

SPECTATOR.

C. L. Goodrich, Editor.

OREGON CITY, OREGON TERRITORY:

Friday Evening, May 12, 1854.

Whig County Convention.—The Whig County Convention will be held in this city To Morrow, for the purpose of nominating candidates to be supported by the Whig Party at the ensuing June election.

Democratic Nominations.

For Council—Jas. K. Kelly, of this city.

For Representatives—Jas. Guthrie and L. F. Carter, of this city—and Mr. Starkweather.

For Sheriff, Wm. Holmes, of this city.

For School Supt.—L. F. Carter, of this city.

For Assessor—Stalyard.

For Co. Treasurer—W. B. Campbell, of this city.

For Co. Auditor—F. S. Holland, of this city.

For Co. Commissioners—Philip Foster, L. M. Brent and R. L. Quincy.

For Colonel—Wm. Cason.

Lieut. Col.—Thos. Waterbury.

Major—Dr. W. H. Magers.

Different Papers.

Newspapers are of as many different stripes and colors as the birds of the air—Each has its own ends in view, and each one is given more or less to some class of ideas. Can we assert that every editor understands his business? Truly it would appear that the business of editors must differ very much. One devotes his care and toil to some certain creed or political discussion; another pays exclusive attention to serving up the whole floating world to his readers, in the shape of news! Some devote a certain share of time to the quarrels, broils and misdemeanors of neighbors, and others seem to have got their senses so wrapped up in such things that they have not a moment to devote to anything more important. One editor devotes his pen entirely to the ladies; another to slavery, another to whiggery, another to democracy, another to the doings of Congress; some to foreign affairs or domestic concerns. In short what a funny, conglomeration mass a world full of editors would be.

A newspaper is sometimes devoted to anything and everything but news; and a political paper is frequently altogether posted up with news.

Well, what of it? Why, this is what is of it. Every man should exercise his judgment in selecting. Should a paper be patronized which places before its readers from day to day and from week to week, nothing but the most unreliable concoctions of diseased and impure brains. Should editors compliment (!) their readers with sordid base, and disgusting trash, to the utter exclusion of common sense! Shall such be the banquet which editors are paid to place before the people and ask them to partake! Are we thus climbing the heights of fame by stealing virtue's ladder? Truly a fame we may acquire, but it will be far from a virtuous, patriotic or deserving one.

The people patronize a paper that has at heart, for its aim the true and lasting interests of the public! It should be varied, instructive, amusing and useful. "Useful," did we say? Yes! useful. What is a paper for, if it is not calculated to be useful?

We hope to make the "Spectator" a useful paper, and, as far as we are capable and able, to make it answer the description of a good paper, which we have indicated. But in order to do this, we must be supported. People of Oregon, is it not to your interest to do so in a more liberal, and prompt manner than heretofore? Let every subscriber become an agent, and induce his neighbors to send for our paper, and thus confer a benefit on himself, his neighbors and upon us.

The "Spectator" contains fifteen columns of new reading matter each week; while the "Oregonian" has fifteen columns crowded with old and dead-head advertisements, leaving room for only nine columns of reading matter!

The lower trade steamer "Lot Whitcomb," made her first trip (this spring) to this city on Saturday last. We understand she will run regularly between this city and Astoria the remainder of the season, making two trips per week.

The fine steamer "Fashion," was on an excursion of pleasure to our city last Sunday. She is one of those reliable boats, and travelers going up the Columbia or Willamette rivers will find her a comfortable, convenient, commanded and conducted by gentlemen.

The little "Eagle" is said to be coming money fast, running between Portland and Vancouver.

The steamer "Fenix" is making two trips per week between this city and Lafayette.

Steamer "Wallamet" is laid up—for being too low to run her with safety.

Farmers, Sell Your Wheat.

Notwithstanding the large quantities of flour now in California, we are informed by San Francisco papers that over 36,000 barrels are now on the way there, and that shipments are constantly being made. All

though this is more than can or will be consumed in that State for the next four months, at least, and although large quantities of wheat are constantly being shipped there from Chili, to say nothing of the large amount of the last year's crop yet in California. We are told that the farmers in Oregon, in the face of all these facts, still hold their wheat at \$2.50 and \$3.00 per bushel. What reason can have for doing this, we certainly cannot tell. While farmers are demanding for their wheat a price they never can and never will get, nearly every steamer brings large quantities of flour from California for the Oregon market. As long as this state of things is persisted in, and as long as farmers ask for their produce more than any one will or can give, just so long will shipments from other ports continue to drain money from the country. But when they will be content with a fair price for their produce, and give others an opportunity to live as well as themselves, then, and not till then, can we expect that "there's better times a coming." Again, we say, farmers, sell your wheat.

Whig Meeting.—In accordance with a previous notice, a respectable number of the whigs of Oregon City precinct assembled in convention in this city on Wednesday evening last, to elect delegates to represent said precinct in the Whig County Convention to be held on the 13th inst.

