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[We will insert no Administrator's advertisements unless they are prepaid. The trouble of collecting is more than they are worth.]

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AGAINST THE INHIBITING WILS OF FOREIGN
INFLUENCE. (I CONJURE YOU TO BELIEVE
ME FELLOW CITIZENS) THE JEALOUSY OF
A FREE PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE CONSTANTLY
AWAKE. IT IS ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS
FOES OF A REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT.—Washington.

WHO WANTS MONEY?
On the first day of March 1855, we shall send bills, for lawful collection, to all those persons who shall have paid nothing on subscription to the Oregon Spectator for a year and a half previous to that date, and shall discontinue their subscription at the same time. In the meantime we will be happy to receipt for any who may wish to pay up, and thus save costs.

The steamers Columbia and Franklin, on the Upper Willamette, now carry freight from this city to Corvallis for \$24 per ton. The people tell us this is yet too high.

The Statesman editor published the Hon. John Wilson's letter, and at the same time offered the use of his columns to Mr. Preston to reply. Now, he says wait till after the adjournment of the legislature; while at the same time he slips up his sheet, with somebody's long dissertation about a stage route between Missouri and California, just as if his subscribers were all from Pike, that they would read it, and the very caption of which pronounces the article worthless.

Myron H. Clark, (whig) is elected Governor of New York by a majority of 319 votes. The Whigs elect their Lieut. Governor, Canal commissioner, and entire State ticket by a large majority. Most of the members elect are said to be Seward men. Union, American, has exhibited a strength which is more terrific, by far, to the whigs, than the locofocoism of New York. Another canvass will be apt to make the old Empire State what she ought to be, Native American triumphant.

The San Francisco Herald says that the total shipments of Quicksilver during the year 1853, from California, were 18,000 flasks, or, 1,410,000 pounds, and valued at \$33,180. The shipments are pretty nearly the same from year to year, although the New Almaden mine is capable of yielding unlimited supplies of the metal. Sufficient only is produced to supply the demand and not overstock the market. The mine is far more valuable than all the rest of the quicksilver mines in the world put together. During 1854, 1,449,000 pounds were exported, which at the low price of 50 cents a pound amounts in value to \$724,500. This, however, does not include the large amount of the metal used in California.

We understand that Mr. Bush, editor and proprietor of the Statesman had a new press, printing materials, &c., on the supposed ill-fated Southerner. This is truly a deplorable loss, as it will take several months to cover the insurance and again ship the materials so long a distance.

The sheriff of Miami county, Indiana, advertises: "I will offer for sale at the door of the Methodist Church, in Peru, the same being now used as a Court House," &c.

Shock! O'rible! What would our people here say to have their fine churches decorated in this manner? O Hoosiers, are you retrograding?

The Mormons have established a weekly newspaper in New York City, devoted to the interests of the Latter Day Saints and Polygamy. Some time ago, Brigham Young is said to have stated that he should be Governor of Utah Territory until the Lord said "Brigham, you need not be Governor any longer." He now seems to think that the Lord will be willing to have him throw up the duties of his office at just about the same time that Uncle Sam is!

The River is still rising.

GOOD NEWS!!

Steamship Southerner Safe Ashore!
Last evening, A. Holbrook, Esq., kindly furnished us the following letter (just as we were going to press,) which sends a thrill of joy to many an anxious heart:

Portland, Jan. 12.
A. Holbrook, Esq.—The Fashion arrived this morning, and brought news of the Southerner. She struck on the bar in trying to enter the Columbia River, sprung a leak, and then made for the Sound; the leak gaining on them, and the sea very rough, they reached her on Cape Flattery at high water. All the passengers safe, and it is supposed masts and freight also.—Capt. Sampson despatched a messenger to Olympia for assistance, and the Major Tompkins started with the cutter Jeff Davis in the 4th inst. It is rumored that the "Jeff Davis" will bring the masts and passengers round to the Columbia River. F.

We learn by the San Francisco Herald that during 1854 there was exported from California (taken from the gold mines) the immense sum of \$51,506,132.00. Of this sum, \$15,476,612.30, was sent to the Atlantic States. It must be borne in mind, however, that this is only the amount manifested, and by no means indicates the full production of the mines during the time specified. To obtain that we would have to take into consideration the sums taken in private hands by the thousands of passengers who have departed by sea, as well as by Mexicans and others returning by land to their homes; the sums used in manufactures, coining, &c., in the State.

