



THE SPECTATOR.

OREGON CITY: THURSDAY, MAY 22, 1851.

For Delegate to Congress, GENERAL JOSEPH LANE.

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"TEMPERANCE."—The article on our outside headed "Temperance," is aptly illustrated, and we are told well reported.

"MRS. SWISSELM."—An article on the first page from the Pittsburgh Saturday Visitor, by Mrs. Swisselm, is truly the voice of a right thinking woman.

"HUMAN LIFE."—A true picture of man's progress through life—his first and last minute—will also be found on the first page.

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The Post Whitecomb. The recent arrival of this steambot at our wharf has demonstrated the fact that the Clackamas rapids can be navigated successfully.

If boats can now ascend the rapids without difficulty, for they are much worse at the head since the great rise in the Clackamas river...

The success with which this steambot has met, is an evidence that boats, suitable to the wants of the country, can be built in Oregon as well as anywhere else.

Apart from all other considerations, we consider the building of the steambot Lot Whitecomb, not only a credit to the person whose name she bears...

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Legal Opinion. To the exclusion of much other matter, we publish the opinion of Hon. O. C. Pratt, solicited by Mr. Holderness and others.

Oregon City, O. T., May 17th, 1850. Hon. O. C. PRATT, Linn City.

Dear Sir—I take the liberty to ask your opinion on a subject of importance to myself and others in this community.

Oregon City, O. T., May 16th, 1851. Yours respectfully, S. M. HOLDERNESS.

DEAR SIR: Your letter of the 17th inst., pronouncing an enquiry whether the Clackamas county circuit court, as it existed on the 27th day of March, 1849, was a competent court within the meaning of the naturalization laws...

Under the Constitution of the U. States, the power of naturalization is vested exclusively in Congress; and, without going into detail of the provisions adopted and modified from time to time on the subject...

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should be and remain in force until modified or repealed. It is immaterial to stop here and enquire what an anomalous and unusual state of affairs this course of proceeding might produce; it being sufficient for our enquiry to know that Congress has the power and deemed it expedient to exercise it by legislating and making its own a system of laws which had been used by the people before the Territory was called into legal being.

The permanent judicial power was provided for in section 9 of the act, and when the Judges or Justices thereof should be appointed and qualified and enter upon the discharge of their duties, the Judicial and Ministerial officers of the temporary courts, adopted and recognized by the act of 14th August would, and not until then, be suspended.

Where the words of a statute are expressed, plain and clear, they ought to be construed according to their generally understood signification and import only, unless by such an explanation, a contradiction or inconsistency should arise; and, where an act of Congress enacts any matter or thing, it tacitly gives the right of carrying it into effect by all legal means, and therefore, though the words used are not express as to all the matters necessary for the purpose, the court will so construe the statute that its object will be attained.

It was necessary to extend the laws of the U. S. over Oregon, and it was done, Aug. 14th, 1848—as well those concerning the naturalization of aliens as others.

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able them to declare their intentions. And if they desired to vote, in advance of the five years required to perfect their naturalization, it was provided that they could do so if in addition to their previous declaration to become citizens of the U. S. they should also take an oath to support the constitution and the provisions of the organic law.

Allow me, in conclusion, to say that understanding there is some diversity of opinion touching this question, and feeling much anxiety to be neither misled myself nor instrumental in misleading others concerning it, I am free to confess I have occupied me much longer than at first I had estimated necessary.

Liberty is given to do with this reply as may best please you, while I remain Respectfully yours, O. C. PRATT.

GROWTH OF THE REPUBLIC.—The London Times predicts that at the end of the next half century the Americans will number a population of one hundred and ninety millions, and "there cannot be a doubt," it adds, "that if the Union lasts that time, the United States will be the greatest nation the world ever saw."

We understand that the firm of Woodward & Co., of this city, have received the contract for carrying the United States Mail through to the Great Salt Lake.

LITERARY SIGN PAINTING.—The Police in Paris have appointed a committee to correct the orthography and punctuation of Sign-boards.

The Los Angeles Convention, which was held at that city, has elected the following officers: President, MRS. JANE B. WILSON; Vice President, MRS. JANE B. WILSON; Secretary, MRS. JANE B. WILSON.

ELIHU BURRITT says, that the best drops for young ladies, are to drop the practice of dressing thin which they go out in the night air.

EMIGRATION TO NEW SOUTH WALES.—The number of emigrants to Sydney during the past 18 years has amounted to 107,409, of whom 82,033 were sent out at the public expense.

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