Oregon Spectator.

OREGON CITY.

Saturday Morning, Feb 11, 1854.

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☞ There was a member of the legislature who wished to do Dr. McLoughlin justice, but our worthies [illegible] to make room for their own litigation. They voted it down. We place it on record to show that there was one proper thinking man in the legislature, and one disposed to do the old benefactor justice; and that man was Orlando Humason, a member from Yamhill county. Read Mr. Humason's resolution below, which was voted down by the progressives. It is [illegible]

Whereas, The acts of Dr. John M'Loughlin in regard to his treatment of the early settlers of Oregon, has, as we believe, been unimpeached; therefore,

Resolved, That the generous conduct of Dr. John M'Loughlin, in assisting the early settlers of Oregon, merits our warmest commendation. And as evidence of the high estimation in which his services are held by his fellow citizens, the thanks of this assembly be tendered to the said Dr. John M'Loughlin.

☞ Charles Dickens computes that one-sixth of the English people [illegible]

All [illegible]

California Items.

We learn from the *Alta* that a new invention has been made by Mr. R. T. Sims, of the Vulcan Iron Works, San Francisco, for raising brick buildings, en masse, by Hydrodynamic pressure. The machine has been fully tested, and the result has been highly satisfactory.

An attempt, says the *Herald*, was made to bribe one of the senators of that state by a rich banker of San Francisco. The bribe was $5000 for the senator's vote to bring on the U. S. Senatorial election the present session; an additional $5000 was offered to the same person if he would influence the vote of another member from the interior of the state.

The news from Lower California is quite cheering to the fillibusters. The President has issued his proclamation—military posts have been established, and the country is said to be quiet. Recruits are beating up in various parts of the State. Whilst many others have already left for the new republic to join the invaders. All are in high spirits and much elated by their temporary successes.

The *Herald* complains of the scarcity of money. Goods are plenty and cash customers comparatively few.

The Sacramento *Union* telegraphed the President's message from San Francisco, at a cost of over $200, and published it simultaneously with the papers at the bay. This is, we think, the greatest feat of enterprise that has yet been exhibited by the press on this coast. The *Union* is one of the A No. 1 papers west of the Rocky Mountains.

The steamer Columbia was dispatched to the relief of the Golden Gate, which it was thought had become disabled in some way. She was, according to the latest advices, due several days. The Fremont took the Columbia's place on the Oregon route. Many fears were entertained as to the safety of the Golden Gate, and much anxiety felt by persons who were expecting friends and important letters.

The drooping spirits of the miners throughout the state were considerably revived by the falling of several copious showers of rain—a fall they had been long and anxiously waiting for.

Reduction of pay and Mileage.—Mr. Walkup introduced a bill establishing the pay of members of the legislature, at eight dollars a day, and the mileage at four dollars for every 20 miles traveled to and from the nearest place of residence. The bill also directs that the sum of $120,000 be set apart at the commencement of each fiscal year for this purpose, to be called the Legislative Fund. The bill is not to apply to members of the present Legislature. The pay of members at present, is $12 per day, mileage $[illegible] per 20 miles each way. The bill was read first and second times, and referred to committee on the Judiciary.

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Local and Personal.

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Heavy Accident.—On Saturday evening, just as the Express had got over the Clackamas rapids, Mr. Bridges, the engineer, unfortunately got his right arm entangled with the machinery, which stopped the engine. He very coolly gave directions how to remove the machinery so as to extricate his arm. The arm was dreadfully shattered, but, notwithstanding, he walked up to Oregon City, and walked to Dr. Barclay's office and had the arm amputated close to the shoulder joint. He stood the operation manfully, and has shown extraordinary nerve ever since. We are glad to learn that he is doing well, and hope he will soon be out of danger. [illegible]

Volume Six.—This number closes volume six. We shall commence our paper next week in new type. An interesting story will be commenced with volume seven, and be continued for five weeks. This will be a favorable time for persons, who are not now subscribers, to enroll their names on our subscription list. Will our friends exert themselves to extend our list? The Spectator is the best local paper in the Territory, and is truly an Oregon journal.

New Furniture.—The largest and best assorted lot of furniture that has ever been exhibited in Oregon City is now to be found at T. Johnson's in the old Hudson Bay building, on Main street. He keeps constantly on hand everything in the way of furniture connected with housekeeping. We call the attention of the public to the advertisement of Mr. Johnson, which will be found in another part of the paper.

Loose Law.—We shall publish the land scheme law next week—the law taking the property of an American citizen and donating it to the city for school purposes. Who is to be the next victim of progressive democratic despotism? The way we look at it, they might, with the same propriety, have taken our press and given it to the city for school purposes.

"Nobody Knows."—We give this communication a place, but we do not endorse the spirit of the article. Censures of this kind should be made with fairness and candor, without impugning the motives that actuate the censured. As far as we are able to judge, we should be unwilling to ascribe any such designs to the author of the other [illegible].

