Mining Intelligence.

New Gold Mines.

We take the following correspondence from the Pioneer and Democrat:

STEILACOOM, April 4, 1854.

MR. EDITOR:—The most intense excitement that has ever been created in this town, or any other in Washington Territory, was caused here to-day by the unmistakeable discovery of GOLD! One of our citizens, Dr. P. H Muse, took his spade and pan at an early hour this morning, and repaired to a spot at the head of high water, dug out a panfull of the earth, washed the same, and found it to contain a handsome quantity of beautiful, real simon pure Ore! Soon the news spread like wildfire over the entire length and breadth of Steilacoom, and men and boys were seen hurrying to the spot, armed and equipped with shovels, picks, and pans. All went to work with high hopes and hearty good will, and none without success. Some $25, probably, have been washed out to-day, from a hole some two feet square. One man washed out a beautiful specimen of virgin gold, weighing $2. Claims are already being taken, and companies formed, and everything promises that the work will be prosecuted vigorously and with success.

In a ravine some four hundred yards from Port Steilacoom, a gentleman attached to the army repaired with the necessary implements, (after hearing of the discovery in town) dug and washed some of the dirt, and found a handsome quantity of pure gold.

From these facts I am not only led to believe that our Territory is rich in minerals, but also that a new era has dawned upon us, and that henceforth we may reasonably count upon gold as one of the staple productions of our country. B.

We suppose the above is another humbug, intended to lead people off on a wild-goose chase. So prone are we all to leave the substance and grasp at shadows.

GOLD DISCOVERIES ON THE YAKIMA RIVER.—We have information that there is considerable gold being taken out on the Yakima, by some parties who have been in that region during the winter. It has long been known that gold existed in that part of the country, but as examinations have been limited, little has been known of its extent.

The Yakima heads near the Cascade Mountains, on the east side, and runs east for nearly one degree, when it turns in a southerly direction and empties into the Columbia near Walla-Walla. The country is inhabited by Indians, who appear to have used every effort to prevent the whites from examining it. In some cases they have driven the whites out of the country, when informed that they were in search of gold. Three years ago, an Indian brought to this city a quantity of gold dust which he obtained there; but said the chiefs would not permit the Bostons to come there, as they would take their land, and drive the Indians off, if they found out there were "dollars"—meaning gold—there. Those who have traveled over the country represent that it has every appearance of a gold region for a great extent.

It is said to be only about one hundred miles from the Dalles of the Columbia to where those now engaged are obtaining a considerable quantity of the precious metal. We give the information as we hear it, making all due allowances for the usual exaggeration of reported gold discoveries, with the single remark that the report appears to be well founded, and in confirmation of a well settled opinion of many, that there are, on this river, rich gold mines heretofore unknown to the whites.—*Oregonian.*

DEEP MINING.—A correspondent of the Stockton Journal, writing from Mariposa, says:—"Our mining news is not of that startling nature which characterized the newspaper reports of the early days of '49, when our credulity was so often staggered by the Munchausen-like tales which every arrival from California brought to our ears of the interminable wealth of the placers! True industry and perseverance still meet with a success almost infallible, and the most abject cases of 'hard luck' are more or less the results of a want of energy. Yesterday I visited the claim of Messrs. P. Kurtz & Co., near this city, where I observed an example of indomitable perseverance worthy of imitation, and its reward was shown me in 'divers' large-sized bags of gold. The company, consisting of three men, commenced 'drifting' in November last, and followed the lead on the ledge for a distance of several hundred feet directly into the mountain. The tunnel is sufficiently large to accommodate the labor of three men, requiring only a moderate supply of air for the health of the underground workers. It is a dismal looking corridor—and as I groped my way in the wake of a flickering candle, I was reminded of the dungeon tales I have read in the "Tower of London." It gave me a cold chill as I stood magnifying the horrors of being buried alive, and the utter impossibility of escape should the earth cave in upon me. I am informed that Messrs. Kurtz & Co. have taken from the tunnel upwards of $6,000 in less than six months. If the mines have been 'worked out,' as I have frequently heard it suggested during my sojourn here, there must be a deposit elsewhere, for shipments by the expresses and private hands are much heavier than usual heretofore."

MINING SUCCESSES.—We take the following from the Columbian Gazette:

There are most encouraging evidences of the success of mining operations. The miners, generally, are making good wages in this vicinity, and occasionally we hear of big strikes and fine specimens.

