

For the Oregon Spectator.
Extract from a letter dated, Kooee Bay
Oregon, Aug. 26, 1853.

Dear Sir.—From Applegate, Esq., I received most kindly and hospitably, and I intended on my journey southward, in the evening at least, Kilburn's "Oregonian," and the news of Winchester, and the other cities from Applegate's. From him and his family received much sympathy and pressed me very earnestly to remain some days with them. I did remain there, after a quarrelsome interview, and started next morning, and was called "the canyon."

C. J.

Oregon Spectator.

OREGON CITY:

Friday Morning, September 16, 1853.

—The Funeral Sermon of Dr Looy will be delivered in the Congregational Church on next Sabbath at ten o'clock, A. M.

—We have received the annual catalogue of the "Female Medical College of Pennsylvania, located at Philadelphia." It contains the names of 31 ladies, matriculants, and the degree of M. D. was conferred upon nine ladies at the annual Commencement, Jan. 27, 1853.

We highly approve of the idea of ladies taking the degree of M. D. Females, we believe, frequently suffer great distress from not explaining fully the symptoms of their disease. But when there are female physicians in attendance these difficulties will be removed. This is the only institution of the kind we have heard of in the United States. It is said to be in a flourishing condition.

—The sidewalk is extending in the upper part of the city. At the lower end it is in a bad condition, having never been replaced since it was torn up during the extreme high water last winter. Should it be neglected until winter approaches, the pedestrians below will have a moist time passing back and forth. Are we to have any more side walks? and are those going to be repaired that we have already? These are questions that should engage the attention of the city fathers. We shall not be much inconvenienced ourselves, but we know several who will be.

—Mr. R. R. Thompson left here for the States last winter, to cross the plains this season. We learned that he had returned on Tuesday evening last. He left the States last Spring with 1500 head of sheep. At the time he left them, somewhere on Snake river, upwards of 500 had died or were lost in different ways. He expects to get into this valley with about 800 head. We have not seen him, but we welcome him back, and hope his flock will be doubled before the next 12 months expire.

—Godey's Lady's Book for August is before us, (the July number did not come to hand) and a splendid number it is too. The fashion plates are complete, and in this far off region, well timed. Godey appears determined to keep pace, if not a little ahead, of the progress of the times.

—The Phrenological Journal, and the Water Cure, do, have been received. The former we consider valuable work; the latter we know but little about, and can only say that its typographical execution is par excellence.

—We see that Dr. M'Laughlin is rebuilding his breakwater preparatory for the winter. A rise of a few feet in the river, at this time, would make it troublesome to lay the foundation. His experience, however, in such improvements renders it highly probable that he will be able to secure it in time.

—The N. Y. Tribune contains the eulogy of Hon. Rufus Choate on DANIEL WEBSTER, delivered at Dartmouth College on the 27th of July. We have only had time to glance at it; but it is considered as the masterpiece of all that has appeared in any shape respecting the public services of that distinguished individual. It occupies over six columns in the Tribune.

—Some men do good to those that despicably use them from different motives than that enjoined in the Good Book. Certainly, we shall not complain, if Mr. H. does not. He undoubtedly has less reason to be satisfied than us.

—Business in Oregon is generally conducted upon the cash principle. This remark, we believe, is true in everything except printing and preaching.

—Some men eat to live, others live to eat, while there is one we wot of who lives by the skin of his teeth.

—We yield a good deal of our editorial space to the news from the Atlantic States and California.

Indian Affairs.

Nothing of importance has transpired out at the mines since our last, at least nothing has come to hand. That the master will be speedily settled on the ground assumed by the Superintendent, viz: that the Indians be immediately removed to some other portion of Oregon, such as may be assigned them by government, we think extremely doubtful. They contend strongly and earnestly for the ground of their nativity, and say too that they will fight to the last man for their hereditary rights. They are a bold, intrepid and revengeful race. This sort of prejudice is by no means confined to that particular tribe or the tribes engaged in the war; but the same feeling is prevalent among all the tribes inhabiting the Willamette valley, and in other portions of the Territory. They cling with great tenacity to their old fishing and hunting grounds. To get rid of them, compulsion will be necessary. They are a nuisance to the white settlers wherever they live in close proximity. Their limits have been circumscribed, and their chances for obtaining a living lessened; and all the best lands, particularly of this valley, occupied by white settlers. To them there appears to be no other alternative left but to steal. Petty thefts are becoming quite frequent. Their wants are not many, and their thefts are confined principally to articles of food and wearing apparel. If the citizens in the mining country had their full swing, and the power to do it, they would soon provide everlasting homes for the Indians in that quarter. No treaty with the southern Indians can be entered into that the whites will feel safe under after it is made. There is trouble in the future, no matter whether the war is at an end or not.

