

Death of Gen. Taylor.

Correspondence of the Portland Recorder. BIRMINGHAM, July 20, 1860. This event so unexpected, has awakened to small solicitude as to the influence it may have in the present posture of American politics.

A NEW WAY OF GAINING A LIVING.—On the boulevards of Paris there is to be seen a woman, who makes money by experimenting on the sensibilities of the fair sex. The veneration which French ladies hold for the swallow, that precious messenger of spring and good omens, is well known.

COMMENCING EARLY.—The Democratic Union at Covington, Ky., hoists the flag of Cass and Butler for President and Vice President in 1852. This is starting the ball pretty early, though there is seldom anything lost by being in time.

THE FATE OF A RELIGIOUS IMPOSTOR.—The courts of Sarlatina have been engaged in the trial of an Italian sort of "Joe Smith." It appears that a priest named Don Grignaschi had succeeded in secretly persuading some females and priests that he was either Jesus Christ himself, or directly inspired by him.

CALIFORNIA PRESS.—We yesterday called to see the first printing presses of any size manufactured in California. They were made by Mr. Wm. Dunn, corner of Ohio and Pacific streets, one of the most finished and experienced mechanics in the State.

WHAT LABOR DOES.—Labor pays all rents and usury, besides sustaining all waste and decay of different descriptions of wealth. Not a penny does the merchant pay for the use of his place of residence, or for the capital he employs, but what its value must be, in some way or other, wrested from the hand of toil.

Literary Curiosity.

A Hungarian exile, Dr. Gabor Napegy, residing at Washington, has executed a very curious and beautiful piece of Chirography, intended as a letter of condolence to Mrs. Taylor, relict of the late President. The whole work was done with pen and ink, on a piece of paper five feet long by seven broad.

His hair is composed of the following words, so disposed as to appear quite natural. "In the battle field, amidst the sound of cannon, the drums and trumpets, the hurrahs of the soiled and the sighs of the wounded, my locks became whitened." The eyes, viz: "My glance was ever forward—to the Father in Heaven, and for the Republic."

THE MOUTH IS COMPOSED OF THE FOLLOWING WORDS: "I breathed always in the air of liberty—in any other air I could not exist." The nose is composed of his last words: "I have always done my duty. I am not afraid to die."

THE SHOULDERS: "With pleasure I have borne the great duties with which the nation has honored me." The rest of the portrait is filled up in a similar manner, and surrounded by the likenesses of Washington, Tell, Frederick, Barbarossa, Alexander the Great, and Draco.

CURIOUSITIES IN POULTRY.—The Editor of the Cambridge Chronicle has recently seen a hen that had three legs; also a chicken, the product of a double yolked egg, with one head, four wings and four legs, in all but the head presenting the appearance of two chickens grown back to back.

A RECENT NUMBER OF THE BOSTON CULTIVATOR contains an account of two hens hatched from one shell. They had but one wing each, and those upon the left side. They are always with each other, day and night, bitterly opposed to associations with other hens. They are prolific layers; they occupy the same nest, and have attained the age of two years. We imagine that the next convention of Poultry-Breeders will present some rare curiosities.

THE EVANSVILLE (Indiana) Journal says—Last Monday, a stranger made application to our city grave-digger for employment. He was at once set to work digging a grave, which he completed. He was paid one dollar for his job, and feeling unwell, he went to bed. During the succeeding night he died, and in the morning was buried in the same grave which but a few hours before his own hands had dug. We were unable to learn the name of this unfortunate man, or any part of his history, save that said part here recorded.

NUISANCES.—We perceive that the authorities are imposing fines upon some of our hotel and restaurant keepers for creating nuisances, by throwing offal into the streets and back yards. This is right. There is a stench around the kitchens of some of these places, that is perfectly insufferable, and furnishes more cholera food than all other nuisances combined. We trust the proper officers will be vigilant in presenting such places to the notice of the Recorder, whose usual promptness will cause their immediate cleansing, or inflict the consequences.

TRUE AIM OF EDUCATION.—Education ought to agree with our two-fold destination: it ought to prepare a child for two successive states of existence: he is, at the same time, a weak creature, sent into the world to suffer and die, and an immortal spirit that is to pass away into eternity. We are so constituted, that our nature harmonizes with both these vocations. The soul is endowed with some faculties which relate only to its sojourn on earth, and with others which carry its hopes and views beyond this world.

