

**Horrible Murder in Polk Co.**

Pota Co., Feb. 17, '52.

**Friend Schenck.**—I write to give you an account of a most horrible, deliberate, and premeditated murder! committed in the southern part of this county, a few days since. A single man by the name of —— Hooker, of some means—mostly cash—residing with his brother-in-law, a peaceful and valuable citizen, was found dead in a field where engaged harrowing; having been most foully murdered by being shot twice, once in the back and once in the forehead.

The circumstances, as nearly as I am able to learn them, are these: During the winter, numerous thefts and burglaries have been committed, and while the thief or thieves have not been detected, suspicion has fastened upon several individuals as vastly concerned, of whom the supposed murderer of this estimable citizen was one—by name, Everman, (first name unknown to me.) Sometime previous to the murder, upon an occasion when the family were intending to be absent from the house a short time, Hooker was advised to take his money with him, he also intending to be away from the house at the same time. He done so. After an absence of, as I understand, about fifteen minutes, some one returned to the house, and this Everman, supposed to be the murderer, was seen leaving the house. Upon entering it several trunks were found broken open, and upon examination, a valuable gold watch and fixtures, belonging to Hooker, were missed. Hooker hearing of the fact of Everman's having been seen leaving the house, accused him of taking it; and afterwards Everman, hearing of it, threatened his life.

About this time a party, among whom was a brother of this Everman, were preparing to go to the mines. This, Everman suspected, saying whenever asked he was not going. The same day the party started the murder was committed, (day unknown to me.)

Simultaneous with the starting of this party, this Everman also left the house from which they started, and went in the direction of Hooker's residence. By the traces discovered, he concealed himself in trail-pen, filling the cracks with straw for his better security, which was situated near to the spot where Hooker turned round his team as he was engaged in his work. It is thought that he waited until Hooker's back was turned, preparatory to driving his team from the sides of concealment, when Everman shot him with a musket containing several buck shot, the contents entering his victim's back.—Hooker when shot started running, but fell, after a few steps, and died, and that, judging from the traces, Everman evidently started to run off before he upturn Hooker's falling body, and his pace, and approached more rapidly, stepping sideways until in sight of the already dying man. It is thought by the tracks that a short space may have now taken place, during which the wounded man probably implicated his assailant, murderer to spare his life; but to no avail, he shot him the second time, so he lay thus helpless at his feet, in the forehead, which necessarily killed him instantly.

When Everman came up with the company, his brother asked him what he had done; he replied that it was settled—that the deed was done.

It was understood by the company after Everman came up, that he had killed Hooker. Parties are out in all directions after the villain. As I learn more I will advise you. In haste,

C.

"Talk about gettin' a good deal off a little piece of land!" exclaimed Simpson, "why, I bought an acre of old Mr. Ross, at Goose Fair, planted one acre with potatoes and the other with corn."

"Thought you said you bought only one acre, Simpson?" remarked a listener—"how could you plant two?"

"Very easily, sir—I stoo'd it up on and planted both sides of it!"

The first newspaper tolerated in Virginia was in 1780; the subscription was \$50 per annum for one copy; advertisements of moderate length were inserted for ten dollars the first week, and seven dollars for each week succeeding.

**RELIGIOUS NOTICE.**

The regular services of the Protestant Episcopal Church will be held in the Court-House every other Sunday at 10 A. M., and 4 P. M.

Sunday School every Sunday at 2 o'clock, P. M.

St. M. FAIRFIELD, Rector.

**MARRIAGES.**

I saw two clouds at noon,  
Tinged with the rising sun.  
And in the dawn, they floated on,  
And mingled into one."

On Thursday, the 19th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Doane, at the residence of Washington Williams, Mr. F. S. HOLLAND, Post Master in this city, and Miss LEAH WILLIAMS, daughter of Washington Williams.

The wedding went off harmoniously; the "chicks on fairs" were prime; the cake and other "dainties" were "done up brown"; the fruits, &c., were exquisitely nice; and all were served up in a manner highly creditable to the fair ones who officiated. May the happy couple live in peace and prosperity a thousand years—fulfill the Scriptures and be rewarded with a —— good farm, provided they take a "claim."

