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Editorial Correspondence.
The appearance of the country here...
The soil is fertile and the quality of the timber much like the poorer growth of the north.

The district of country lying between the Le Croix and Lukiamuke for farming is decidedly the best we have seen in our travels this side the Rocky mountains.

The Le Croix creek affords some fine mill privileges. It has upon it several mills that are doing a good business; they are several mill sites, owing to the newness of the country, that are not yet improved.

The portion of country south of the Le Croix and south and west of Cincinnati, could not be much better if one had the making of it himself.—Though farming is not carried on to any very great extent here yet.

The county seat of this county was located by the last Legislature as was then thought near the centre of the county on a prairie where there were no buildings of any kind.

Some of the fittest cattle we ever saw were raised along on the Lukiamuke creek, where the range is extensive, and the grass of an excellent quality.

The mill race that runs through the mountains from Lafayette via Le Croix to the mouth of the Le Croix, is one of the most eligible town sites on the river, and a lovely country tract of it.

to the dissatisfaction of the people interested. The post office at Nesmith's mill is not supplied from any of the routes.—These lines have been brought to the knowledge of the Postal Agent—he will no doubt see to them.

RIVER NAVIGATION.—The Multnomah started from Canemah on the 6th inst., on an exploring tour to take a survey of the river and towns on the Upper Willamette. Her progress was impeded until she came to Crisman's bar; some 20 odd miles below Salem; here the water was found low.

The first bar, we were informed, is only about 200 feet in length. This, our informant states, was improved in a few days, and the Multnomah passed to Matheny's bar, which is some fifteen miles below Salem.

Since writing the above we have conversed with Dr. Maxwell, one of the proprietors of the Multnomah, from whom we have gathered more full particulars respecting the receipt of their boat in ascending the river to Salem.

Dr. Maxwell informed us that there are many snags in the channel to interrupt the free, certain and successful navigation of the river above.

The boat was pretty seriously injured at a point a short distance below Matheny's bar; it occurred at what is called the "B sisters," where, in descending, the under-current was so great as to cause the boat to sheer around, in the event of which she was run into the brush overhanging the bank.

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PARTY ORGANIZATION.—The Times of last week is out again in favor of organization, and quotes a long extract from the Washington Union on no partyism; which, by the way, does not touch the question at issue.

The Times leads off in the organization scheme, and the Statesman followed suit, though with less ability and zeal. The course pursued by the latter paper, was out-general the very king of lumbago and such prostration of talents is seldom witnessed in any country.

Oregon is an isolated country, separated from the parent Government several thousand miles—containing but a handful of men to regulate and guard her interests; which are entirely different from that of any other Territory in the U. States.

There are a few political aspirants of the opposition, who care for nothing but self, and who could coolly stand and look at their country sinking with calm indifference, and not care a fig, so they could swim themselves.

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The Statesman has been laboring with all its power, aided by a correspondent, to prove that the late treaty entered into with the Rogue river Indians by the Governor of Oregon was of no avail.—The Indian Agent, Mr. Spalding, says that he has entire confidence in the treaty, its validity, and the good results that will follow from it.

Mr. DRYER—I notice in the "Statesman" of this week a letter from its "interesting correspondent," Ewald, in Uaupages, also an editorial originating therefrom. As the "facts" of the one and inferences of the other are alike false, I beg to hand you another version.

The Alta California, a paper that has been interlarding profusely its editorials with Spanish for years, has grown quite fastidious of late.

The weather has been delightful for the past 4 or 10 days—the thermometer ranging, at its highest, about 87°. In that time we have had two little showers of rain, hardly enough to lay the dust, a very unusual thing.

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COURTING IN OREGON—EARLY TIMES.—It is the custom in all countries in which we have yet lived, for boys to court the girls, and for the girls to receive their attentions. This is natural and of course right. But what we wish, more particularly, to mention at this time is the manner in which it was conducted in the early days of Oregon; it is unique and novel.

A movement is on foot to improve the Clackamas rapids. Several meetings have been held, but on that point unanimity of feeling, we are sorry to say, and success of spirit, that is desirable. It appears exceedingly difficult to get a quorum.

The Clackamas rapids will be removed to Hillsborough before another twelve months. We will not predict what will be the consequence. We are satisfied, however, that the announcement of the fact will not in the least disturb the nerves of our own citizens.

