Hill, and I also had written out another from Linn city to Hillsborough, in Tualatin Plains. These two routes and another alteration, or addition, to my former offer, for sealed proposals had been prepared, but before I could get it to the office, the punctuality of the printing establishment of the Spectator, brought my advertisement in fine style, ready for posting; therefore, I shall leave my acts to be criticised by those whose privilege it is to see every one has done his duty.

I desire to make the following additional offer for Sealed Proposals, in connection with those previously published, for transporting the U. S. Mail:

From Linn city to La Fayette, once each week;

From Linn city to Hillsborough, in Tualatin Plains once each week; together with the additional alteration in the former proposal of

From Salem to Skinner's, via Albany and Marvaville, to Skinner's; also, From Skinner's to Levi Scott's, in Umpqua Valley.

It may be also said that it might continue, after the emigration of the gold diggers, to Rogue's river.

P. H. LOWMEYER, P. A.
Portland, May 4th, 1850.

Mail Routes, &c.

Mr. Thurston rose and remarked: Mr. Speaker: I have a matter, sir, which I wish to get before the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, relative to the necessary mail routes in Oregon Territory, and other matters. I take the occasion to say, sir, that the chairman of that committee is anxious that the matters contained in the resolutions should come before his committee for consideration. I have no doubt, therefore, the House will allow the resolutions to be read and agreed to.

The resolutions were then read as follows:

Resolved, That the committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing the following mail routes in Oregon Territory, to wit:

A mail route from Astoria, by the mouth of the Cowitz river, Plymouth, Portland, and Milwaukie, to Oregon city.

Also, a route from Oregon city, through Linn city, Tualatin plains, by way of Wapato lake, Yam Hill Falls, O'Neal's mills, J. C. Avery's, John Loyds, E. F. Skinner's, and Elijah Bristol's, in Benton Co., to Scott's, in Umpqua valley.

Also, a route from Oregon city by way of the Buttes, Champog, Salem, Santiam Ferry, Albany, Upper crossing of the Calapooia, to Jacob Spore's in Linn county.

Also, a route from Nasqually, on Puget's Sound, through the Cowitz settlement, to the mouth of the Cowitz river.

Also, a route from Vancouver to Portland, and a route from Oregon city, by way of Harrison Wright's, on Molalla, Daniel Waldo's, in Champog county, to Jacob Cooser's, in Linn county.

Also, that the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the mail service from Panama to California and Oregon, by transporting the mails between those points twice a month each way.

Also, that said committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the postage on all available mail routes from the States to Oregon and California to the same rates now established by law within the bounds of the States and organized Territories east of the Rocky mountains, and of having but one uniform rate of postage, applicable alike to all the States and Territories of the United States.

Also, that said committee be further instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail route from some convenient point on the Missouri river, by the city of the Salt Lake, to Oregon city, in Oregon Territory, with a branch route from the Salt Lake to Sacramento city, in California, and use the best means of procuring the mail to be carried on said routes.

And the resolution was adopted.

Public Meeting.

At an election for member of Council, to fill vacancy, for the county of Yam Hill, O. T., in the town of Lafayette, on the 4th day of May, A. D. 1850, a public meeting of the citizens assembled was convened. Upon request, the following letter from the "New York Weekly Tribune," of the 19th of January, 1850, was read to the meeting by M. P. Deady, Esq., and remarked upon:

OREGON CITY, Sept. 8, '49.

Messrs. Greely & McElrath:
The Legislature of this Territory, after having taken a recess of three weeks, have met again in this place. Nothing of importance has yet been done, and it is not very probable that much will be done.—To understand all the reasons for this opinion, it is necessary to be on the ground. Gov. Lane has contrived to attach to his interests a few of the members in both Houses, who are remarkable for nothing so much as their busy mischief. While they want capacity to originate measures of enlarged usefulness, their personal enmities, their increasing envy, and their subservience to a Governor who, although he may be brave enough to fight, is not wise enough to govern, cause them to throw the most serious obstacles in the way of those who desire and labor to place the interests of the country upon a broad basis.

