

Oregon Flour.

We have frequently said, and we repeat again, that in no country is there better wheat grown or wheat more fit for manufacturing the very best flour, than the wheat produced in Oregon.

This is a matter that should engage the most serious attention of Oregon manufacturers; so that a trade naturally belonging to us may be secured, and all foreign competition driven out.

Upon the first discovery of the mines in California, it is said, the article of flour of Oregon manufacture was everywhere sought after, and was generally considered the best that could there be had.

We urge that the time has arrived for something to be done. It is not only the interest of those engaged in milling, to see that this matter is attended to, but the farmer wants a market for his grain.

The interests of California and Oregon are identical; the one is almost exclusively a mining country, the other an agricultural one: to exchange the produce of the one for that of the other, is the principle we are contending for.

"The short and the long of it" is, a revolution must be effected—the mills must be improved and our manufacturers must enter the field as a jockey enters a race—the best competitor takes the stakes.

A meeting of the citizens of Oregon City will be held at the Oregon House, at 6 o'clock on Wednesday evening next, to take into consideration the improvement of the rapids.

Stock Hogs.—The one with which hogs are raised in Oregon, and the high price they command as breeders for the California market, at this time, as well as the price of bacon, renders the raising of hogs a very profitable business.

We have received several letters containing inquiries about the printing of the Laws and Journals of last winter's sitting of the Legislature. We are unable to give the desired information.

Though we do not lavish upon those in authority indiscriminate and senseless praise.—Statesman, Aug. 12.

For the removal of the snags from the channel in the upper Willamette, it might be well to obtain subscriptions for that purpose, and from the general fund pay so much a piece for the removal of each.

It was Mr. L. E. Carter, who took the level of the Clackamas rapids, instead of Dr. B. F. Schumard, as was stated by us.

From January 6th to July 1st there were 549 deaths in St. Louis, from Cholera; for a like period of last year there were only 283 deaths from the same cause.

The reader's attention is directed to the Surveyor General's advertisement in another column.

CASCADES, Aug. 20, 1851. DEAR SIR:—The Steamer Jas. F. Flint, which was built at this place, has just completed her "trial trip."

The boat, though small, is I think well adapted to the present state of commerce on this part of the river. It is 60 feet in length, with twelve feet beam, and five feet hold.

After the termination of this week, under the command of Capt. Vanbergen, it is expected to pass daily (Sundays excepted) between the afore-mentioned points, carrying the U. S. Mail once a week.

We have had a weekly mail to the Dalles, since the beginning of this month, and I hail with delight the regular appearance of the Spectator. The Salt Lake mail has not yet proceeded beyond the Dalles, but is expected to do so the first of next month.

On the 17th inst. a young man named William Brown, while sailing in a small boat above the Cascades, fell overboard, and despite the efforts of those in company to save him, he was drowned.

Mr. Wampole, (Indian Agent) has been detained at the Dalles, since the 5th inst. He intends to depart for his post on the Utilla to-morrow.

The health of our city is generally good. One of the M. D's. informed us of the existence of a few cases of what may be termed a species of Influenza.

It has become a matter of considerable interest to a good many of the holders here, to learn whether or not any provision has been made to redeem the government scrip, issued in 1845.

Small parties of immigrants have arrived since our last. We have not been able to get any news of very great interest for our readers; further than that provisions were very scarce with quite a number.

The most dangerous snags in the Upper Willamette, between this city and Salem, have been removed.

August showers of rain have been quite frequent during the present month. The like, we have been told, has not occurred since 1845; that season is said to have been somewhat similar to this.

Allas, McKinlay & Co. have just received and opened out a large stock of new goods, which they promise to sell at prices to suit the times, by wholesale or retail.

ASTORIA, O. T. Aug. 4, 1851. As every thing relating to the entrance of our noble river, must be of interest both to local and distant readers, I send you the following, taken from the log of Capt. Brooks, chief pilot, at present, at the mouth of the Columbia.

The store ship Elizabeth Ellen (Capt. Upham) was hoisted on Friday, 18th July. Found her standing in with a high west wind—at the same time boarded Bark "Golden Age" (Richardson) New York.

Got under weigh. Wind from S. S. W.—attempted to pass by by south channel, but from a dense fog were unable to do so.

Got under weigh—light winds from W.—ship unmanageable.

Wind from S. S. E. Very thick—approached near entrance of north channel—so thick with fog were unable to enter—obliged to stand off.

The GREAT EXHIBITION.—The Secretary of the American Committee, Mr. Kennedy, received by the last steamer a copy of the "Official Catalogue of the Great Exhibition of the Industry of all Nations," published by authority of the Royal Commission.

DESPERATE INDIVIDUAL.—A business man in Philadelphia, it is averred, once determined to ruin himself by advertising; but he found that the more he advertised the richer he grew, until at last he was obliged to give up in despair of ever effecting his purpose in that way.