KIDD HUNTING.—The old humberg of Captain Kidd, and his buried treasure, seems so potent in turning the heads of nineteenth-century men. A company of five or six persons, said to be from New-Hampshire, arrived at Hull on Wednesday last, with a Captain Kidd windmill in his head, and strong in the belief that they were sent into the world to find bags of money buried in the sand. Three of them are mesmerizers, and the others all equally wild. They began operations on Long Island, and will find it long enough before they get paid for their labor.

U. S. District Court, Lewis County.

This court commenced its session on Tuesday, November 12, at Jackson's, Hon. William Strong, Judge, presiding. The grand and petit jurors were promptly in attendance at the hour of opening, though many had come a journey of two days to perform the important duty. Of course, when such men are employed, the business proceeds rapidly, and the Bills against different persons for breaches of the Law of the U. S. in relation to Indian trade, were found.

A HOLBROOK was counsel for the libellant. A MOST EXTRAORDINARY LEAP—of either, extraordinary leaps, were made on Friday evening last, by a sorrel mare, the property of Mr. Wm. Zimmerman. A lad about 12 years of age, a son of Mr. Edward Hughes, was riding the animal to water, when being bitten by a dog, she shyed and ran. Her first noble performance was leaping over a wagon loaded with manure, which she cleared at a bound; then taking up the road to Berryman's Mines, she turned, ran down the railroad to where a bridge crosses the Wolf creek; here she paused, gathered her energies, jumped and passed entirely over the bridge, which was not planked, making a clear leap of 27 feet by actual measurement. This leap was performed in the presence of several witnesses, and there cannot possibly be any mistake about it.

DEATH OF NEANDER.—The Berlin correspondent of the Traveller, under date of July 23d, announces the death of the celebrated Dr. Neander, the church historian. He was born in 1789, and accordingly was about 71 at the time of his death.

NORTH CAROLINA ELECTION. Raleigh, August 7.—The Democratic gain in the state is now reported to be 8000. In Rutherford the Democrats gained 1100. They have gained nine members of the legislature.

According to a census recently taken, the population of Springfield, Ill., reached 5,117. A solution of camphor is said to put a quietus upon bed bugs. "There is a great demand," said a Yankee pedlar, "for a species of plaster which will enable gentlemen to stick to their business."

The century in which we live has not yet produced a single President of the U. States. Mr. Fillmore came within one of it, being born January 7th, 1800. Mrs. Partington says, nothing displeases her so much as to see people who profess to expect salvation, go to church without their purses, when a recollection is to be taken.

The New Orleans Picayune announces that Mr. Bullitt, late of the Washington Republic, will resume his duties as one of the editors of the former Journal, on his return from Europe, which is expected to take place early in October. A VOLUME IN A LINE.—At a recent temperance celebration in Tennessee, a little lad appeared in the procession, bearing a flag, on which was inscribed—"All's right when Daddy's sober."

The parents of a daughter born on the Fourth of July, and whose former daughters had wasted the vocabulary of female names, had the "baby" named Ann-so-Fourth. A Dutchman thus describes the New Yorkers: "Find people," says he, "they got apout der streets all te tax, sheetin each oder, and dey calls dat business. "Mr. Jenkins, will it suit you to settle that old account of yours? "No sir, you are mistaken in your man—I am not one of the old settlers."

Regular Line. For San Francisco, Cal. Bark ANN SMITH, Drew, Dec. 15. Big TARDUS, Morthrop, Jan'y 1. FREIGHT and passage, by the regular line, at the lowest rates. Goods received and forwarded by the Agents at Portland and San Francisco, with dispatch and free of commission. STARK & CO. AGTS. Portland, Oregon. November 21, 1850-1116

COMMERCIAL. COLUMBIA RIVER. ARRIVALS AT ASTORIA. Oct. 6—Bark, Iria, Colbours, master. " 7—Bark, Spruill, Pope. " 8—Bark, Collins, Barlow. " 9—Bark, George & Martha, Merriman, master, San Francisco, with order to Frost & Co., Astoria; A. Hand, Oregon City; R. Pendleton, do; M. Patton, Yam Hill; and J. R. Ingalls, Ft. Vancouver.

