

THE SPECTATOR.

OREGON CITY

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@ We are indebted to Mr. Frieden berg for late California papers

65 The communication of Philodaicion came too late for this number; it will be attended to next week.

05 The lines of E. M. we on tile for insertion in our next.

6.5- It will be seen by an advertisement in to,day's paper, that Dr. Barelay has opened a Drug store in connection with his business.

TEMPERAN E MULTING .- A Temperance meeting was held in the Methodist E. Church on Monday evening last. Addresses were made by Reverends Arkinson and Fixner, and J. H. Manchester. Esq., late of New York. We were not present on the occasision, but the eilert of the latter gentleman is spoken of in very high terms. An adjourned meeting, for some people how we keep out of little the election of officers, will be held on neighborhood tombles or different parts of Menday evening next, Mr. Manchester the Territory. That we do not become a will address the meeting again.

60 The Christmas ball is said to have been an improvement on all former ones. We are told the music was extra, the supper excellent, and the dancing manifestly good. For grace and beauty the palm was awarded to Linn city. So the b'hoys

In The attention of our country rea does to directed to the nelvertisement of L. D. C. La Tourette in another column .-Don't wait until you get sick before you al. attend to it. In time of peace prepare for

mates that our brother, who is guardian here, which, by the assistance of Brother of Portland's interests, was a little "how Dryer, we expect to get righted up som come ye so" that hight he was patrolog. We refer to the professional gentry of the the streets, and Don Quixote like encoun- gambling fraternity; the human drone tering numerous obstacles. We don't be- who debase themselves, corrupt our youth lieve a word of it since we read his last and disgrace our country. We have the sermon on gambling. Our Bro. of the Legislature under our special keeping -Oregonian is engaged in a good work .- Brother Dryer thinks we had better take "Hit 'em sgain," we'll stand at your care how we tread on the corns of the back, and "leave consequences to take Washington county Representative. We care of themselves."

60 Some scribbler, through the columps of the "Star," from behind the bush has opened a fire upon us with a sling and was a pretty good left hand compliment. little stones. This was done with the expectation that we would be simple enough a favorite too soon. to write him into notice. He will be most gloriously disappointed. We dismiss the subject with the single remark, that if the library referred to, was franked to the Editor of the Spectagor, we shall claim Hunter brings no later advices from the between a common noun and a chicken it. We shall accordingly, call on the P. States. We were anxiously awaiting the hawk. Tyross. Muster to fork it over.

C'The House Memorial to Congress. relative to the Cayuse war claums, will be appointed, and it is said our disappointfound in todays paper. It is a matter ment is not to end here; we have been that concerns a great many of the people, told that we shall not be able to get a mail of Oregon. For their benefit, and at the at all this mouth; that the agent at San request of a member of the House, we in Prancisco said as much, that he would

plied to the Legislature for a charter to appears to be a screw loose somewhere. meorporate that city. This city was in Aspinwall & Co. have lost, it is said, the corporated last summer, and there are contract for carrying the mail to Oregon. men among us veciferous for a repeal of and that no new contract had been enter-

ing 36 inches in circumference, and weigh, in their own hands, and are disposed to

" Public Balance," is the title of a new paper recently started at San Francisco. From it (Dec. 24) we learn that an affair and a member of the California Guard .spiritless, and prices at a firm stand.

A'Card.

bia, for his politeness and liberality, in tendering the freedom of his boat to families and friends at home, and return promptly to their posts at the Capitol as required. We hope success may attend the enterprize which laid the first keel in Oregon, to plow her noble rivers, driven by the power of steam.

I. P. POWERS. SAMUEL I. M'KLAN Oregon City, Dec. 20, 1260.

The Land Law.

Our readers are aware of the fact, that all persons who have read the Oregon Land Bill, believe that an actual residence of four years on the land, and cul- o'clock was moved by Mr. King, tivation during the same time, is absoluted ried. ly necessary to entitle the claimant to de mainly patent. It will, at once, be seen that if this is the legitimate construction of the law, that all persons resulting to towns, are excluded from its benefits. But we have been rather startled by learning that Judge Thornton has expressed the opinion that cultivation, of any kind, constitutes occupation, and that actual residence, therefore, is not essential to a person's possessing and holding the lands. We have also been informed that Judge Thornton has been requested to prepare his spinion for publication. We shall look for it with great interest, because it his reasoning shall be such as to impress othor minds with his views and opinions, it will effect an entire revolution in the opinions of the public on the subject and very many persons will owe bine a debt of gratirule for informing them how they may haid a claim, and yet attend to their avocations which necessarily confine them to A realleness in town.

