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To our Corresponds We are frequently in receipt of com tions from different parts of the Perettory, which we cannot publish, on count of the violetion of our frequently expressed rule, that "all correspon se sent to us, intended for publication, must enclose in the letter the name of the correspondent." Those, therefore, lesire to contribute to the advance ment of the Territory, by the publication wish to write upon other subjects, by beerving this rule, will not only relieve by their contributions, but will thereby re the publication of such facts, congoted with our country, as may be coned best calculated to advance its

world. These conditions complied with,

Manders upon the Governor. We have for weeks and weeks past, patiently listened to the continued and nealled for attacks of the Statesman ediupon the Governor of this Territory, not only in his public but private charac-Stepping aside from the notice of se sets, over which all concede him, as others, the right of inspection ; he is carried, so far, by the intensity of his passion jealous political rage, that he even seesile his individual reputation, and heape upon him the most unqualified In the minds of the considerate and honest of all parties, these things have excited wonder and astonishment. Ignorant of the causes which gave rise to such, (to them) unprovoked assaults, it caused inquiry and investigation to all. -and resulted in the conviction of all who sought information, that the charges were false, as to facts, base in their origin, and instiguted by the basest and most selfish of political motives. This being the conviction on the part of our readers, we would not now occupy the space or time necessary to a recapitulation of these charges, were it not for the fear that some more removed from the scene of operations, may not have had the means of learning the truth in the matter within their reach, and from the continued ranting of the Statesman, hopestly think that serhaps there may be some truth in these off-repeated allegations. Among other things, he accuses the Governor o ficiousness, and all udes to his establish. ing, by proclamation, the time and place of holding elections in Umpqua and Lone countier. The history of this affair, is simply, that after the adjournment of the Legislature last winter, upon examination, it was found that no "time nor place" was specified for the holding of the elections in those counties, and the Governor very properly supplied the omission . But surely, says the reader, this alone could not furnish reason sufficient for so much and bitter abuse! No, by no means; this an isolated situation, and but little wind voice," says the treoper, who himself tells was the least of the unpartionable offence. stirring at the time, undoubtedly say of the story, "gave scarcely the smallest sign The reason was simply this: at the time our city from a most destructive con- of weakness." Captain Bassil Hall, who hills. The hills are larger than those in A woman, bestriding a horse under such a strict regard to duty permitted, in honof the issuing of the preclamation alluded flagration, and the loss to our citizens of in his early youth was present at the batall probability, those counties would have sary to urge this measure, the necessity confusion which consigns to oblivion the given an overwhelming majority in favor of steps being taken to arrest the progress wees and gallantry of war, another inof Gen. Lanz for Delegate to Congress of fires, is manifest. We hope soon to stance extremely similar, which occurred in opposition to the then present incumbent! see action taken in the matter. "A sticth on that occasion. An old officer, who Be it remembered that the Statesman editor was transported hither expressly for the service of the deceased Delegate ! That he was bought for a price! and bound by interest and engagement to his service!! and hence, that anything tending to endanger his second election, must be instantly guarded against and frouned down. Previous to the reception of the melancholy news of the death of his mastor, this took place-Also the name of please enquire into it and give us the why Gen. Lane brought out. The fact that and wherefore. those two counties would by a large majority go for the latter gentleman, was of itself reason sufficient, for the measure being so very obnoxious to the Statesman, and fully explains his slanderous course towards the Governor since. What else could it be? Does any man for a moment suppose, that the mere act, on the part of the Governor, of appointing a time and place, for the holding of elecflore in those counties, unconnected with other more important considerations, would, of itself, have caused this bitter sunciation! No none. The discrepan-

toe apparent, and he would not have dared thus to demosa himself. But the

The insinuation (in substance) that the cannot read, is certainly very complimen. were at all in doubt in the matter; and, befogged with the fumes of partisan pre- for you. judice, that it is no wonder he cannot see things in their true light. And we also find this editor busily employed in vilify. ing the Governor with regard to the treaty to made with the R.R. Indians. Charging a man, who, in the absence of the proper as from the unpleasant necessity of reject. officer, voluntarily, and without the Aspe of reward, unbesitatingly offered his services, at a time of public calamity, to assist in saving the lives and property of his fellow men, with officiousness! Shall interests permanently, in the eyes of the a man stand aloof, and withhold his services, when the lives and property of his we shall be very happy to hear from you. neighbors are in danger? Is he to be accused of improper motives, of officiousness, &c., when centributing his mite in their defence? Such may be the epinions of our cotemporary, but certainly not of the

> 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

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

We have said thus much upon this subject, not without reluctance; but compelled by our sense of duty as a public journalist, we have given some of the facts connected with this matter, and desire all to examine into their truth.