Governor Lane rendered himself very unpopular upon his arrival here by throwing himself into the hands of men of bad character and intemperate habits. They appeared at least to have his confidence. From that moment the best men of the country regarded him with distrust, refused to give him their confidence, and ceased to expect much from him that would be worth remembering a single day

beyond the time of his removal. This will not appear extraordinary when you are informed that immediately after his arrival here, the relations between him and a fugitive from justice in Arkansas became close and intimate. A drunken ex-editor, (now a member of brass bands) was also on terms of intimacy with him. In short, the associates of his excellency appeared to be selected, not from the excellent of the earth, but from those who drank very much whiskey that was not excellent, and who had not lost the most excellent reputation in the States.—I do not wish it to be inferred from these remarks that I have ever seen our Governor drunk, nor that I find fault with him for selecting his own associates. I think he had a perfect right to do it. All I mean to affirm is, that a very large majority of our citizens do not approve of the associates chosen by him in selecting his associates. This much I will say, however, that although I am a Loco Foco, as you know, yet I would be happy to learn that he had been removed.

Yours, &c.

LANSDALE.

Upon motion of Clayton Richardson, M. P. Deady, Dr. J. McBride and A. Kinsey, were appointed a committee to report resolutions expressive of the sense of the meeting upon the charges contained in the above letter, and the author.

The committee, after a few moments absence, returned and reported the following preamble and resolution, which was adopted without a dissenting vote—roll voting:

Whereas, A certain letter has lately been read in this meeting, from the "New York Weekly Tribune," of January 19th, 1850, dated Sept. 8th, 1849, over the malicious signature of "Lansdale," grossly abusing our esteemed citizen and chief executive officer, Gov. Lane, with pretending to represent his standing and influence among the people of Oregon.

Resolved, That in the unanimous opinion of this meeting, the charges contained in said letter against Gov. Lane, are entirely without foundation; are false and untrue; and if made by a resident of this Territory—as they profess to be—were *meanly malicious*, as the author must have known better.

On motion of F. B. Martin,
Resolved, That all who wish to assist in the resolution and Gov. Lane, and condemn the letter and its author, sign their names to the resolution; that the certificate of the Clerk of the District Court, certifying that they are actual residents of Yam Hill county, be attached to the letter.

On motion, A copy of these proceedings and a list of the names, is directed to be sent to the Oregon Spectator, New York Weekly Tribune, and Washington Union, for publication.

Capt. J. M. Barnes, A. H. Roberts, Joel D. Cronson, C. M. Johnson, Andrew Hembree, Sylvanus Moore, Franklin Martin, Andrew Baker, Thos. B. Hart, John Bishopp, Andrew Suck, J. R. Hamer, James Ramsay, James Green, Clayton Richardson, Jere. Rowland, D. J. Canfield, Clark Rogers, George S. Nelson, Jacob H. Jorden, Aaron Payne, Joel Palmer, Alvin Kinsey, J. B. Walling, Stephen Staats, Lewis Rees, Jas. R. B. an, O. Ristley, C. B. Hawley, M. P. Deady, F. B. Martin, Jas. McBride, Jesse Henderson, Jacob Haron, Henry Warren, Lewis Rogers, C. H. Graves, Jas. Johnson, F. G. Davies, Wm. Holley, J. M. Johns, Caleb Woods, A. S. Hendrick, Galph Payne, James E. Hayes, Elijah Bidwell, Emanuel Hornor, David Arthur, G. L. Rowland, Daniel Johnson, Harrison Davis, S. M. Gilmore, John B. Rowland, Elijah Mithcan, James Henshaw, Madison Malone, N. M. Creighton, John G. Baker, J. G. Vanmeter, Martin Vaughn, Ezekiel Kennedy, D. Martin Jesse, Joseph Danforth, John Watt, Joel A. Hembree, Joseph Watt, John N. Durham, W. C. Hembree, Jacob Cornegum, Ramon Clark, C. S. Tuston, A. C. Cantrell, J. C. Clomson, H. C. Hill, Samuel Kinney, Wm. J. Martin, John Owensby, Cyrenus Mulkey, R. C. Kinsey, James T. Hembree, Gilbert Munden, J. P. Atkins, Stewart Hanna, B. M. Robinson, John Richardson, H. T. Brown, Wm. McRanby, John Moore, Oliver Moor, A. S. Watt, Miles Casey, A. J. Hembree.

I, A. S. Watt, Clerk of the District Court of the U. S. for the county of Yam Hill, do hereby certify that the above persons are residents of Yam Hill county, and that the above is a true copy of the original signatures deposited in my office at the time of making the same.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my name and private seal (there being no official seal provided).

A. S. WATT, Clk. [L. S.]
At my office, May 4th, A. D. 1850.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9, 1850.
Mr. Editor: Enclosed I send you a letter from Capt. Geo. Kimball, who is now lying at Boston, and is seen to