the liter perfectly me uptchensible to parts to things that we deeply concern their welfare. And how it is that we can not be made to sympathize with the migned and appressed. We are hid to thes remarks from having received lately several communications, re which we are so. heited to embark in enterprises of a persenal nature, far removed from this local. ity, and which concerns only some half dozen indivoluals. We have neither these taste nor inclination to act as a general regulator of matters and things in cener-These requests are not only short sighted but they are inconsiderat, and feelish if nothing near. There are some 607 Brother Waterman more than into thitle matters to be attended to at home are not one of those who think " the King can do no wrong." Royalty cannot shield him when our rights are invaded. That by the way. He will certainly become

637 When the Gold Hunter left San Francisco, on the evening of the 24th, the mail steamer from the States had not yet reached that city; consequently the Gold States. We were anxiously awaiting the bawk. arrival of the mail in hopes to give the news in this number. But we were dis 67 The citizens of Portland have ap gen when the mail should arrive. There The spirit of the times is be- ed into. Our people have been cheered their own terms. Our business men feel no little concern upon this subject. They

ought to inquire into it.
We have since learned that Aspurwall & Co. having failed to comply with their contract. Covernment had, or was about of honor came off the day previous, he contract, Covernment had, or was about tween a well known member of the Bar to re-let the contract at about one fourth the amount of the former contract. We The matter, after a harmless exchange of are glad to see this change, as overgrown shots, and mutual explanations of the see, 'capitalists have less enterprise and pune onds, was amicably settled. Business, tuality than oprising capitalists who are says the Buttanes, is exceedingly dull and working for a name. The former rely too much upon their wealth, whilst the latter rely upon their efforts to accommodate the

public for success. The undersigned, numbers of the Legis-lature from Clausop county, take this method of expressing their obligation to method of expressing their obligation to oner from the States had not made its ap-Capt. James From, of the steamer Column pearance. She had been due some five or

62 Our thanks are due to Capt. T. A. members, whereby they were enabled to Hall, of the steamer Gold Hunter, for late spend a "Merry Christmas" with their files of San Krancisco papers. We shall endeavor to reciprocate such favors. We set Capt. Hall down as a clever fellow.

> OFA Turnip weighing 154 pounds, directed to the Editor of the Spectator, has been received. It is truly a very pretty specimen of what Oregon can do in this ments perfected for the safe and expeditions line. It was raised by Mr. O. C. Motley, tious launch, which we had the pleasure the appointment of "one Colonel," one of Clause Lounty.

Oregon Lagisla Monday morning, Dec. 80. net pursuant to adjournment. A not being present, an adjourns

Afternoon - A quorum being p the House proceeded to business.

"Mr. Deady presented a petition, d by John McLaughlin and 68 of remenstrating against a repeal of the gen City Charter, and praying for mendment of the same. ommuttee on Incorporations."

"Mr. King presented a petition from A. Clarke and 144 others, citizens of t town of Portland, praying for the ince peration of said town as a city. Refe

ed to the Committee on Incorparations.

Tuesday.—Mr. Powers presented a pe tition from G. Herron and 18 others charter empowering them to build a plan road from Olympia, Lewis County, to some point on the Columbia river. Referred to munities on Incorporations.

Monday Morning, Dec. 30.—Mr. Me 'Annexation Ball,' given at the magnificent Saloop on the corner of Clay and needy and other citizens of Marion county. Rearney streets. The num. present neely and other citizens of Marion county. Kearney streets. The num present praying the location of a road from Oregon was estimated to have been about 600; ay to Jacob Spores, in Lann County ferred to the Committee on Roads and dies.

The City Hospital was burnt to the Mr Humphry, from the Committee on ground. It had at the time about 130

unties, reported a bill to establish the patients in it, who were all saved. It was was trad a first time and passed to a sec-

McKean, chairman of the Commit-Manager, equated at 1 No. 2. There is quite a business, says the Coubul concerning Marriage Upon one rier, carried on in the way of smuggling, and of he till a debate of some interest at Humboldt Bay, of wine, brandy, &c.— The full as reported contained a The largest class vessels can enter there taxes taxing bachelors \$2 for the privil- and discharge. The business between of getting married. It was contended Humboldt Bay and San Francisco is ear-Mr. Waymire, that no become should ried on by coasting vessels. Smuggling He could see no advantage is said to have been successfully attemptthat would result from it, other than an ed down the coast also. An addition mercase of the perquestes meident to the force is recommended to assist the collect

Mr. Hall was in favor of the bill as it Cholcra.—There were, says the Alta odd; that the small amount asked for six new cases up to noon on the 23rd uit. would be a triffing consideration for a man intending to commit ma...mony. We to pay their assessments for the grading were not able to appreciate this part fully, and planking of the streets, or having ever been "all seas over" med to the sleeve of a domet.