—A person named Elijah Gibson, carpenter, of Cumberland, Maryland, was accidentally drowned on Friday last. He was at work on the steamer "Belle of Oregon City," and while in the act of springing a plank around the guard at the stern of the boat the fastenings gave way and the man was knocked from the staging. He sank and did not appear to the surface of the water at all after he touched it. Search was immediately made for him, but the body was not recovered for several hours afterward. It was finally grappled by means of hooks attached to a pole. We understand he has no parents living. He was engaged to a young lady in Cumberland, Md. Had he lived it was his intention to have returned in a short time to marry her. He made no disposal of his effects, but said since he has been in the Territory, we learn, which is something like a year now, that in the event of death he would rather what little he had should go to this young lady to whom he was to have been married.

His remains were taken care of by the Odd Fellows, of which Order he was a member, and on Sunday last was suitably interred by that Society.

A jury of inquest was held over-the corpse, and the following is the verdict:

Coroner's Inquest.—A jury having been duly sworn to examine into the cause of death of Elijah Gibson, render a verdict of accidental death from drowning.

Oregon City, Sept. 10, 1853.

—The facts respecting the publication of the list of letters have not been altered, although an apology for the post master has been made. The facts are, he promised the list to us individually, several times, without solicitation on our part. The post master said he intended it for the Spectator in the presence of one of our hands, a good democrat, and one generally known in this community as a man of veracity. If it becomes necessary we will show up the duplicity of the powers that be. The perversion of the law and the facts are too apparent to require extended comment, or the assistance of Mr. Holbrook. And the pretended defense only renders the guilty party more ridiculous. We rely upon the facts, and we can give good democratic authority to substantiate them. Men in authority, or out of it, should always have due regard for their word, even in small things.

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—A grand Agricultural and Horticultural Fair is to be held in the city of San Francisco, commencing about the first of October, and continuing one month. Prizes amounting to two thousand dollars are offered for the best specimens of fruit, flowers, grain, &c., that shall be exhibited at the fair. To show the object more fully we insert the following card addressed to us on the subject:

CARD.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 1853.

We present this Circular to you with the sincere hope that it will meet your entire approbation and your hearty co-operation in the plan proposed therein.

One of the grand objects to be obtained by the present Agriculture Fair, is the congregating together of the great majority of the cultivators of the Soil, and the raisers of Stock.

It is essential to the success of Agriculture that Cultivators in the different sections of country should become known to each other, that there should be an interchange of those truths obtained by practical efforts, in the various modes of the past and present, and thus select the best for the future.

The organization of a State Agricultural Society upon a permanent basis, is, we esteem, a matter of the highest importance, and a subject that will demand attention during the Fair.

A Course of Scientific Lectures, during one week of the exhibition, will be secured if possible.

We shall be grateful for every suggestion you may please to offer, that in your opinion will tend to the general interest of this great science.

WILSON & SON.

—HEAVY ROBBERY.—One of the most daring robberies that has ever occurred on this coast, was perpetrated on the 4th inst. on the road between Sonora and Stockton, California. The express box of Newell & Co., containing \$25,000 treasure. Speaking of the robbery, the San Joaquin Republican remarks:

"The box contained some \$25,000 as it is supposed, for it took two men to lift it from the ground. The stage driver did not discover the robbery until he had reached the river, when he perceived that the straps had been cut and all the baggage, &c., missing. The plan of the robbery must have been most shrewdly laid, still the robber cannot fail to be caught."

—Gov. Bigler of California, says the San Francisco Herald, has caused the census returns to be published in some nine different journals in that State, at a cost of \$36,643. The allowance is varied in amount: one paper, (German) received \$500; two, over \$3,000; four of them received \$5,000; one received \$4,000, and the other \$2,300.