Messrs. Webster & Co., at Bensonville, last week averaged $140 to the man, and this week $60 to the man, clear of all expenses.

A company on the North side of Gold Hill are averaging, we are informed, from $8 to $10 per day to the man. Another company, near the grave-yard, are washing out from $30 to $40 per day. The gold in this hill is very much scattered; in some places the ground will not pay for working; in others it is extremely rich.

At Yankee Hill, a company of three men, Harris & Co., have struck a rich pocket, out of which they have taken two thousand dollars this week. On Wednesday, they worked one half day, and took out eleven and one-half ounces; Thursday, 23 ounces; Friday, twenty-six and a-half ounces. Miners are prospecting around about them in every direction, but thus far without success.

A miner at Springfield, by the name of Joshua Smith, while prospecting, struck a rich lead, that will pay, on an average, one dollar to the pan, and is supposed to be very extensive. This discovery has created great excitement in the vicinity, and the ground is all staked off for claims, for half a mile around.

RISING.—Stock in the Tuolumne Water Company is coming up smartly. A share was sold last week, for eighteen hundred dollars, and two thousand is now asked by holders.

GOLD DUST.—3521 ounces of "oro" were purchased at the Express Offices at Coloma on Sunday last. About 2000 ounces were purchased by the different traders in town on the same day. This shows that the mines have not yet "dried up" in this vicinity.

PLACERVILLE.—The banking house of Adams & Co. forwarded from this place on Monday last, 2790 ounces of gold dust.

A TWENTY-FIVE POUND NUGGET.—Yesterday we were informed by Mr. Parker, who drives the stage from Placerville to Sacramento, that considerable excitement was caused at Mud Springs, by the finding of a piece of quartz near that place, out of which twety-five pounds of gold were extracted. The name of the lucky miner is Buckingham.—*Miners' Advocate.*

INDIAN DOINGS.—The miners in this vicinity are now reaping the reward of their patience and perseverance. All are making good wages, and some are making from $8 to $25 per day.

HANDSOME LUMP.—A specimen was taken out a few days since, at the Lowes Springs, Shasta, by Mr. Pickett, weighing twenty five ounces of pure gold, without the slightest speck of stone in it.

FRENCH GULCH.—A company of three Frenchmen had taken out six hundred dollars in one day here. The miners generally were making from eight to sixteen dollars per day.

THE MINES.—In our remarks a few days since, we stated that the mines would not soon be exhausted The mining district is some four hundred miles long, by sixty or eighty wide. No one acre in a hundred has, as yet, been scarcely prospected. Very little, we repeat, has been *worked thoroughly.* This will appear, when it is known that many localities have been worked four or five times, regularly paying good wages. Our hills, gulches, ravines, and flats afford a tolerable good prospect at almost any point. Some of these places will pay well; others will prove exceedingly rich, and all will pay remunerative wages. The best "strikes," for the past year or two, have been made where it was thought by the best informed miners that no gold existed.—*Miners' Advocate.*

THE QUEEN OF SPAIN.—This Royal personage, it seems, is growing to a rapid unpopularity among her subjects. She is reported to have plunged into excesses which have rendered her name a bye-word She has been remonstrated with by her ministers, but with no favorable result. The legitimacy of the Infanta is doubted, and placards were posted in Madrid which reflected upon her Highness a deep shade of immorality.

Thus we see the Spanish Court characterized by the same irregularities which marked it in former times.

Isabella has grown desperate at the remonstrances of her attendants, and has resorted to harsh means to enforce their submission to her will. Concha has been exiled, likewise O'Donnell. Thus she hopes to break down the spirit of opposition that is at work among her subjects. But she has put her foot upon dangerous ground, and will meet with mishaps. Concha and O'Donnell were two of her most loyal subjects, and their exertions have been of great assistance to her. But what power has moral suasion upon a woman in authority, and crazy with intrigue!

Her rash proceedings will doubtless make stormy times in that weakest of all governments.

All Sorts of Paragraphs.

The new bell at New Haven, says the Journal of that city, was distinctly heard on Thursday morning, at Wallingford, 12 miles distant.

It is stated that the daily receipts on the Great Western (Canada) railroad are over $2,000. More freight is offered than the company is able to transport

We hear by letter from Savannah, on the Illinois, that the river is open from that point to Peoria A steamer had arrived at the former place from the latter.

