## E SPECTATOR.

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p. J. SCHNEBLY, EDITOR.

Not having paper of the usual size, we were compelled to issue this number in its present form. This is as much of a porplexity to us as it will be a disappointment to our subscribers. But it is a matter over which we have no control-we have done the best we could do under the circumstances. A large supply is confidently expected very soon by the proprietor. It has been near seven months on the way from New York, and should have arrived ere this. A little reflection on the part of the reader will lead to a full appreciation of our situation—the great space intervening, and the length of time required for transportation, renders it impossible, under the present posture of affairs, to get supplies promptly. Werfortunately, have some paper of a smaller

From the foot of the rapids to Linn-city. we learn, there is now completed and in use a good wagon road. It has been made at the expense of private enterprise. In this we recognise a principle that will build up and improve any country, and all we want is a few more of the same sort. The public are indebted for this work, to Measrs. Walling & Co.

From recent arrivals across the plains, we learn that the latter portion of the emigration to California and Oregon, has suffered very much with the cholers, and that a large number of deaths, for the want of proper medical assistance, have occurred. Last week we recorded the death of a father and two children; this week we have to add an equally distress. ing instance, that a father and mother both died and have left several children to the mercy of strangers; to prosecute, as they best could, the remainder of their journey, which was over 1000 miles, and by far the most difficult part of the route. They were directed to a friend in this city where they arrived a few days ago.

Still another .- We have been informed of another still more distressing; where a mother had died leaving a husband and seven children, the youngest being only about five months old.

At Memphis, Tenn., June 10th, a fatal affray occurred, in which some five persons, Alanson Trigg, E. M. Yerger esq., Gen. Coc, and Majors Connell & Gaines, were implicated; the first was killed, and the two latter were severely wounded. The affray, it appears, grew out of an extraordinary note written by E. W. M. King (late Judge of the Com. and Crim. Court) and endorsed by Alanson Trigg. An investigation into the affairs of the Farmers' and Mechanics' Bank, was the cause of it. The taking of Gen. Coe's life, appears to have been premeditated; he was attacked by three persons at once; one of whom drew a pistol and shot him in the back. His wounds were terrible, but not considered mortal.

ened for the accommodation of the public; the hidden treasure—of the great success but the proprietors have not officially in strange, connected with this subject, is, or advertisement. Not wishing to incur their (the proprietors) displeasure, we omit all further notice.

Near the mouth of John Day's river, about two weeks since, several immigrant families running short of provisions, with the view of obtaining relief, hired a couple of canoes of the Indians, intending to proeved forthwith to the Dalles; they had not proceeded far, until the Indians, perceiving the danger they were in, from their nearness to the rapids at the mouth of John Days' river, went out to their assistance. All wishing to save themselves rushed for the relief party, and soon overloaded the cance, thereby endangering the lives of all; some of them, in attempting to get back, upset one of the canoes, the cance turning bottom side up. The Indians, by their superior adroitness, succooled in saving all the women and children except one child, which was not missed until their arrival at shore. The men portion of them went down over the falls; fortunately, they were all savæd.

## California a Humbur.

In looking over our California papers of latest dates, that have come to hand, we were never more foreibly struck with the fact that this is an age of humbeg. How the press of California can continue to practice such wholesale deception by publishing, for the sake of effect abroad, such marvellous stories as appear in them from time to time without feeling they were, by so doing, practicing the most wicked deception, is a mystery to us. Æsop, in his wildest flights of imagination, was a child in comparison. The foreign press is equally at fault for vicing with each other in the republication of these fabricated, golden stories .- The quarries and mountains of gold so industriously heralded to the world by the news mongers will never pay one per cept, of the debt they owe to dead and dying humanity.

The lengthened visages and bloodless cheeks that greet our eyes upon the arrival of every mail steamer, brings to our recollection the fact, that very many of these individuals were "well to do" in the states, where they came from; but our heart saddens when they detail to us their tales of wo and distress, endured in California. Just think of it, these persons, many of them were surrounded by their families and friends, enjoying peace and plenty; their families reaping the advan-tages of good schools and the benefits of laws of the Provisional and Territorial morality and religion : but how looks the Governments of Oregon, and that your other side of the picture ? Many of them, memorialists have ever regarded it as poor fellows, have paid the debt of nature; many are diseased and east down; many, too, have not only spent all they had and mortgaged their farms in the States to raise money to procure their outfits, but are now "flat broke" -without the means of living and no chance to get back, possibly, to their suffering families; whilst others are daily mingling in associations that would even have disgraced Texas, in the days of her most flagrant outlawry.

cotemporaries - with them the building up their country is of paramount importance. The suffering and destruction of collectional, and charitable and religious life and property on the deserts and plains purposes, of more than two hop-ired lots: cannot be described upon paper; to say nothing of the loss of time and money The probability is that some of these deluded and hoodwinked mortals will return mortalists respectfully remonstrate against to their families; but nine out of every ten will return with empty pockets, and not a few of them with broken constitu-