THE PIRE.—We believe but one opinion in future. An outlay of a few dollars, by in time, saves nine."

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,

(C) We had occasion yesterday to pass the yard of J. Q. THORNTON of this city, in which the trees are standing that a few days since, were gird! d by some consumate villain. They were all of the choicest selection, proqueed at great trouble and expense, and were an ornament to the city, and a credit to the owner. The dastardly secondrel, who would be guilty of such an outrage, is eminently deserving of the most signal punishment.

There are now in the United States nearly 1500 steam vessels of various descy of the offence, with the punishment criptions: in Great Britain and Ireland a ught to be inflicted, would have been bout 1200.

"Websters Abridged" Lost !!

The Statesman, one or two number gentlementy editor tells us, that the since, undertook to correct our spelling of good citizens of Umpqua and Laue" the word "kiting." We make no charge ounties are puszled to know how the of incapacity, oh no! but the attempt is machinery of their election, &c., was set truly a laughable one. He takes the in motion. A very complicated thing to stand as a critic, and therefore, in order understand truly! when it was stated to qualify him for the position, he seems plainly, in black and white, that the elec. so desirous of attaining, we will, without tion should be held at a certain time, and charging him a single cent, inform him the house plainly pointed out at which it that whenever he wants to spell the word "kiting," which is significant of that amusement in which boys sometimes en good citizens of Umpqua and Lane," gage, instead of spelling it k.i.te.i.n.g, he should drop the e, and spell it k-i-ki-t-i n-g, tary! But we have no idea that any of ting, kiting, and then you will have it "all the "good citizens" of those counties right," neighbor. If you have lost your "Websters Abridged" and want any inare not at all surprised, that he himself, formation, come over, we will, with the should have been, for his cranium is so utmost cheerfulness, do the best we can

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.
Yours respectfully,
A Postmasten.

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 nform us by letter of their reception.

PRENOMENA OF DEATH .- To be shot dead is one of the easiest modes of terminuting 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. In the instant that preceded stupefaction, he was able to frame the notion that the ceiling of the room had fallen and crushed him. The cannon shot which plunged into the brain of Charles XII did not prevent him from seizing his sword by the hilt. The idea of an attack, and the necessity for defence, were impressed upon him by blow which we should have supposed too tremenduous to leave an interval for tho't. But it by no means follows that the infliction of fatal violence is accompanied by a pang. From what is known of the first effect of gun shot wounds, it is probable that the impression is rather stunning than soute. Unless death be immediate, the pain is as varied as the nature of the injuries, and these are past counting up .s entertained by our citizens as to the But there is nothing singular in the dyorigin of the fire that destroyed the law ing sensations, though Lord Byron re ffice of J. Q. THORNTON in this city, and marked the physiological peculiarity, that that is, that it was the work of an in. the expression is invariably that of langcendiary. We trust no pains will be uor, while in death from a stab the coun spared to ferret out the villain, and bring tenance reflects the traits of natural charhim to punishment. The burning of this actor of gentleness or ferocity to the last office, and the witnessing the ineffectual breath. Some of the cases are of intermeans we have of arresting the progress est to show with what alight disturbance of fires in our city, should remind all life may go on under a mortal wound, till residents of our town of the great impor- it suddenly comes to a final stop. A foot tance of being provided with better means soldier at Waterloo, pierced by a musket ball in the hip, begged water from a troopeach resident of Oregon city, would our. er who chanced to possess a canteen of chase in the States, and transport hither, beer. The wounded man drank, returna fire-engine large enough for our present ed his hearriest thanks, mentioned that wants, and, perhaps, in one unlucky hour his regiment was nearly exterminated, save its cost a hundred fold. But for the ex. and having proceeded a dozen yards in istence of the most fortunate circumstances his way to the rear, fell to the earth, and at this fire, who can tell where it would with one convulsive movement of the have ended. The fact of its standing in limbs concluded his career. "Yet his was shot in the head, arrived, pale and faint, at the temporary hospital, and begged the surgeon to look at his wound, which was pronounced to be mortal. "Indeed, I feared so," he responded with im-