On the 5th inst., in this city, by Rev. N. Doane, Mr. WILLIAM SMITH and Miss MARIA ALLEN, all of this.

On the 16th inst., in this city, at the house of D. H. Goad, by the Rev. Geo. Chandler, Mr. THOMAS BOOGES and Miss RACHEL JONES.

In this city on the 16th inst., by Rev. A. F. Walker, Mr. ALANSON BEERS and Miss SARAH SMITH, teacher in the female Seminary.

Accompanying the above we received a nice long note, for which they have our thanks.

**New Advertisements.**

**T-VAULT & CO'S.  
OREGON AND SHASTA  
EXPRESS.**

WILL positively run every two weeks between Winchester and Shasta Butte City, touching at Rogue river, Smith's river, Josephine creek, Blamash and Humbug creeks.

Letters and packages forwarded to Winchester by mail, care of T-VAULT & CO'S EXPRESS, will be received and delivered to address.

**Agents and Offices.**

McCRACKIN & GOODWIN, Oregon City.

MARTIN & BARNES, Winchester.

A. A. BRENNER, Indigo Agency, Rogue river.

R. P. DANIEL, Josephine Creek.

DEARL & MARTIN, Minerville, Humbug Creek.

CORN & MARTIN, Humbug City.

McCRACKIN & GOODWIN, Shasta Butte City.

17 Packages of any kind insured and forwarded with despatch.

Office at McCrackin & Goodwin's, Oregon City, and Shasta Butte City.

W. G. T-VAULT,  
Agent for Proprietors.

February 24, 1852—246.

**JUST RECEIVED,**

FROM San Francisco, and now on hand a full

assortment of

Prints,

Gamblie,

Lawn,

Poplin,

Plain & changeable silks,

Flannel,

Flannel, lace, & edgings

Alpacas,

Paramet.

Merino,

Chambray,

Harris,

Boubaone,

Me de Laine,

Damask Table Linen,

Brindiseth,

&c., &c.

Which we will sell as low as can be purchased at any other place in the Territory. Call and see, at

Brick Store.

Oregon City, Feb. 24, '52—14.

**Medicines.**

A SMALL bag put up expressly for the market by one of the first druggists in New York consisting in part as follows:

Pills Rhubarb.

Extract of Lemon.

Jalap.

Colic.

Blue Pills.

Loes.

Brandt's pills.

Morphine.

Catop. Oil.

Bitter.

Quin.

Soda & salicet powders.

Sodium cyanate.

Nails and Cream Tartar.

Opium.

—ALSO—

On hand, a small lot of Thompsonian medicines, all of which will be sold by

Geo. ABENETHY

Oregon City, Feb. 24, '52—14.

**Notice.**

A NOTICE is hereby given that I have never directly or indirectly sold my land claim 34 miles east of Oregon City, to any one, but more especially to a certain Dr. Rench, who claims to have possession, and to have obtained it by me by virtue of an arbitration, which is false! I did agree to have the matter arbitrated by certain disinterested gentlemen, and at two diff'rent times appointed day and hour, to meet at my house on the premises, both of which times I attended at the time appointed, but without the arbitrators or said Rench appearing. I therefore, hereby notify said Rench that I shall hold him responsible for all damage done by him or his to my said land claim, or to any improvements upon the same, and also forewarn any person or persons from purchasing said land claim and Dr. Rench, or any other person except Jas. D. Holman, who is authorized to act for me as my Attorney.

W. W. COLTE.

W. W. NEWELL.

We shall continue our express as usual, to and from SAN FRANCISCO, and all parts of OREGON TERRITORY. Also, to all parts of the Atlantic States, in connection with the house of ADAMS & CO., by whom we are authorized to receipt for packages **THROUGH TO THE STATES** by their express. Goods purchased in San Francisco and forwarded to all portions of Oregon. Collections made, and all branches of the express business transacted with dispatch.

NEWELL & CO.

Oct. 28, 1851—14.