The Herald remarks further:

What services were rendered for this large sum of money? Simply a job of printing that any private citizen could have performed for one thousand dollars, and allowed a handsome profit to the printer! The actual cost of the job for the 1,000 copies, (including compensation, pressmen, paper, etc.) is less than \$100; and each additional thousand would not exceed \$15. John Bigler cannot plead ignorance as an excuse, as he is well acquainted with the cost of printing, having a knowledge of the details of the business. It will be perceived that he has squandered the large sum of \$36,643, to promote his selfish and corrupt ends. Mark the difference between the amount paid the German paper and some of the Governor's particular pets.

Our legislature has been less profligate.

The order has been limited, in its publication, to one journal, viz: the "Official paper." Ahem!

—The execution of Patrick Fitzgerald took place in New York city on the 17th of June, and there were only about 100 persons present. We are glad to see that the morbid curiosity usually evinced on such occasions, is so little indulged in at present. There is but little doubt that the interest has been, in a great measure, lessened by the many forfeits of life, in the way of hanging.

—There are several kinds of void: a void, de-void and aching-void. Our purse is suffering very much from the latter. We would have no objections for those in arrears on our old subscriptions ministering to its relief the little balances on our books.

—We have a skinning article, written by a democrat, upon the bush that has lately been transplanted into a more southern soil, (and of course a more congenial one,) but we shall pursue a different course to that of others in reference to us. We think our space can be better occupied. There is such a thing as becoming to well known.

MUCH EXCITEMENT AT BEAVER ISLAND.—News was received in the city, yesterday, that there had been a desperate row between the Gentiles (the name given to the inhabitants near Beaver Island,) and the Mormons on Beaver Island. Some 12 or 14 of the latter went to the main land to subpoena two witnesses. They were told to leave there quick, or they would never reach their island alive. They immediately jumped into their boat, and were fired upon—six of them very badly wounded. The Gentiles chased them some distance into the lake, and the Mormons took protection on a vessel which was lying there becalmed. The Mormons were all armed, but did not fire a gun; and it seemed that the assault was altogether unprovoked. There may be good cause for it; however, as it is said that the Mormons are very troublesome, stealing everything they can put their hands upon. Only a short time ago, Strang, the leader, went to Grand Traverse, purchased \$180 worth of goods, &c., and paid for them in counterfeit money. Chase was given to him and the goods again obtained.—Huron Daily Tribune.

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News from the States.

—The steamship Columbia arrived at Portland on the morning of the 19th inst., having been detained at the mouth of the river 30 hours by the hawkins of the atmosphere. Immediately after the landing of the steamer, the express men were dispatched for this place, and before seven o'clock both companies furnished us with papers of the latest dates from the Atlantic States; the Tribune, Herald, and St. Louis papers of Aug. 5, and California dates to the 8th of September.

The race for this city was pretty tight between Adams & Co.'s and Wells, Fargo & Co.'s expressmen, but Mr. Herford, (of Adams & Co.'s) an old competitor, distanced his rival some ten minutes. Thanks to both for their timely attentions.

The California elections took place on the 7th inst. There was great excitement throughout the State. The result is very doubtful. The Herald, San Francisco, inclines to the opinion that Waldo, whig, is elected. The Herald, although democratic, opposed Bigler's election. It belongs to the independent wing of the democracy.

MISSOURI: ELECTION.—Since the elections of August it has been ascertained that the whig party is still in existence.

The elections in Missouri have resulted in the election of one whig and one democrat, the former in the seventh district and the latter in the third. There were four candidates in the field in the seventh, and last night were in great glee at their imagined victory. The contest for City and County officers was so much cut up that it is impossible to conjecture the result. The vote will be close. We believe, however, that Waldo has carried the county by a decisive majority.—J.

THE LARGEST CABBAGE IN THE WORLD.

—We received last evening, says the Alta California, from the garden of Mr. John Aldersey, on the Mission road, the largest cabbage that, probably, the earth ever produced—certainly the largest of which there is any account. This remarkable plant, standing in its natural position, measures three feet and one inch in diameter, including the loose leaves surrounding the head. The head itself, which is very solid and perfectly white, measures thirteen inches in diameter, and the whole weighs thirty-four pounds. Another evidence of the productive power of California soil.