On motion, Jno. B. PRESTON was called to the Chair and C. L. Goodrich chosen Secretary.

On motion, a committee of three was appointed to present the names of six suitable persons to act as delegates, subject to the decision of this meeting.

After a brief absence the committee reported the following names:—Wm. C. Dement, J. R. Robt. H. Emery, J. P. Brooks, E. Milward and Geo. H. Holden.

Separate action being taken on each of the above-named individuals, they were unanimously chosen.

The following resolutions were discussed and adopted:

Resolved, that in the event that only the delegates can be admitted to said convention from this precinct, the six chosen to this meeting shall select three from their number to represent said precinct.

Resolved, that should there be any vacancy in said delegation, the remaining delegates are hereby instructed to fill such vacancy, by choosing any persons whom they may think proper.

Now the important question arises whether the administration of this greatest country on earth will quietly submit to the maltreatment of one of its representatives abroad in obedience to its own instructions. Will the mighty author of the tremendous inaugural address of the 4th of March submit to have the rights of American citizens thus outraged upon foreign soil? Why are not all the American newspapers blaring with an executive proclamation or with a similar letter from the Department of State even longer and more tenacious than the Koza letter? Why are not all the commanding officers of the army and navy and all the shipyards and cannon-foundries swarming like bees?

Mr. Mason, our new minister to France, disregarding the administration's wardrobe circular, appears at the French court in the regular costume of that court, and he, we have no doubt, will retain his office, whilst Sanford, for obedience to the circular, finds himself under the necessity of running away. Let us see if President Pierce, Secy. of State, Postmaster General, and Attorney General will acquiesce in such a condition of things! If so, what will the administration's circular instructions in regard to coast and harbors and other important matters be worth hereafter? Will they not just as worthless as a contract of the Post-office Department for the carrying of the mails?—*Louisville Journal*.

To Correspondents.

C. H.—Proceedings of the Washington County Whig Convention shall be published in our next. We are very sorry they were too late for this week.

Persons wishing to write for the "Ladies' Department" of this paper, will please address all such communications, to Mrs. M. J. Bailey, (ex-s. "Spectator") they being subject, in all cases, to her decision.

P. T. B.—New York—They are worth from fifty cents to one dollar each in this market.

F. L. A.—Dayton—We are much pleased with your efforts; you are sure to succeed next time.

BEN, your selected article is a very good one. Admitted next week.

Rosa Lee.—We shall wish eligible persons, as we have said before, to be very good.

CHARLIE.—You must be an infant! The Young Americans of ten years, about the streets, can beat you.

"Incidents of the Cayuse war, or Col. G. G.'s charge on a Land of Butter," we decline to publish. We don't believe (though the story seems to have gained extensive circulation,) that any such "charge" was ever made.

"Let 'em Rip"—by "Toggles," Portland, will be published next week. It came just as we were going to press.

The "Oregon House" in this city has recently been nicely re-painted, and otherwise repaired. The rooms throughout the building have been newly papered and furnished with new furniture, bedding, &c.—People from the distance will find, while sojourning in Oregon City, that this hotel is a convenient and comfortable home, and equalled by none in the Territory. Their tables are laden with the best that can be obtained in the country; and however hospitable some, or delicate others, they are sure to find there a variety peculiarly adapted to their varied appetites. This is no humbug!

Fine Salmon are again plenty and cheap in this market.

Beef is retailing at from ten to fifteen cts. Mutton from twenty-five to thirty cents.—Pork is worth 22 cents.

Oats are selling at retail at \$1.15.

Wheat—\$2.50—trade dull.

We notice the Statesmen folks are making a very serious attack on their Surveyor General. They evidently wish the administration to remove Col. Gardner.—We cannot, as a matter of course, assist them any in settling family disturbances.

They like to quarrel with somebody all the time, and we think it a good idea for them to "pitch in" to their own "officials," if they do not deserve it!

The little "Eagle" is said to be coming money fast, running between Portland and Vancouver.

The "Tourist" "from which no travel returns" is said to be Melbourne, in Australia.

The fine steamer "Multnomah," "Portland" and "Belle," are making daily trips between this city and Portland.

The Administration seem to appreciate the atrocious Prussian outrage upon the rights of American citizen in the person of Halen or to declare or even to intimate that his release will be ought to be demanded at the hands of Prussia.—

Why are the Louvain organists thus mute as to the solemn duty of the Administration in case of a paddy? Are they beginning to discover that their boasted Administration and a hundredth part so leave as they thought it was? Are they beginning to suspect that, if they should call upon it to avenge on Prussia the wrongs of Halen or to obtain his release with proper indemnity, it might not respond to the call? Are they silent from a sense of the most certain way to give moral offence to a timid Administration, would be to call upon it for a display of pack inadvisability of American policy?

Other horrid war-blasts would have been known through thousands of letters to transpire during the administration of Fillmore an American citizen, after exercising the right of habeas corpus for several years under our Government, had been seized by a despotic Government, Europe and forced into its arms!—*Louisville Journal*.

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