After some speechtlying pro and con, up in advance to view, take possession of, vote was taken, and, to the relief of the and locate a town. The company has back hers, the clause was stricken out.

or to the "blundering compositors" of the "bast of four newspapers. "The Even-Oregonian," (for we believe they followed ing Index," is the title of a new whig pa-"Oregonian," (for we believe they followed per, and issued from the "Times" omce, copy—the printers' maxim), but to the same is published by H. B. Livingston & "sapient" ditor himself, that when he comments that "critical triped," to have passing time anticipated. An election Webster's latest close at hand; and whether than the latter part of December. are not able to say, but are sure the orthography would be improved, if there
was one "c" less in the word "preceding"
it. But what surprises us most is, that a man of his complexion should not know how to spell the word "negro's." Please remember the old adage, that " those who live in glass houses should never throw The editor who has so recently exhibited so much sharpness as well as criticism, will please tell us the difference

Launching of the Lot Whitcomb. The launching of a steamboat, such as the capacity of the one that heads this ar tiele, was something new in the Territory We have been informed that it was par ticinated in by a large number of persons. residents and strangers. Christmas was be under the necessity of "sacking" Orestruly a proud day for Milwaukie. We regret to state that the death of a very estimable man, occurred, the Star says: that of Carr. F. Monse, of the Schooner by the bursting of the piece which was been taken in cold blood. ing 22 lbs, and 2 oz Who can beat that lash the Government into submission to Capt. Mosse was a man who had acquired many warm friends here; and when a short acquaintance with, bad strongly preposessed us in his favor-and his untimely fate has cast a gloom over our leaves a family, we understand, at New-

bern, North Carolina.

This being the day for launching this new and beautiful Steamer, which been built here, within the last few months, naturally called together a large assemblage of people from the surrounding country, to witness the launch of a steamer, the product of the enterprise and energy of one of our most worthy citizens. which must be of incalculable benefit to

the interests of Oregon.

At about 3 o'clock r. m., everything beboard, she was cut loose from her fastenings, and slid from the stocks into the water, like a meteor from the heavens. Evething being so well arranged, she went off safely without any straining of the boat, or any other damage or accident.

Great credit is due to the constructor, Wm. L. Hanscom, for the fine model, and the workmanlike manner in which she has been built; and also for the nice arrangeof witnessing.

ayose War Claims." This act pro admission of vides that there shall be elected, on pant or the Union. It was parties. pated in by the citizens generally, foreign ers as well as Americans. The enthus asm was immense. It was truly a gala-Sec. 3rd of said act provides that, "In the investigation of any claim under this." day, and the whole wound up with an en

act, the oath of the claimant may be taken, but no claim shall be allowed upon the oath of the claiment alone, unless corroborated by such other circumstances. as in contraction therewith shall satisfy of this number there were about 150 lathe Commissioner of the truth and matter of the same.

rather a horrid sight to see the inmates a claim may be based, the said Commis-sioner shall be governed thereby, and in where they had been carried out on their beds, scattered pell mell over the hill in so fixed, he shall digratine the value thereof according to the equity and justice of

> he commencement of every ression of the Legislature, said Commissioner shall re-port a list of all claimants, and amounts lowed each.

lature, a copy of which is hereto annexed, (marked A) and made a part of this me-morial. It appears that he has "investigated, allowed and certified, claims against the late Provisional Government of Oregon, after deducting all payments and offsets, the sum of \$70,~30,24." By the same, it appears his producesor, "so au-dited the sum of \$10,400,29, making the ath gold mines. A deputation was sent total amount audited and certified by the present Commissioner and his producessor \$47,230,53. In his report the Commis-

Secremento, says the Alta, can now

or in preventing frauds upon the revenue.

Cholera .- There were, says the Alta.

