



Oregon Spectator.

OREGON CITY:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1851.

C. F. Culver, Associate Editor.

To our Correspondents.

We are frequently in receipt of communications from different parts of the Territory, which we cannot publish, on account of the violation of our frequently expressed rule, that "all correspondence sent to us, intended for publication, must enclose in the letter the name of the correspondent."

Standards upon the Governor.

We have for weeks and weeks past, patiently listened to the continued and uncalced attacks of the Statesman editor upon the Governor of this Territory, not only in his public but private character.

But the shafts of malice aimed at Gov. G. fall harmlessly to the ground, far short of their mark; for the motives that prompt their production, and the unenviable notoriety of the writer, are familiar to all.

THE FIRE.—We believe but one opinion is entertained by our citizens as to the origin of the fire that destroyed the law office of J. Q. Thornton in this city, and that is, that it was the work of an incendiary.

Why is it? That we have but a semi-monthly mail between this city and Portland. Two of the largest places in the territory, and a necessity existing for more frequent communication than between any other two points, and a mail once in two weeks!—Bro. Dryer you live at the head quarters of the mail arrangements for the territory, please enquire into it and give us the why and wherefore.

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tos apparent, and he would not have dared thus to denounce himself. But the gentlemanly editor tells us, that the "good citizens of Umpqua and Lane" counties are puzzled to know how the machinery of their election, &c., was set in motion.

The insinuation (in substance) that the "good citizens of Umpqua and Lane" cannot read, is certainly very complimentary! But we have no idea that any of the "good citizens" of those counties were at all in doubt in the matter; and, are not at all surprised, that he himself, should have been, for his cranium is so fogged with the fumes of partisan prejudice, that it is no wonder he cannot see things in their true light.

THE STATESMAN, before making so many and various charges, would do well to post himself up, and act a little more in conformity with the sentiments of his present unpalatable master; for, to our certain knowledge, the present Delegate in Congress expressly approved of the course pursued by Gov. Gaines, in making that treaty.

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"Websters Abridged" Lost!!

The Statesman, one or two numbers since, undertook to correct our spelling of the word "kiting." We make no charge of incapacity, oh no! but the attempt is truly a laughable one.

Ms. Editor: Your paper has not arrived at this office for two weeks. We are inclined to think it is the fault of some of the Post Masters. The Statesman has arrived regularly every week.

The Post Master, author of the above is informed that immediately upon the reception of his letter, extra copies of the papers alluded to were put up, and deposited in the P. O. of this city. Will he please inform us by letter of their reception.

PHENOMENA OF DEATH.—To be shot dead is one of the easiest modes of terminating life; yet, rapid as it is, the body has leisure to feel and time to reflect.—On the first attempt of one of the frantic adherents of Spain to assassinate William, Prince of Orange, who took the lead in the revolt of the Netherlands, the ball passed through the bones of his face, and brought him to the ground.

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POST OFFICES ESTABLISHED.—Lebanon Marion county, John S. Hunt, Postmaster. Umpqua Valley, Umpqua county, on the road to Rogue river mines, half way from Yoncalla and Winchester, David C. Underwood, Postmaster.

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Correspondence.

For the Spectator.

South Umpqua, Nov. 5, 1851.

Sir—Having a leisure hour, I will attempt to fulfill the promise made you some weeks since, to furnish your readers with such incidents and observations as my journey hitherto might afford.

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Santa Anna Passing the Blockading Squadron.

Lieut. Simmes, in his "Service Afloat and Ashore," gives the following interesting account of the passage of Santa Anna through the American blockading squadron at Vera Cruz.

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