On the first page of our paper to-day it will be seen that Hon. John B. Preston has most conclusively and undeniably rebutted the attempts of Wilson, Lane & Co. to cast a stain upon his official acts. Those persons who love justice will listen to it—

—For others we presume Mr. Preston cares not.

Before Mr. P. had resolved to leave the Territory, his name was a conspicuous one as regards being a delegate to Congress.—That hope is now removed. This will give Oregon a better chance to send a man skilled in political knavery, treachery, &c. We would wish they could find his equal to represent Oregon, but we fear it cannot be done.

Some politicians may think it is all "on the square" to talk temperance on one corner and "treat" on the other. We don't. They may think it is all right to elect men to office by the influence and aid of intoxicating liquors, but we doubt it. American, Whig, Democrat or what not, we will never vote for any man for an office of honor, profit or trust who we have the least idea will, while in that capacity, ever be too drunk to attend to his official duties. And we feel cheap when taunts are thrown at us, that of the few we now boast among the Hon. (?) at Salem, all are not careful enough to try to "subdue and govern their passions."—We would caution the Know Nothings in choosing their candidates to select men not to offend.

Fire! Fire! The engine is here—and now for an effective organized fire department. We propose that the "Wigan" attend to this matter, unless they are willing that foreigners should "run mit der menschen!"

Hon. Jno. B. Preston, we understand, will take final leave of Oregon in a few weeks, returning, with his family to Illinois. When he leaves, Oregon LOSES HER BEST MAN, and in political affairs, one we believe HONEST. Illinois papers please note.

FROM THE STATES.

By Wells, Fargo & Co's Express.
The Columbia arrived from San Francisco early Monday morning last.

Wells, Fargo & Co. brought us the news twenty-nine hours ahead of the mails.

We are also indebted to J. W. Sullivan, for a news and literary supply by the fast express line.

The Southerner left San Francisco 25 days ago.

Election returns show that Massachusetts and Delaware have elected the American ticket entire. New York, Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin have elected nearly all Whig and Anti-Nebraska men. Every body seems to be particularly down on the present administration.

The actual remains of Sir John Franklin discovered.—Intelligence has been received from Lake Superior, said to be derived from a reliable source, that Dr. Kane's party, of the brig Advance, sent out by Mr. Grinnell, has discovered the bodies of Sir John Franklin and his companions. They were completely frozen, and in a perfect state of preservation. Although Dr. Rae has anticipated our indefatigable countrymen in solving the problem as to the fate of the gallant Sir John, yet the honor due to his services in the cause of humanity is none the less.

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—More Foreign Marines.—By a recent order from Washington, the enlistment of foreigners into the Marine corps, now stationed at the Charlestown Navy Yard, is to cease. It is believed that the same order has been sent to all our military posts.

—Cuban Courtesy.—General Concha, the new Captain-General of Cuba, seems anxious to conciliate the Americans. Not long since the United States steam frigate Princeton visited Havana. Her salute was answered by the Esperanza Spanish frigate, with the American ensign flying up in a bunch, hoisted at the fore, with the thirteen guns. This being observed by the General of Machines, he at once sent off an order to spread out the stars and stripes, and go through with the salute again, which was done, to the chagrin of the Spaniard in charge of the frigate.

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A friend to every body is a friend to nobody.

—Three things not easily done, to allay thirst with fire, to dry wet with water, to please all in everything that is done.

MARRIED

In the 8th instant, at the Protestant Episcopal Chapel, in Oregon City, by the Rev. Dr. Bissell, Mr. JOSEPH W. TRUTCH and Miss JULIA HYDE.

The printers received their share of the bride's cake, and in a style which, for once, we cannot forbear saying, was real. The happy twain have our real wishes for their future happiness.

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NEW Advertisements.

Hon. Henry A. Wise has received the nomination for Governor of Virginia by the Democratic State Convention of that State. The proceedings of the Convention are said to have been characterized by unusual turbulence.

The steamer "Grand Tower" struck upon a rock near Cairo, on the Mississippi river and sunk in twenty-three feet water. The passengers were rescued with difficulty. The boat and freight is a total loss.

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