The question is, are these same scenes to be re-coacted another year, or will confirmed to the purchasers or grantees. the press east assist us in correcting the many and increasing false representations that are currently reported in all parts of the Union ? There is gold in California and plenty of it; but numerous and sudden fortunes are among the things that were—the cream has been taken off-the fortunes are confined to bankers, gamblers, grogery-keepers and property holders, and we might add that almost one half men who signed it:

Andrew Hood chairman, Noyes Smith the fortunes amassed at the present time are directly or indirectly connected with the sale of ardent spirits or gambling,

No kinds of stock will now bring more than half the prices that they can be purchased for in the states, except cows; they command almost any price. Every mail brings tous some new disclosures of of some fortunate one. And what is most the misery and distress attendant upon its obtainal, are seldom alluded to. The Placer Times rather heads-off all the rest and takes the lead. The subjoined paragraph will give some idea of the game that is continually played off upon the credulous :

The Diggings .- We learn from Mr. Nichols, who is in town from Feather River, that so far as worked the different bars are paying remarkably well. Oscaloosa Bar, on the Middle Fork, about 50 miles from here, and about 6 miles from Sto. uingtown, is the claim where the first work has been done in that direction.— Mr. N. left there a week ago yesterday; they had then been at work a little over a week. The labor of seven men, working with a quicksilver machine, yielded \$12,. ry prospect that the bar will continue to pay in as large a ratio. There are ten shares in the dam, four of which recently been sold—the first for \$3,500, the second for \$4000, and the two others for \$6000 each. These shares were purspot, and have seen the evidence of the immense richness of the bar. Mr. Nichols himself one day panned four ounces

in a short time.

In pursuance of artice, a public meeting of the inhabitants of Oregon-city and its vicinity, was held at 3 o'clock P. M. on 'Thursday, Sept. 19th, for the purpose of asking Congress to construct the purpose of asking Congress to construct the purpose of asking Congress to construct the purpose of left in Congress the construction the congress the construction than the construction the construction the congress the construction the construction than the construction the construction the construction the construction the construction the construction the co firm to the owners of lots in Oregon-city, the titles which they have derived from Dr. John McLaughlin.

Andrew Hood esq. was called to the chair, and Noves Smith appointed secre-

The object of the meeting having been stated by Judge Thornton, and remarks made by K. Pritchett esq. and others in fur-ther explanation, Judge J. Quinn Thornton, Judge Albert A. Skinner, and Kintg Pritchett esq. were appointed to draft a Memorial in accordance with the objects of the meeting. The committee having retired, returned at length and reported the followin; Memorial.

To the Honorable, the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, in Congress assembled :

The undersigned, your memorialists, citizens of Oregon-city and of the vicini-ty, in the Territory of Oregon, having learned with deep regret that a bill is now pending before your honorable bodies by which it is provided that the claim of land known as the "Oregon-city claim," is to be reserved for educational purposes, and that all sales of lots thereon, made since the fourth day of March, 1819, are to be annulled and made void, beg leave re-specifully to inform your honorable bodies, that this claim like other claims in entitled to pretection as fully as other claims, under the laws of Congress, with out an intimation to the contrary from any official source until the present time That under this impression, both before and especially since the said fourth of March, large portions of it, in blocks and loss, have been purchased in good faith, by many of them and other citizens of Oregon, who have erected valuable buildings thereo, in many instances, in the expectation of having a complete and suffi-These things are only winked at by our grant such a title to the original occupant.

that since that date, the occupant of said im has made a donation for county. And whereas, if the bill pending should pass, a great loss would fall on innocent purchasers and upon the public interests which have received donations, your meits passage in its present form, believing as they do that it would work a severe. inequitable, unnecessary and irremmediable injustice, and they pray therefore that the title to all lots on said claim sold or donated prior to the present time may be

This memorial was deliated by Elder Heachigh Johnson, the committee, and others, and on motion of Judge Thornton. was unanimously adopted as the source of the meeting.

On motion, it was voted. That the Memorial be signed by the chairman and secretary of the meeting, and circulated in Oregon city and the vicinity for signa-

The following are the names of gentle-

Andrew Hood chairman, Noyes Smith scentury, Forbes Barelay M. D., A. A. Skinner, James D. Holman, W. C. Holman, J. Quian Thornton, Walter Pomroy, A. E. Waif, Joseph C. Lewis, James M. Moore, Robbet Moore, R. R. Thompson, George H. Atkinsen, M. Crawford, Wm. George H. Atkinson, M. Crawford, Wm. Hood. Thomas Lowe, Wm. B. Campbell, John Fleming, G. Hanan, Robert Caufield, Alex. Brisser, Samuel Welch, Gustavos A. Cone, Albert Gaines, W. H. Arch'd McKinley, Richard McMahon, Divid Burnsides, Herckish Johnson, P. H. Hatch, J. L. Morrisch, Joseph Parrott, Ezra Fisher, George P. Allen, L. D. C. Lattorretti, D. D. Tompkins, Wm. Barlow, Amory Holbrook, Matthew Richardson, John McLosky, William Holmes, H. Burns, William Chapman, Wm. K. Kil. born, J. R. Ralston, B. B. Rogers, Charles Friedenberg, Abraham Wolfe, Samuel Vance, J. B. Backenstos, John J. Chand-ler, S. W. Moss, James Winston jr., Sep-timus Huelot, Milton Efficit.—56.