The Philadelphia North American publishes a list of the towns and cities of Pennsylvania whose population exceeds 2,000 The number amounts to thirty-seven.

A large locomotive manufactory is about being established at Detroit. It is located near the river, so that locomotives can readily be transported to any point.

The whig papers in Preston's district, the 7th, of Kentucky, all oppose the Nebraska bill; and letters received in Washington say that John C. Crittenden is about to address the people of that state against the repeal of the Missouri Compromise.

Thirty ships, averaging one thousand three hundred tons each, are now in process of construction or contracted for, in Bath, Me.

The pre-emption laws of California have been extended two years longer.

Some Russian officers of the navy are now on a tour to our sea-ports for the purpose of purchasing vessels for the Russian Navy.

A Convention of spiritual mediums is shortly to be held in Washington City.

It is rumored that a proposition is before the British government to establish a vice-royalty in Canada, with the ultimate view of combining all British North America into a monarchy, with Prince George of Cambridge for the King.

A NEW PRINCIPLE IN BALLOONING.—The N. O. Picayune says that M Petin, the aeronaut, has experimented in making an engine by which to create hot air fast enough and in sufficient quantity to inflate his immense balloons, without being obliged to have recourse to gas. He has succeeded in this purpose, and proposes applying the idea in Mexico. Mons. P. was to leave New Orleans for Mexico on the 15th.

He who rises late may trot all day, but never overtake his business.

A VOUCHER.—A man once went to purchase a horse of a quaker.

"Will he draw well?" asked the buyer.

"Thee will be pleased to see him draw," answered Nehemiah.

The bargain was closed, and the farmer tried the horse, but he would not stir a step. He returned.

"That horse will not draw an inch."

"I did not tell thee he would draw, friend; I only remarked that it would please thee to see him draw, and so it would me, but he would never gratify me in that respect."

Judge B——, in reprimanding a criminal, among other names, called him a scoundrel. The prisoner replied:

"Sir, I am not as big a scoundrel as your honor"—here he stopped, but finally added —"takes me to be."

"Put your words closer together," said the Judge, reddening.

This is evidently an age of refinement. The old adage, that "you should not count your chickens till they are hatched," has been thus rendered by a professor of etiquette: The producers of poultry should postpone the census of their juvenile fowls till the period of incubation is fully accomplished."

Not many years ago, when high-top bonnets were fashionable, a preacher took for his text, "top not come down." He told his audience that his text was in the Bible. An attentive hearer on returning home, commenced a search for the text, and found it in Matthew," let him that is on the house-*top not come down.*"

☞ General Lane has bills in the hands of Committees of the house, providing for the payment of the expenses of the Rogue River and Cayuse wars; also to amend our land law; with assurances that they will be reported favorably, and acted on, at the earliest day given to territorial business.

Gen. Lane also has before the House a bill to establish Port Orford a port of entry and delivery.—*Statesman.*

Strain the bow and the arrows swerves; —such is the case with the human mind.

Many are great because their associates are small.

There are some men who are fortune's favorites, and who, like cats, forever light upon their legs.

The lady who "colored" with indignation says it is far better than rouge and vermillion.

To make money—be economical and advertise.

The Steamer Black Warrior was seized in the Port of Havana, by the Custom House officers, on the first of March last, for an alleged violation of the revenue laws. On the 15th of March President Pierce sent a special message to Congress concerning the affair, urging them to take immediate measures to obtain redress.

A VETERAN OFFICE HOLDER.—Bishop Rip, recently appointed to the ecclesiastical diocese of California, in a letter to the N. Y. *Churchman,* gives the following account of our veteran consul at Kingston, Jamaica:

On our way through the town, we stopped to see our consul, Col. Harrison.

The old gentleman, now 84 years of age, is perhaps the only one living who held a commission from Washington. He is a cousin of the late President Harrison, his room mate at school, and commissioned with him in the army. When fifteen years of age, he told us, being in England he was pressed for a sailor, and remained for several years in the British ships of war. At last, in the Mediterranean, there came an admiral, who before the revolution, when stationed on our coast, had been entertained by his family in Virginia. He made himself known to him and was at once released and restored to his country. He has now passed more than fifty years in the West Indies. Last year he visited New York, after an absence of fifty-two years. What a change must he have witnessed! It was like dropping down on a new planet.