The cholera has again visited Cincinnati and St. Louis. More deaths are said to have occurred at the St. Louis quarantine, two to name, during the month of June, this, than last year.

Two persons were pretty severely injured at a racquet game last week in Linn City by the falling of a beam. The names of the persons were Dr. White, late of Yamhill county, and Mr. Johnson, carpenter of Linn City.

Two persons were drowned, a short time since, at the Cascade by the upsetting of a boat. The one was a resident of that place, the other an immigrant, whose family is now at Portland.

Surveyor General's Office Oregon City, Aug. 15, 1851.

In a short time Deputy Surveyors will be in the field staking township lines, and subdividing into sections quite an extent of country. Understanding that there are many settlers upon the public lands who have not had the corners of their claims established or boundaries marked, I would call their attention to a part of the 5th section of the land law, which is: "That within three months after the survey has been made, before the settlement commenced, then within three months from the commencement of such settlement, each of said settlers shall notify the Surveyor General to be appointed by his act, of the precise tract or tracts claimed by them respectively under this law, and in all cases it shall be in a compact form."

In order to describe the precise tract or tracts claimed, the corners and bounds must be given, and the boundaries should be marked to enable the Deputy Surveyors to locate the lines of each claim properly as he progresses, with the survey; if this is done it will prevent much confusion and delay in adjusting boundaries and locating claims on the township plats.

To those who are cultivating claims, and are not residing upon them, I would call their attention to a part of the 9th section of the land law—"That no claim to a donation right under the provisions of this act, upon sections sixteen and thirty-six, shall be valid or allowed, if the residence and cultivation upon which the same is founded, shall have commenced after the survey of the same."

By giving the above publicity through your paper, you may save many of your patrons much inconvenience.

Respectfully yours, JNO. B. PRESTON.

Notice. The third annual meeting of the Oregon Association will be held at the Cong. Church, Oregon City, on Thursday Sept. 11th at 10 o'clock A. M.

On Wednesday, the 13 inst., at Clatsop Plains ELIZABETH, daughter of Nicholas Kirkwood and Priscilla McBride; born in Versailles, Kentucky, March 13th, 1800, married to John P. Gaines, June 23rd, 1819, for many years a devoted member of the Presbyterian church, a fond and devoted wife, an affectionate mother and friend.

The circumstances attending the death of Mrs. Gaines are melancholy in the extreme. Gov. Gaines, with his wife and family, came down the river on the Willamette, and on Sunday morning went to Clatsop, where he has lately purchased a farm, and to which he was, with the most pleasing anticipations of the future, about to introduce his wife and children at their future home. On the road to their house from Spanaway landing, the horse upon which Mrs. Gaines was riding, backed in between the fore wheels and the cross of a wagon which was accompanying them.

She spoke but once after the accident, and immediately became insensible. The injury of the brain forbade all hopes of recovery, and after lying seventy-five hours in a state of unconsciousness, her spirit calmly took flight, leaving its frail and temporary tenement.

Just Received per Golden Age. A LARGE and select assortment of COGNAC STOVES, of the "New World" and "Princeton" patterns, of all sizes, and furnished with a complete assortment of furniture throughout—extra bedsteads, doors, pins, kettles, &c. &c. which I sell off at prices much lower than they have ever sold in the Territory.

A choice assortment of Queensware just received and on hand.

Also, a good assortment of School Books, Blank Books and Stationery, for sale low.

OREGON CITY AND ASTORIA Regular Semi-Weekly Packet, LOT WHITCOMB, J. C. AINSWORTH, MASTER, will leave Oregon City on foot of the Rapids every Monday and Thursday at 7 o'clock, A. M.

FRANK TELFORD, (LAWYER OF SAN FRANCISCO), ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, SOLICITOR IN CHIEF, Having located himself at Portland, O. T. will give his attention to the practice of his profession in all the Courts in this Territory.

Go it while you're young, FOR when you get old you can't get half as good pine lumber, at double the price, as you can now.

For Sale. The Furniture Shop in the rear of the Brick Store, Fifty-one of Fanning Mill Lane, together with a good assortment of Household Furnishings, also a quantity of Choice Paper, Oregon City, Aug. 18, 1851.