—We express everything when we say the contest yesterday was but an imitation of a primary election. San Francisco has never witnessed such bald, unmitigated frauds as were yesterday perpetrated by the Biglerites. By the most unheard-of bribery, and all manner of electioneering devices, they succeeded in polling a much larger vote than was expected, and last night were in great glee at their imagined victory. The contest for City and County officers was so much cut up that it is impossible to conjecture the result. The vote will be close. We believe, however, that Waldo has carried the county by a decisive majority.—J.

ALABAMA.—Some of the papers report

that the Whig candidate is elected Governor.

We do not, however, set it down as certain.

The Congressional elections have probably resulted in favor of the democrats.

TEXAS.—The result is not known, but there were nine candidates for Governor in the field, each on his own hook; seven of them were democrats.

TENNESSEE.—It is thought the whigs have carried this State for Governor, and elected a majority of the Congressmen.

NEW ORLEANS.—The number of deaths by yellow fever in this city ending the 31st of July was 692. For the three weeks ending August 12, the number of deaths amounted to 2,722 of yellow fever alone, and the next day, (13th,) up to six o'clock in the evening, from the same cause 178.

It is truly distressing to contemplate such destruction of human life by that terrible scourge.

The principal items of interest from the States and Foreign parts we glean from the N. O. Delta of the 7th. We give them below:

Col. Bliss of the U. S. Army, son-in-law and Private Secretary to the late President Taylor, died of yellow fever on the 5th inst., at East Pascagoula, Miss.

Senator S. A. Douglas, alias the "Western Giant," now in Europe, has become a convert to the Roman Catholic faith, and has publicly joined the Church, at Rome.

Daniel S. Gregg, of Springfield, Ill., has been appointed by the President, Commissioner to the Sandwich Islands.

Yankee Sullivan, it is said, has made a match to fight with Morrissey, the champion of California, about the middle of autumn, for \$1,000 a side.

Col. T. P. Moore, a distinguished Kentucky politician, died at Harrodsburg on the 11th ult.

The Russians have assumed the government of the Turkish Danubian provinces.

The Emperor of Russia has not (as reported) accepted the mediation of the Great Powers.

The Turks have ordered the destruction of all the bridges over the Danube.

The Government has ratified the contract of the Central Paris Railway Company.

Its capital is thirty millions of francs.

It was rumored that Queen Christina, of Spain, was at Paris, intriguing with the Emperor Napoleon for the establishment of one of her children as monarch of Mexico.

Humboldt has written a letter in behalf of the construction of an oceanic canal without locks across the Isthmus of Darien, having reference to points on the Gulf of San Miguel and Cupica.

—Some of the congressional candidates for Congress in Tennessee and Mississippi seem to be getting pugnacious. We noticed a rencontre between Messrs. Churchill and Maynard, of Tennessee, in our last, and now we have to record a still more serious one between Messrs. Barksdale and Davis, in Mississippi. The difficulty occurred in a private room at Vicksburg. Barksdale was cut some 8 or 10 times with a knife, but his wounds are not dangerous.—Union.

CATCHING SALMON AT PUATALLUP.—Boiled breakfast on Saturday morning last, Messrs. Riley & Swan at one hour with their seine, brought safely to shore eight hundred and fifty splendid large salmon. We doubt if the fisheries of any part of the world can compare with those of Puatallup.—Commodore.

CONSCIOUS STRENGTH MAKES MEN COURAGEOUS.

From California.

—We give up our columns to-day to the interesting news from all quarters, brought by the steamer Northerner. From Australia we hear of the total loss of the steamer Monumental City, formerly plying between this port and Panama. Upwards of thirty passengers went down in her. The gold mines were yielding a fair return, although it is evident that thousands are unable to realize sufficient to save themselves from destitution. Melbourne was crowded with houseless and poverty-stricken emigrants, without means to sustain themselves there or to reach the mines. The shipment of gold dust to Kangaroo continued large, no less than 200,000 ounces, worth \$3,500,000, having been taken by one steamer. The total shipment of gold dust from the Colony of Victoria, from the 1st