MOUNT VERNON.—The ladies of the South are making efforts to secure the tomb of Washington from further desecration. In Savannah, a ladies' Mount Vernon Association has been formed, and subscriptions are being taken for the purchase of the Mount Vernon estate. None but ladies are allowed to contribute. The Secretary of the Association has been directed to address a letter to the Governor of Virginia making inquiries as to the amount necessary for the purchase of Mount Vernon.

SCOTTSBURG PRICES CURRENT.

SCOTTSBURG, May 5, 1854.

Flour, Chili,	7c	Tobacco, Grape,	40a45
" rescacked,	6a6¼	" Fruit,	60
Corn Meal,	5a5½	" Peach,	62½
Bacon, clear,	20a22	Raisins, per bx,	$5½a6
" mess,	18	Whiskey, Mon.,	1.25
Pork, clear,	18	Brandy, Am,	1.25a1.37½
" mess,	14	" Fr.	$2.50a4
Butter, (Goshen)	37½	Peach Brandy,	$2a2.25
Lard, in tins,	22	Holland Gin,	$2a2.50
Sugar, No. 1 China,	12½	Port wine,	$1.50a2
" " 2 "	11	Br Peaches,	$16a2.50
" Crushed,	17	Br. Cherries,	$10
Coffee,	17a20	Claret per ca.,	$5.50
Tea, 1 lb. caddies,	60a65	Sauterne,	$5
Candles, adamantine,	35	Honey in cans, pr lb.,	25
Dried Apples,	15	Brooms pr doz,	$20a22
Chili Peaches,	30	Shoes, fine,	$24a30
Brown Soap,	14	Boots, per case,	45a70
Salt,	4a4½	Nails,	8½a9
Saleratus,	15	Axes, handled,	22.50
Soda,	50	" Collins',	$18
Cream Tartar,	55	Picks,	$20a24
Sardines, hf boxes, per doz.,	$6a7½	Cordage,	25a30

Shipping Intelligence.

CLEARED—May 5, Schooner Frances Helen, Leeds, for San Francisco.

SAILED—May 1, Bark Ocean Rover, for San Francisco.

May 1, Brig Judson, Bunker, for San Francisco.

AMOS E. ROGERS,

EMPIRE CITY,

HAS on hand a well assorted stock of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots & Shoes, &c, &c, &c He is anxious to sell, and wishes it to be understood that he is prepared to offer goods EXTREMELY LOW FOR CASH. If any doubts are entertained about the matter, he will be exceedingly obliged, if persons doubting, will speedily call, and at once put it to the test.

Empire City, May 5, 1854-tf

ALLAN, McKINLAY & CO.,

LOWER SCOTTSBURG,

HAVE always on hand at their store there, a general assortment of Goods, adapted to the wants of the Country, and superior accommodations for packing.

May 5, 1854-tf.

ADDISON C. GIBBS,

Attorney at Law, and Commissioner for the State of New York.

GARDINER, UMPQUA CO., O. T.

N. B.—THE partnership heretofore existing between GIBBS & STRATTON has been dissolved by mutual consent.

May 5-3m*

BROWN, DRUM & CO.,

NO. 28 COMMERCIAL ST., SCOTTSBURG,

HAVE constantly on hand a General Assortment of Merchandize, consisting of Flour, Pork, Bacon, Hams, Lard, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Tobacco, Liquors, Farming and Mining Tools, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, &c., &c.

FARMERS, PACKERS & TRADERS are invited to call and examine our Stock, when visiting this City, as we will sell at all times at the lowest market rates.

May 5-tf

FOR THE COQUILLE.

THE SLOOP "FLYING CLOUD," Captain RICHARD NURSE, will sail for the Coquille River, on or about the 10th of May. For freight or passage apply to the Captain on board.

May 5, 1854-1t*

SAMUEL S. MANN,

LOWER SCOTTSBURG,

OFFERS for sale a CHOICE assortment of Groceries, Dry-Goods, Boots & Shoes, &c., &c.

The above stock is ENTIRELY NEW, and having been purchased recently, at the present low prices of the Market, will be sold at figures that cannot fail to suit purchasers.

☞CALL AND EXAMINE.☜

April 28, 1854.-1tf

WANTED.—At this Office, a good, honest, intelligent, industrious boy, between the ages of 14 and 17 years. A good situation may be obtained by applying soon.