> POST OFFICES ESTABLISHED .- Leband Marion county, John S. Hunt, Posmaster. Umpqua Valley, Umpqua county, on the road to Rogue river mines, half way from Yoncalla and Winchester, David C. Underwood, Postmaster. Sauvie's Island, Washington county.

> sank dead upon the turf .- Quarterly Re-

Ellis Walker, P. M. Willow Brook, Clackamas county, or Columbia Bettom, J. B. Mills, P. M CHANGES.— Lafayette, Amos Cook, in place of Hardin D. Martin, resigned. Columbia City, William Vogelsands, P. M., Joseph B. Lynde, resigned. St. Helens, N. P. Cartland, P. M. W. H. Tappan, resigned .- Oregonian.

ZT "As fer the "imp and the junior they can wade, being well posted up in the science of navi-gation.".—Oregonian.

Well, we will "wade," then, we have

Correspondence.

For the Spectator Sourse Unrqua, Nov. 5, 1851.

Six-Having a leisure hour, I will attempt to fulfill the promise made you some weeks since, to furnish your eaders with such incidents and observations as my journey hitherward might afford. I have travelled but little off from the main roads, so that whatever I have seen is confined to their vicinity. In reaching the Umpqua, it is well known that a person must pass through the entire length of the Willamette Valley, and of crying long and loud for the organizing of that your readers are generally familiar, but as some of the late emigrants have not been to the head of it, I will make it the subject of a few sentences, confining myself of course, to what I saw:

About the La Creele, the road is genome six miles of Marysville, where you enter upon an extensive plain some 15 or 18 miles in length, and from two to four my other names, only used by such patrimiles in width. This plain is generally excellent land, but destitute of timber, and portions of it subject to overflow during the rainy season. For these reasons and the scarcity of springs it is as yet not more than half occupied, and that around the borders where there is timber and water. Marys river and Long Tom on the east and "Little Muddy" along a portion of the west side. West of the Little Muddy there is a considerable settlement, but as that portion of the county is mountainous, a person would not imagine that it was much inhabited.

In travelling up the Willamette valley, I found the country more occupied than I expected. Nearly all the good places are small portion of the country is taken; but as so much of it is composed of hills, both Statesman done any thing to forward the cans, from their sity complexions, black high and steep, and with but little water, interest of Jo Lane at the last election, had and eyes, and pointed and outled musit is difficult for a person to find land to his taste. I have been informed by several persons, that there is a good district Tom, not yet claimed, and I would call the attention of those looking for land, to of agricultural purposes. For 12 or 15 whig. miles above Long Tom (the west fork) the country is pretty well timbered, the soil apparently not very rich, but I have it not been for the fear of frosts, owing to letter, and says:
the altitude of that region. The Calla"We have a good many times, when he altitude of that region. The Calla-

thousand little valleys among the grassy our pre-conceived ideas of the possible! required, and perhaps a little longer than warmed by a more genial sun, and clothed future improvements or reforms! Save aders, about this time-withdrew to rewith the most dense and beautiful vegeta. us from progress; and if we must be port "progress" to his commanding offigled, the latter generally predominating have or need any souls." near the summits. Generally speaking, there is more of oak than fir, the latter peded utterance, and almost immediately umpqua. Even in this region, the best land is taken along the road; but a short distance from it, there are as good claims as are yet taken. There is no difficulty in finding small valleys here, with plenty of timber and water, and I think a man may find nearly as valuable a claim as he could it there was more level land .-As this is a grazing country, from 60 to 100 acres will be as much tillable land as of a settler will want, and this he can find almest anywhere in the Umpqua. More Yours, &c..