A number of property holders refused

An expedition had started for the Klaus-

made large calculations in the way of gold

To the Hon the House of Representatives

Your memorialists, the Legislative Assembly of Oregon Territory, legally as-2d day of December, A. sembled on the D., 1850, for themselves and in be alf of the people of said territory, respectfully represent unto your honorable body, that on the 27th of December, A. D., 1847, the family of Dr. Marcus Whitman and others, amounting in all to about twelve or fifteen persons, then stationed at the Waiilatpu Mission, on the Walla Walla river, in Middle Oregon, were brutally massacred by the Cayuse Indians and others, besides fifty or sixty persons taken prisoners at the same time and place. When the news of this event reached the Willamette valley, a short time after-wards, the people of Oregon had organiz-ed a Provisional Government—His Excellency, George Abernethy, Governor. The Provisional Legislature was in session at the time. The lives of American Merchantman, while in the act of touch-citizens, consisting of defenceless women ing fire to a cannon, was instantly killed and children, husbands and fathers, had Everything incoming too enlightened for them. Law up with the false hope of receiving a semi-and order are becoming of lous. We have monthly nord after the first of December. not seen the petition. We are therefore We should like to know whose efficiency ment of the gan struck him in the neck can settlers in the Willamette valley. unable to state the grounds of opposition, has brought about such a beautiful state below the jaw, carrying away one-half of The Government of the United States Lance Beet "-Rey, E. E. Parrish, or of things We have come to the conclusion that Aspinwall & Co. have the whip in 36 inches in circumference, and weigh.

In the contents of the neck, breaking the vertebra of the neck and lower jaw-hone. — threatened calamity. The safety of the Thus it ever is, with us mortals,—truly in their own hands, and are disposed to in the midst of life we are in death."— that the war should be desired into the enemy's country; and that we should not, by delay, invite the Indians (emboldened by their success) into our midst, and theremake each man's fireside the scene of Indian warfare.

In view of these things, and under circumstances so urgent, the Legislature of the late Provisional Government, then in session, were invoked to adopt such means of defence as were in their power. Accordingly, an act was passed by that body, dated Decembr 9th, 1817, authorizing the Governor of the territory to issue a Procla-mation to the people of the territory, " to raise a regiment of riflemen by volunteer enlistment, not to exceed five hundred men, to be subject to the rules and arti-cles of war of the United States army, and whose term of service shall expire at the ing in readiness, and a goodly number on end of ten months, unless sooner discharged by the Proclamation of the Governor.' By the terms of this act, this regiment was rendezvoused at Oregon City on the 25th of December, A. D., 1847, and proceeded thence, with all possible dispatch, to the Walla Walla for the purpose of punishing the Indians, to what tribe or tribes any number of Political speeches. At Bossoever they may belong, who may have ton, a party of thirteen hundred and fifty aided or abetted in the murder of Dr. Mar-

ballot of both Houses, "a Commissioner on Cayuse War Claims," whose duty it shall be to assestigate all clause growing out of, or pertaining to, the Cayuse war.

Sec. 4th provides that, " In all cases

wherein the price or value may be fixed by law, for the thing or things upon which all cases where no price or value shall be the case."

Sec. 8th of the act provides that, "At

By the report of said Commissioner, made to the present session of the Legissioner estimates the probable expense of the war at one hundred and fifty thousand

dollars. *
Your memorialists represent unto your Honorable body, that the Commissioner, by the act appointing him, is empowered with full authority " to take in his possess ion all books and papers, at whatever kind or nature pertaining to the Cavusq war, to subporna witnesses, and take testimony in the investigation of every claim that may come before him. so that in the opinion of your memorialists, it is highly probable that no one claim has been al swed, which law and justice would for

bit. The debts due the several individuals, as ascertained and set forth in the Com missioners report, are for services rendered or materials furnished by the citizens of this Terratory, many of whom by so doing, were left in a suffering condition .-Men left families depending on their daily labor for subsistence, farmers turned their horses loose from the plow in the furrow, and furnished them to the army for transportation. They have waited nearly three years, and have received as yet no remuperation. Your memorialists respectfully but firmly conceive that the expense of the war should be borne by the nation at large. That it was a war fought in self defence for the United States, by the people of the Territory. The time has come when the men who spent time, money and property in the prosecution of that war should be remunerated.

The Perritory is too weak to do it, and meet the demands made upon her resour-

ees by her growing interest . To conclude, your memorialists respect. fully but firmly pray your Honorable body, at your present session, to appropriate the sum estimated by the "Commis-sioner on Cayuse war claims," according to the annexed report, to be expended (un der the direction of the Legislature of this Territory, or by such officer as Congress may direct), in the payment of the expen-ses incurred by the late Provisional Government of Oregon in the Cayuse war. and your memorialists, as in duty bound will ever pray.