The Memorial having been adopted, the majority of those present signed it and retired; after which A. E. Wait esq. offered the following resolution, which he discussed some twenty minutes, when on motion of the secretary of the meeting it

Resolved, That we regard the selection of the Oregon-city Claim alone for reservation, as uncalled for by any considerable portion of the citizens of this Territo-McLaughlin. and as invidious and unjust to Dr. J.

Judge J. Quinn Thornton offered the following resolution, which was adopted after he had made a short speech showing that many persons had been guilty of the deepset ingratitude towards their benefac-tor, by hot paying their debts, and secret-ly signing a petition to take away his property.

Resolved, That Dr. John McLaughlin

m crits the gratitude of multitudes of some in Oregon, for the timely and continued assistance rendered by a the settlement of this Territory.

Voted, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Oregon Specia.

Voted, To adjourn.
ANDREW HOOD, Chairman, Noves Saira, Secretary.

SINGULAR DIVORCE CASE IN CONNEC-TICUT .- The Hartford (Conn.) Times, of the 17th instant, speaking of a divorce granted by the Legislature of that State, on the 15th instant, says:—The petitioner was married at the age of 20. She was a respectable and intelligent young lady, but owing to some peculiar circumstances, her mind became affected, not to absolute insanity, but she was in a distracted state, and in this condition came to New Haven on a visit to her sister. At this time she became acquainted with her bushand, who is a colored man, through the agency of a colored woman, who v employed by her in washing. Her bus-band had never proposed the match nor she; but one evening she was invited to the house of her washerwoman and there tound a company assembled, and she was informed she had been published, and that those present had come to see her married. She consented, and the ceremony was performed by a colored clergy. man. Her husband then carried be a to New York, and placed her among a conciates that were very designerable to her. He went to California some months or . but has recently returned. She has re-covered from her hallumnation, and looks apon her husband with diegust and hoc He had received her name of hir application for divorce, but did not appear in opposition.

The Necuragian Canal and it Conseques ers. - The fearability of the Nucaragon on nal, contemplated and rather new toron. between the United States and The teis one of the greatest movement that has If the work is practicable so the country of the work is practicable so the country of the work is practicable so the country of the cause a complete and province tracking a throughout the whole a country of the cause of the c in the old continuet as well as male as w The projectors are to construct a caraft, capable of passing from the Xi so to the Pacific, white and stain as of the irresult class, and enabling them to melvoyages from any part or the Albert the Pacific, without goner at and Cap Horn. The world is not awar-importance of this projected with ded it is practicable. It wither the despetal interest for the even ascerts in its pragneth to at a very day as possible. We have been been day as possible. We have been solemn, and positive decidences. corning the works and we so to complete exempestion of the at What is Commission Vanishing Where is Joseph L. White ! Warner all the active multimergation or person of the work? Sile! our! vin! - N = Cork

A Man who enals am er ogn a Norse'? after he was r bbed of his Hair and William kers - The Measure Metropolitin to te sponsible for the following good story:

We once heard the story of a man who not up at one of our western hotels, a his supper, and after having organiv quested the landford to wake how up when the stage was ready, went to bed. mischievens, fundaving fellow entered the apartment of the traveler, after be wafast asleep, and shaved off his hair and beard, both of which were very long. Well, the hour rolled round, the stage, horn blew, and the landlord, true to his engagement, rapped lendly at the traveler's door, and informed him that the stage was in writing for him. Up he jumped, and, in arranging his toilet, happening to pass in front of a mirror hanging in room, he exclaimed, "You have waked up the wrong passenger, went again.

Fine Peeping .- In punching the eye. holes of needles by hand, children who are the operators, acquire such dexterity a to be able to-punch one human hair and thread it with another, for the amusement of visitors.

## MARRIED.

By Rev J. S. Griffin, at his residence in Tunlitin Plains, on the morning of the 15th instant, Charles Mackay jr. and Mizz Mary Spence, both of Washington county.

S. M. HOLDERNESS & CO., Wholesale and Retail Merchants.

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San Francisco. D. G. LATINER.

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NOTICE

3 hereby given, that in the month of July last
we received from the bark Eliss one case of
goods without mark, containing 13 black walnut
label. Tops, and 12 pair of scarlet Blankets. Notice is therefore hereby given, if said goods are no
applied for by the owner on or before Menday the
16th day of December neat, that they will be sold
at public Austion on that day, to pay charge.

J. D. & W.C. HOLMAN.

Oregon-city, Sept. 24, 1850.