A WEBSTER CONVENTION.— It is stated by the Boston Daily Bee that a convention of Mr. Web-ster's friends in Massachusetts is to be held some time in November, for the purpose of plucing his name more prominently before the people as a can-didate for the Presidency.

00 It rains, it rains, and we do wish been in Portland so often we've got used to somebody would bring our umbrella · For the Speciator

MESSES. EDITORS:-- I saw a communication in your last paper from Marion County, O. T., Nov. 8th. I am glad that some one has so honorably stepped in to vindicate the cause of the respectable cit izens of our county. It has gone abroad that Marion County had gone tooth and neil against Old Joe; but such is not the case. But at the same time, it is a fact, that a certain band of men in this county. calling themselves democrats, have for some years past, been notorious for disarder in political matters. They have been are the strongest. Those men have by hook and crook, made out to lead estray the unsuspecting bone and sinew of our county, and td cap the climax when Joe erally through small valleys, till within their support as Delegate to Congress, they said he was a "d-d old Whig," and maupon the true Democracy of Marion county, who are nick of such work; but it is to he was opposed by one sound Democrat in our county; but on the contrary we over the heads of the disaffected we showwork of true Democracy. I am glad to see that the edger of the himself alongside the steamer.

Statesman is a Democrat; but quite sorry The steamer being evidently a mer and file in Ole Joe's company he was not to find himself received with much core there. The roll was called and he did not many and courtesy at the gangway. Ma unseer, until the election was over, and king his way on deck, and explaining the the news gone to the States. We are will the object of his visit to the captain, he ling to call his course a mutale, in that was conduct I to the calin, where he was taken. It is true that comparatively a matter; but the Democracy of Oreg is usb red into the activity of a number of does not understand that the colitor of the gentle nearest leady Spannards or Moxiever, for the future we will see. Acts glance, that most, if not all these gentle of country upon the west side of the Long of the words he has uttered against our a lathes were malicary more, and persons of present Governor, are unworthy the notice, bearing and destine tion. of a true Democrat, and cannot do any After a moment's pause, the captain,

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no doubt it will be settled at some future Jane Pierson, in a letter to the Philat figure, account by his communiting time. In approaching the Callapoola delphia Saturday Post, recommends the lair to be the chief of the party, said mountain, the soil is good, and the grass adoption of the Turkish dress (skirt very excellent. Some claims are taken along full) in in a of the aboutinable long and Antonio Lopes de Santa Anna. the road up to the foot of the mountain, dangerous riding habits; and says that feer started back at first in a little sur and some of them very good ones. I had ladier should also adopt the masculine prise, but seen recovering himself, advanin that quarter, and certainly would, had Pittaburgh Saturday Visitor, copies her extending his hand, a mutual interchange

pools mountain is about seven miles a. no side-saddle could be procured, had one (a second wife,) a handsome blands, with cross where the road runs, well timbered, stirrup of a man's saddle shortened, and deep blue eyes and auburn hair, and still and the road very good. When the roads the other turned over to make a substiting the bloom of early womanhood, pointed are dry a person can cross the mountain tute for a horn to hold by, and so contrive the party and was presented to the officer. with a good load without difficulty; but to ride a mile or two; but we should dis- who saluted her with becoming pullantive after you cross it there is about four miles like to risk our neck in so insecure a seat and respect. Gen. Almonte, late many of the worst road I ever saw. There are fixed upon the back of any steed but "old ter of the United States, was also present several bad crossings of creeks, and the Kate." No doubt one might learn to ride as one of the General's suite, and speak road runs through a low region, and very on such a contrivance, for we have seen ingour language well, acted as interpreter thick timber. There is a good deal of girls who could ride an unbroken celt at on the occasion. General Santa Anna mud. It is almost impossible to imagine full gallop, and through all manner of having explained briefly who he washow it can be travelled in the rainy sea- rearings and plungings, without any sad- although such an explanation was endle at all; and all that would do very tirely unnecessary—and that he had pur-Well. I am in the Umpqua, not the rie. well-but for a woman of Mrs. Pierson's posed going into Vera Cruz, with the perer, but the valley, nor either in the valley, standing to recommend, gravely, that mission of the Commodore; the boarding for there is no valley! excepting the ten women should ride like men, does pass all officer, after sitting as long as courtesy the Willamette, and the valleys smaller, circumstanc a, or in any costume-whew! tion. The Umpqua hills are timbered travelling in some direction, rather let us cor, and to ask for orders in the novel with oak and fir, beautifully intermin- go back to the days when women did not

We understand that Mr. John A. Rook. pared by the Comme well, late chairman of the Committee on being less seen upon the low hills; and Claims of the House of Representatives, has in course of preparation a comp tion and translation of Spanish and Mexican law, of real estate and concerning mines; in force in California when ceded to the United States.