QUARTZ GOLD .-- At the rooms of Professor Nooney, we saw some remarkably rich specimens of quartz gold. They were brought from the neighborhood of Carson's Creek, and a company has been formed to work the locality, called the "Garson's Creek, Consolidated Mining Company."— Professors Nooney & Shepard are interested in the project. Machinery has been procured, and the company will go into ac-tive operation at the earliest moment prac-ticable. The mine was discovered by Mr. William Hance, of Albany, N. Y., and we are informed that a specimen which he disposed of some i'ttle time ago has since n sold for \$1600. Two blasts were made in the ledge, with a result which satistics the company that their mine exceeds in richness any discoveries yet made in California. —[Alta Californian.

PRACTICAL ANYEXATION .- The opening of the Fichburgh railroad has done more to annex Canada to the United States than persons left that sity, in one train, on a visit to Montreal. It was composed of substantial citizens from various parts of England. What will the Canadians think Lieutenant Colonel," and "one Major." at such an irruption !- [N. Y. Past.

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Autumnal Equinos, Winter Solstice,

Tue Gaunten's Wire.-Night after night the poor wife sits alone, waiting the return of her truant husband. Each ke at the door—each jar or jingle of the bell
—alarms her, until she becomes nervous from solitude and watchfulness. chirping of the cricket on the hearth, or the mouning of the wind through the casement, serve only to make night hideous. The midnight bell tolls, and still be comes The hour of two strikes-sometimes not. The hour of two strikes—sometimes it is three in the morning—ere his step is heard; and then be enters, pale, baggard, tormented with passion and despair, wild with disappointment, without a kind word, a soft look, or an endearing careas for her whose love he should prize above all earthly jewels. For every pang thus wantenly inflicted on a tender wife and mother, a whole life of penance can scarce ly atone - Noah's Daily Times.

JENNY LIND'S BROTHER.-The Bridge

water (England) Times, says,—
It will be interesting to many of our readers to hear, that last week John Lind, mariner, of Stockholm, son of Hans Lind, Schoolmaster, and brother of Jenny, the Swedish Nightingale," was married in the Register's Office, in this town, to Miss Mary Gee, of Pillgwenily. John had not seen his sister for many years until he ac-cidentally met her the other day at Liverpool, on her professional visit to that place. Jenny presented him with a bandful of money, but John, like his other two prothers, is able and willing to work for his bread, and if his sister were to offer him an annuity to exampt him from labor be would not accept it. He spoke in the most affectionate terms of his sister, stating that she had supported her father and mother since she was sixteen years of age.

Tue Press .- One of our profoundest moralists has said : "The conductors of a press, in popular governments, occupy a place in the social and political system of the very highest consequence. They wear the character of public instructors. To matters of intelligence they add matters of opinion. Their daily labors bear directly on the intelligence, the morals, the taste, and the public spirit of the country.

Injocy.-A careful investigation of one hundred towns in Massachusetts, has bro't to light no less than five hundred and seventy-five cases of idiocy. Of these 420 were idiots from birth, and of this number they obtained information respecting the parents of three hundred and fifty nine.or both, had in some way or other departeither scrofulous, pre-disposed to brain affections, intemperate, grossly sensual, or departurally intermarried with blood relations. These facts teach a lesson the should be remembered .- [Merchant's and

Philosofhy .- A love smitten professor in one of our colleges, after conversing awile with his dulcinea on the interesting topic of matrimony, concluded at last with a declaration, and put the emphatic ques-tion of-" Will you have me?"

"I am sorry to disappoint you," replied the lady, "and hope my refusal will not give you pain; but I must answer no." "Well, well, that will do, madame," said her philosophical lover "and now, suppose we change the subject."

By the death of Col. Wm. Croghan, of Pittsburgh, recently deceased, his daugh-ter, who some years since cloped with Capt. Schninley, of the British army, comes into the entire possession of an estate valued at five millions of dollars.— Mrs. Schninley is now residing at South-

amption, England. How to get an Enemy .- Lend a man a small sum of money for a day or two. Call upon him in a week for it. Wait two months. In three months insist upon his paying you. He will get angry—de-nounce and spoak of you in abusive terms. We have seen this experiment tried re-peatedly, and never knew it to fail.—Ex.

65-A returned Californian says of the country and the people, "I was a stran-ger, and they tooking in.