

Editorial.

From the Oregonian—
Oregon W. S. has been in charge of the Oregon Temperance Society for some time past, and is doing good work. The society has been meeting every Monday evening at the home of the editor, and has been successful in its efforts to interest the public in the cause. The society has been in existence for several years. We have held meetings every winter while the evenings were of sufficient length to make them profitable.

But more particularly, we have convened a series of meetings for the present winter which have been well attended and a great interest manifested in the cause. On last Monday evening a large number came out to hear the address of Aaron E. Wait, Esq., who disengaged from the ranks of temperance, the vast expense incurred in the use of intoxicating liquors in Oregon; the faults of which was that Temperance men in Oregon had not gone far enough; that they had not aimed a blow at the root of the evil, that had been trying to drown the stream without drying the fountain, and that he was in favor of a prohibitory law. I think the feeling of Temperance men in Oregon generally, is in favor of such a law. I presume, from all I can learn that there will soon be petitions to the Legislature for legislation for a vigorous law.

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"Over on John," said the farmer, "the harness is right side up."

Over went the harness again, but the old gentleman cried, "Over on John!" the harness is right side up."

Thus it is with the Maine Law, however much the "temperances" (as they are appropriately called in Maine) squirm, twist and turn, it will always be "right side up" to give them a shake.

I hope the press will speak out on this important topic. From what I have learned in the "Maine-men" and from what I know of its editor's habits, I presume it will be opposed to legal action." Will Mr. Bush act one right if I am in error? Most happy shall I be to find myself mistaken on this point. How is it with you Mr. Spectator?"

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Oregon City, Aug. 31, '58.

For the Oregon Spectator.

Mr. Burton—Dear Sirs—I—Among the many subjects which are being agitated among the people of this Territory, the most important to my mind is the subject of Temperance. I do not wish, at present, to ask the privilege of discussing that subject in your columns, but I should like to say a few words to let our brethren throughout the Territory know what we are doing in this place.

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Changato, Sept. 7.
Mr. Burton—This place met with a serious loss yesterday by fire—about 10 o'clock in the forenoon Dr. Bailey's house was enveloped in flames and soon consumed. Some little furniture and medicines were saved, but most of all, including a very valuable medical library, were consumed. Another building was burned. The cause of the fire is unknown—most probably from a match or piece of cigar thrown against a curtain which hung up in the room where the fire started. The Doctor had just left the house to walk in the garden. After about ten or fifteen minutes the first thing that arrested his attention was the flames bursting from the roof. This is a sad loss, both to Dr. B. and the community, as his services are highly appreciated and much needed at this time. Yours,

J. D.

Extract from a Letter written by Gen. Allen, to a correspondent in this city, dated Lower Pittsburg, Aug. 26, '58:

"I have just returned in the 'Washington' from Kone Bay, and a rough and dangerous trip I had of it. In going into the Bay we ran considerable risk. The entrance to it is, in my opinion, more dangerous than that to the Umpqua. We went in with a smashing breeze, and had to take in our sail in the most dangerous place. & what would have become of a sailing vessel in the same fit! The breakers looked dreadful!"

I have examined Kone Bay very carefully; coal has been discovered there in abundance, and of good quality; we ran up about twelve miles and took in coal for ballast. I can see that Kone Bay will have a coal and lumber trade, but I do not believe that it will effect the mining trade of the Umpqua."

We stop the press to announce the arrival of two huge watermelons, not only the largest we have received, but the largest we have seen this season. They were raised by J. L. Barlow, and received through the kindness of S. K. Barlow, Esq. All hands join in pronouncing Mr. Barlow the cleverest man we have met in a long time. May he live to raise many more.

A good lady at Peckham refused to let her daughter dance with a young Cambridge man, because she understood he was a bachelor of arts.

During the last rain, the falls, and something else is the place to find the all business men.

Now who are doing business reported to look at our store is the place to find the all business men.

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The new boat belonging to the American Trust Society may be found at Oregon City.

G. H. ATKINSON, Depository

SAFETY.

In the city on Monday evening the 10th inst, by the Rev. P. G. Burroughs, Mr. Charles McLean and Miss Anna Burroughs, all of Clackamas county, the Rev. Mrs. Miller and Miss Minerva L. Farnum, both of Washington county.

On the 10th ult, by Rev. Geo. C. Chamber, Mr. Lazarus F. Brown and Miss Nancy J. Lovell, all of Clackamas county.

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