> a translation of the titles in the most recent Spanish codes, the decrees of the Cortes of Spain, and the Mexican statute and decrees on the subjects embraced in

The first volume, in relation to the law of mines and mining is in press, and will be issued in about two months.-Wash.

CAMPHENE.—Almost every day brings us an account of a new explosion of this dangerous mixture. It makes a beauti-ful light, but it is utterly unsafe, especially where there are children and servants. powder. But great care uninterruptedly is hardly possible in a household. No man should risk the lives of his family by the use of any of these compositions.

Providence Journal.

It is said that crushed beet applied to a wound

Santa Anna Pasing the Blocks. ding Squadron

Lieut. Simmes, in his "Service Affest and Ashore," gives the following interest ing account of the passage of Santa Anna through the American blockading squadron at Vera Cruz. It will be recollected that the commander of the squadron was specially instructed by the President to allow the wiley chieftain to pass freely:

"Early in August, while the squadron was lying at anchor under Green Island, keeping watch and ward over the enemy's city and castle of Vers Cruz, the seamen on the lookout at the masthead of the St. the Democratic party, who they think Mary's, then cruising on the Mockade, descried the smoke of a steamer. As this was not the regular day, for the appear. ance of any English mail steamerswhich had been permitted to pass in and Lane offered to serve and asked them for out of the beleaguered port without question, the English government pledging itself for their faithful conduct as neutrals -the smoke of the steamer was a novelty in that now lonely and deserted part of ets. Such men have brought disgrace the Mexican gulf. The St Mary's, in due time, placed herself in a position to intercept the stranger in her approach to be hoped that Gen. Lane will not suppose the city, and as the latter came up within hailing distance, she ordered her to theave to,' while a boat was being sent on board turned out, and gave him a fine vote, and of her. The boat being in readiness in a few minutes a licutenant jumped into her ed a majority in his favor. Such is the and with a few strokes of his pars from the sinewy arms of his scaman, placed

to see that when called upon to stand rank chant vessel, the lieutenant was surprised but was considered a silent member; how taches. It was obvious also, at the first speak louder than words; although none men, although dressed in plain or citizen's

that quarter. That section of country is harin to tioy, timines, with consulerate as though he had marpisely prepared a represented as being excellent for all kinds men, no difference whether democrat or surprise for the boarding officer, turned to wards him, and making a graceful motion with his right hand at the come trees in the direction of one of the gentleman WOMAN ON HOUSENACK .- Mrs. Lydia who, though of the ordinary beight and some thoughts myself, of taking a claim style of riding. Mrs. Swisshelm, of the cod cordially towards the General, and of civilities took place.

> or to the lady's charms-a petticoat being quite an unusual sight to us rough block case which had occurred.

> The Commander, who had been predore for the contingency, forthwith dispatched the beat back egain, and directed the officer at the same time that he should present his compliments to General Santa Anna, and say to him, on the part of the Commodore, that he could proceed to Vera Cruz with his suite as he desired;" whoreupon the steamer Arab shot boldly out from under the lee of the blockading vessel, and in an hour or two more landed her distinguish. ed passenger, "big with the fate" of Mexico, safely in the desired haven. That night the roar of cannon, and the bursting of rockets in the air, testified the joy of the fickle Vera Cruzanos at the return of their lost Coriolanus; and it soon transpired that the wily peace maker who had so handsomely duped our cabinet at Washington, had put himself at the head of the war party, and proclaimed, in common with acting President Salus, whom he hastened to join-"no quarter to the Yau-

O'The Senate, in Vermont, stands as it did last year, 21 Whigs, 9 opposition.