**NEWELL & CO'S EXPRESS.**

A EXPRESS will be dispatched daily between

PORTLAND AND OREGON CITY

PESTELEANS WASHINGTON & EAGLE.

Also, from Oregon City and Portland

SALEM, MARYSVILLE, AND OTHER TOWNS ON THE RIVER,

By every trip of the steamers Multnomah and Columbia. Connecting monthly with the

Mail to the Willamette.

For California and the Atlantic States.

N. Brown, General Agent, Portland.

Steamer Multnomah Office, Oregon City.

T. M. PATTON, Salem.

A. F. ROYER, Marysville.

Oregon City, Jan. 13, '51—14.

**Plows! Plows!**

WE RECEIVED an assortment of the most approved Plows, of Minor, Horton & Co's make. These plows are in extensive use, and have taken the premium in every fair in which they have been entered. Call and see before buying elsewhere.

ALLAN, MCKINLAY & CO.

Feb. 24, 1852—14.

**LOOK HERE.**

DETERMINED as we are to close up our business here entirely, we offer our entire stock at first cost, consisting of Ready-Made Clothing, Dry-Goods, Domestic, Blankets, Hats, Boots & Shoes, Groceries and other goods too numerous to mention, all of the choicer selections, and suitable to this market. County merchants and others are invited to call and examine our stock.

C. FRIDENBERG & CO.

Oregon City, Feb. 10, '52—14.

**Notice.**

NOTICE is hereby given that the co-partnership entered into between the undersigned and Henry M. Chase, on the 1st day of February 1851, under the name, firm and style of Lane, Chase & Co., was dissolved on the 25th day of July last past, since which time the undersigned has been and is doing business in his own name and upon his own account.

**Tract Society Circular.**

Dear Brethren—Believing that you cordially co-operate in the plans and labors of the American Tract Society, as an efficient means of promoting the cause of Christ, in the salvation of souls, we the undersigned, managers of the Oregon Auxiliary Tract Society, beg leave to suggest the following plan of operation in Oregon for the current year, and to request your aid in carrying it out.

1st. To increase the circulation of the American Tract Manager.

2d. To increase the distribution of the tracts and the bound volumes of the society.

3d. To secure contributions, especially for the support of a co-publisher in Oregon.

4th. That efforts be made to have a more general attendance at the annual meeting at Oregon City the 1st Wednesday in June, 1852.

We would accordingly request you to obtain one or more subscribers for the *Tract Manager*.

The terms are as follows: single copies, 1 year, 25cts; 6 copies, 20 cents; 200, 40 cents.

Postage per copy, 1 year, 30cts.

You can order the papers through the Secretary, G. H. Atkinson, by sending your Postoffice address and the money.

We would also request you to keep on hand and distribute by sale and gift the publications of the society as you will find at our Depository. We ask that because we have no co-publisher.

We further ask you to add contributions to the society, and to be present at its annual meeting.

Trusting that we have your sympathies in those we subscribe ourselves co-laborers in the cause of our common master and savior.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.—Ezra Fisher, G. H. Atkinson, J. Q. Thornton, J. H. Wilbur, H. Johnson, J. O. Rainier, J. R. Hobbs, P. H. Hatch, Harvey Clark, Edward R. Geary, Horace Lyman.

Oregon City, August, 1851.

2d. In November the office of our Depository was burnt, but providentially about 200 vols. of our publications were saved.

Secretary.

**COLLEGE NOTICE.**

THE fall quarter of the Oregon City College will commence in the Baptist Meeting House in this City, on Monday the 14th instant, under the tuition of President G. C. Chandler, late of Franklin College, I., and Rev. Jas. N. Read, a graduate of the same institution. The following are the terms: Each quarter will consist of eleven weeks. Tuition for Reading and Spelling, \$1. For English Grammar, Geography, Arithmetic and Natural Hist., \$1. For Latin, Greek, and higher branches of mathematics, \$1.00. An additional charge will be made for lessons in Music. Half a dollar will be added to each scholar for fuel. No scholar will be admitted for less than half-quarter, and all students will be expected to remain till the close of