PROCLAMATION. By the Governor of the Territory of Oregon. WHEREAS, the result of the late annual election for members of the General Assembly and other officers, not having been heretofore proclaimed as the law requires, therefore, I, JOHN F. GAINES, Governor of the Territory of Oregon, do hereby declare and make known that, at the election held on the first Monday of June, 1850, in pursuance of law, the following named gentlemen were returned as duly elected members of the Legislative Council, viz: County of Yam Hill—James McBride, Polk—F. Wayman.

Dr. E. H. Griffin. Will be at his room, "Main-street House," Oregon City, from Wednesday next, Sunday, each week, and at the "City Hotel," Portland, from Saturday next to Wednesday, Oregon City, Oct. 31, 1850-51

Important to Oregon City and the Plains. THERE is now opened and in full operation, in this City, adjoining the City Hotel, an establishment for the manufacturing of Tin, Sheet-iron, Copper, Steel, Plumbing, and all kinds of Jobbing connected with those metals. TINS-WARE AT WHOLESALE & RETAIL. New Stoves set up, broken plates mended, Pump put in operation, Lead-pipe laid, a superior article of Air-tight Stoves for sale; an assortment of large and small Cook and Parlor Stoves daily expected.

Notice to Contractors. We would give notice, that we wish to let the building of two Double Saw Mills—the one to be undertaken from the stump; the other is partly finished. We wish, too, to have both mills completed and put in operation by the first of February next.

Up-River Navigation!! The Willamette river navigable above the mouth of Yam Hill! The new Keel Boat SALEM CLIPPER!! will answer that question by informing the public, that she has successfully navigated this "trifling" river during the summer, as far as Salem, and will continue to carry freight to Salem, or any other landing on the Willamette river, where there is sufficient business to justify it.

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30,000. Lin. assorted Swedish Iron, just received and for sale by ALLAN, McKINLAY & CO. Nov. 7, 1850-51

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Wanted. An enterprising man, of business habits, to engage in the lumbering business, either to furnish logs for a saw mill, or to rent said saw mill on liberal terms.

Steamer Notice. THE Steamer "COLUMBIA" will leave "Walling's Landing," at the foot of the Rapids, every Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, a. m. JAS. FROST, Master. Oregon City, Oct. 31, 1850-51

Plows! THE subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public generally, that they are manufacturing the PEORIA DIAMOND PLOW, laid and pointed with steel, at their shop opposite McLaughlin's mill, Oregon City, at 92 cents per pound.

BUSINESS CARDS. F. ARGENTI. BANKER, 500 N. 3rd St. Astoria, Oregon. JOHN J. BRIDGES, Wholesale and Retail Dealer in Foreign and Domestic Goods, 100 N. 3rd St. Astoria, Oregon.

COOPER & CO. BARRACKS. WHOLESALE & RETAIL. PORTLAND, OREGON. DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF HARDWARE, CUTLERY, AND TOOLS, AND ALL KINDS OF PAINTS, OILS, AND VARNISHES. Oct. 4, 1850.

SHENKIN & CO. COMMISSION MERCHANTS. 26, South Street, Portland, Oregon. Oct. 4, 1850. JAMES H. MARRIS, General Merchant. 110 South Street, Portland, Oregon.

LAW NOTICE. J. QUINN THOMAS, ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Office on the east side of 4th Street, at the Brick Store, Oregon City, Oct. 4, 1850.

W. T. MATTHEW. ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW. Office on Main Street, opposite the Halsted House, Oregon City, Feb. 24, '50-51.

ABRAHAM BULGER, COMMISSION MERCHANT & AUCTIONEER. PORTLAND, OREGON. Gen. REAY, U. S. A., California. Gen. F. F. BURR, Oregon. DAVID R. BROWN & Co., Philadelphia. F. H. TERRY, New York. EMBERTON & GAMMEL, San Francisco. January 24, 1850-51

GEO. P. PORTER, CIVIL ENGINEER, SURVEYOR, CONTRACTOR, AND GENERAL LAND AGENT. Office back of Bonds & Butler's store, Oregon City, July 25-51.

GEO. ABERNETHY & CO. MERCHANTS. OREGON CITY, OREGON. GEO. ABERNETHY, Proprietor. JAS. E. BROWN, Agent. March 21st, 1850-51.

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