DECREASE OF BLACKS.—It is stated by Cist's Advertiser, that the colored population of Cincinnati has decreased, since 1840, from one-twentieth to one-thirty-sixth part of the inhabitants of that city, nearly one-half.

THE PRESIDENT'S TOUR.—If any thing would show an endorsement of President Fillmore's course, it has been his late tour through Pennsylvania and New York.—His reception in the city of New York was grand and imposing.

DREADFUL MORTALITY.—The St. Louis Courier of the 2d instant says: We learn that the steamer Grand Turk, from New Orleans, with a large number of emigrants on board for St. Louis, lost 25 or 30 of her passengers by the cholera before the boat reached Cairo.

CHANGE IN THE CURRENCY.—Solomon says that when flour is down to \$3.40 a barrel, and wheat 50 cents per bushel, it takes more than ten mills to make a cent.

The cholera was raging at Independence, Mo., on the 21st of June.

SALE OF WAR IMPLEMENTS.—A sale of war things took place at Washington, last month. Muskets sold at an average of 50 cts.; Swords brought 47 cts.; 2000 cartridge boxes, \$40; bayonets 75 cts. each; per 100; 700 gun stocks 24 cts. each; 75 tons \$112. A great chance for Cuban invaders!

MINNESOTA.—By a letter dated St. Paul, June 9th, we learn that Gov. Ramsey had reached home. Speaking of the territory he says, "The population of St. Paul is about 2500, that of St. Anthony about 1200, of the territory about 10,000. Living, as in all frontier places, is high compared with the standard prevailing in the older States of the West."

LIBERIA.—It is quite refreshing to dwell on such an acknowledgment as the following from a London paper:—"Liberia, of a few years growth, is alone, at this moment, worth more than all that has been effected by the European race in Africa in twenty-two centuries."

GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.—It is a singular feature in the present Constitution of Virginia, that the powers of the Governor cease the very moment he passes beyond the limits of the city of Richmond; or, in the language of the Constitution, so soon as he leaves the "Seat of Government."

MR. WEBSTER'S TRIP AT ALBANY.—"The young men of Albany—the young men of this generation and of the succeeding generations—may they live forever, but may the Constitution of the Union outlive them all!"

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THE ST. LOUIS PAPERS COME TO US WITH EXTENDED DETAILS OF THE RAVAGES OF THE GREAT FLOOD ON THE MISSISSIPPI, SOME ACCOUNTS OF WHICH WE HAVE ALREADY HAD.

THE ST. LOUIS TIMES OF MONDAY, THE 9th of June, states that the water was then 33 feet 4 inches above low water mark, and still rising, being within 5 feet 8 inches of the mark of the great flood of 1844.

AT THE AMERICAN BOTTOM, A FEW HIGH POINTS WERE LEFT ABOVE THE MAIN RIVER AND THE BLUFFS. AT PAPP'S TOWN THERE WAS A LITTLE GROUND LEFT UNCOVERED BY WATER, BUT FOR MILES AROUND THE COUNTRY PRESENTS THE APPEARANCE OF A GREAT LAKE.

THE HANNIBAL (MO.) UNION SAYS: "Considerable damage will be done in this city, though nothing to compare with less elevated places above and below us. From many quarters we hear of the most distressing scenes, accompanied by great loss of property."

Nothing will gather a crowd, and entertain it, like a vigorous set-to by a couple of mastiffs. Our devil says a good dog fight will break up a prayer meeting.

Ladies, when you wish to read a true, simple and unspiced love story, just read over the twenty-fourth chapter of Genesis.

If you wish oaks, plant acorns; if you wish a fortune, plant dollars; if you prefer happiness, sow the seeds of virtue, and cultivate them with charity.

Z. M. Lowry, of Portville, New York, has invented a revolving canon that will kill and discharge itself fifty times in a minute.

The river is gradually falling at this place. The late rains seem not to have had any impression upon it.

On the 31st ult. by Rev. J. H. Wilbur, Mr. Francis Edwin to Miss ELIZABETH MERRILL, both of Washington county.

On Wednesday, at 7 1/2 P.M., ELIZABETH P. HORN, youngest daughter of Capt. Nathaniel Crosby, Son., of Portland, and late of Brewster, Mass.

At Astoria, 3d inst., MARCUS MCKEY, formerly of Wisconsin.

To Country Merchants & others. JUST RECEIVED and for sale by the subscribers, a select assortment of very superior goods, adapted to the wants of the country, and which they invite their friends and the public generally to inspect.

ALLAN, MCKINLAY & CO. Oregon City, August 20, 1851—4w51

REMAINING in the Post office at Astoria, Oregon, August 15, 1851. EDWARD H. HILBERT, 3 Edwin Parin, Jefferson Miller, Hon. S. R. Thurston, John McCoy, Esq. Eli Walker, John M. Smith, Esq. JAMES M. MOORE, P. M.