Watches Stolen.—On Monday night a pane of glass was slipped out of the front window of the barber shop of Thomas Thompson (African) and two silver watches hanging up at the casing of the window were taken out. No trace of their whereabouts has, as yet, been found. Thompson is an industrious and well-behaved negro.

☞ There are to be two parties [illegible]

[illegible]

☞ A despatch from Vienna [illegible]

☞ A Russian steamer, with 1000 men on board, was captured on the 26th of November, on the Turkish coast. [illegible]

☞ A despatch states that the Turks had captured a Russian war steamer in the Black Sea, and she [illegible] at Constantinople. No particulars of the affair had been received at London.

☞ The latest advices from the East Indies report that Dost Mahommed and all the Mahomedans are opposed to the Russians.

Turkish Rejoicings.—The city of Constantinople was put in a state of joyful excitement regarding the success of the Turkish forces. Bulletins were issued announcing the defeat of the Russians at Oltenitza, and stated that 20,000 Russians had marched against the Turks on the left bank of the Danube, when a conflict ensued and lasted six hours. The Russians were routed, and their munitions and ammunition were left on the field of battle. The number on the Russian side killed, was stated at 500, while the Turks lost only 18 killed and 72 wounded.

A treaty had been completed between France and England, guaranteeing the integrity of Turkey.

France and Austria hold large forces which had been ordered to Hungary.

Invasion of Lower California.—Respecting the invasion of Lower California El Eco says:

The indifference shown by the two English men-of-war, the steamer Virago and the frigate Amphitrite, regarding the fillibuster force who invaded the port of La Paz [illegible]

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

Jan. 26.

Mr. Humphrey, from committee on incorporations reported bill to charter Oregon City water company with amendments.

On motion of Mr. Kelly the bill was postponed till to-morrow.

Mr. Humphrey, from committee, reported a new bill [illegible] ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Bill relating to [illegible] was passed.

Bill for the relief of [illegible] was passed.

[illegible]

The council went into committee of the whole, Mr. Simpson in the chair, on the Oregon City claim [illegible], and reported the same with amendment; amendments adopted and [illegible] passed.

Mr. Simpson, from committee, reported a bill relating to immigrant roads; laid on the table.

The apportionment bill taken up, and amendment opposed by Mr. Kelly, adopted.

On motion of Mr. Richardson, the bill was referred to committee of whole.

Bill to locate road from Salem to Washington Butte, ordered to be read third time to-morrow.

Bill to define southern boundary of Douglas county, read.

Mr. Richardson, from committee, reported bill for relief A. R. Flint and others, passed.

HOUSE.

Jan. 27.

Mr. Hadley, from committee on corporation, reported back, with amendment, the bill to charter a plank road through the

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Referred to school committee—Bales, Moore and Chapman.

Mr. Shiel introduced a bill to create the office of harbor master in Clatsop county; read three times and passed.

Mr. R. Thompson introduced a bill to incorporate the Willamette Lodge, No. 2, of Masons; read three times and passed.

The bill to create a school district in Oregon City, passed.

COUNCIL.

Jan. 27.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition from O. C. Pratt and others, for the annexation of a portion of Washington county to Clackamas.

Mr. Pellowes presented a petition from A. R. C. [illegible] for the incorporation of the [illegible] company and a bill for the purpose [illegible] read first time.

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Salt Lake Valley.

[illegible] description of the soil, production and climate of Salt Lake Valley, we find in the Deseret News. [illegible] No scarcity of water for that purpose exists, as the snows on the mountains and in the deep gorges keep up, by melting, thousands of streams, which are trained to run through the farms that lay between the mountains and the lake. The valley having a gradual slope from the base of the mountains to the shores of the lake, permits no unhealthy stagnation of water to take place, but sends each stream, after deriving a benefit from it, to the grand and beautiful receptacle, which is neither freshened nor increased by the tribute.—The soil is generally light and porous, being formed from the disintegration of the

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Dear Sir:—[illegible]

[illegible] of equal importance.

Look at the human body. Can one member say to the other "I am of the most importance" because it performs the most labor. One might suppose that the hand was of more importance than any other member. But how could the hands labor

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NORTH. KNICK.

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J. D. POST.

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☞ Mr. Wentworth offered a resolution affirming the power of Congress to construct a railroad over the territory of the U. S. for the safe and more expeditious transportation of the public moneys and mails from the Atlantic to the Pacific ocean.

☞ In the Senate to-day, Mr. Seward gave notice of a bill granting aid to N. Y. in the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara. Petitions were presented praying for the cheap ocean postage.

☞ The Senate has confirmed the appointments of Mason, [illegible], Seymour and M'Lane, as Ministers to France, Russia and China.

☞ The steamer had not arrived at the hour of going to press.