April 28, 1854

GEO. HAYNES, THOS. WARDLE, JR.

GEORGE HAYNES & CO.,

575 MAIN ST., CORNER OF YONCALLA ST.,

LOWER SCOTTSBURG.

OFFER FOR SALE

Flour, California and Chili,
Bacon, Mess and Clear,
Pork, do do.,
Beef, "Fulton Market" Mess, in ½ bbls
Hams, linen covered,
Lard, in tins,
Sugar, China, Nos. 1 & 2,
Coffee, Rio and old Java,
Candles, Soap, Liquors, Cigars, Dry-goods, Boots and Shoes, &c., &c.

April 28-1tf

ALLAN, LOWE & CO.,

COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

132 CLAY STREET,

San Francisco.

ALLAN, McKINLAY & Co., } OREGON CITY, O.T. / SCOTTSBURG, "

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THE undersigned has for sale a large assortment of

Groceries,
Provisions,
Liquors,
Cigars,
Boots & Shoes,
Clothing,
Cutlery,
Tinware, &c.

ISAAC N. HALL.,

Main Street, Lower Scottsburg.

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THE PLACE TO GET YOUR MONEY BACK.

MERRITT, OPPENHEIMER & CO.,

Scottsburg,

WHOLESALE DEALERS in Dry Goods, Groceries, Provisions, Hardware, Boots and Shoes, Clothing, Liquors, Cigars, &c., &c.

April 28-1tf

SCOTTSBURG HOUSE.

THE undersigned, having purchased this establishment, and feeling grateful for past patronage, takes this opportunity to inform his friends, and the public generally, that he is now prepared to accommodate regular boarders, and all travellers or visitors who may come this way. Terms reasonable, and accommodations as good as generally found in Oregon.

JOSEPH PUTNAM.

Scottsburg, April 28-1tf

W. N. WELLS,

House Carpenter and Ship Joiner.

MAIN STREET, LOWER SCOTTSBURG.

ALL kinds of the above work done on short notice, and on reasonable terms.

April 28-tf

B. F. JOHNSON,

Blacksmith & Gunsmith.

MAIN STREET, LOWER SCOTTSBURG.

HORSE-SHOEING done on the shortest notice and on reasonable terms. GUNS repaired and put in good order.

April 28-tf

HINSDALE & CO.,

Wholesale Dealers in General Merchandise

CORNER OF MAIN AND NELSON STS.,

LOWER SCOTTSBURG.

WOULD invite the attention of Traders, Packers, and Farmers to their large and well selected stock of Clothing, Dry Goods, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Groceries, &c., which they offer for sale at prices which will be an inducement to those wishing to purchase.

Call and inspect our stock. [ap28-1y.

THE STEAMER

WASHINGTON

WILL make tri-weekly trips between Lower Scottsburg and the mouth of the Umpqua River, leaving Allan, McKinlay & Co.'s Wharf Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays.

A good scow for the transportation of cattle is always in readiness.

For freight or passage apply on board, or to ALLAN, McKINLAY, & CO.

April 28-tf.

WILLIAM E. LEWIS,

BOAT BUILDER AND SPAR MAKER.

MILL CREEK, UMPQUA RIVER.

BOATS Repaired, and all kinds of Carpenter Work done at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.

April 28, 1854-tf

FOR THE COQUILLE.

THE Sloop "MUCKSHAW," Capt. JOHN WALKER, will sail for the above place, on or about the 15th of May. For freight or passage apply on board, or to the Captain at Scottsburg.

April 28-3t.

STORE TO LET—on Main street; suitable for a wholesale or retail business. Apply to WM. H. H. TORREY.

Scottsburg, April 28-tf

TO LET.—The lower story of HARRIS' NEW BUILDING, on Main street, size 40X60, can be occupied as a store-house, or would be divided into two stores, suitable for any kind of business. For particulars, apply on the premises, or to JESSE U. HARRIS.

Lower Scottsburg, April 28-tf

CROSBY'S HOTEL,

LOWER SCOTTSBURG.

F. S. CROSBY, having again taken charge of the above named Hotel, will personally superintend the efforts to make those comfortable who may have occasion to visit this place. The table will be supplied with the best the market affords; and choice Liquors and Cigars can always be had at the Bar.

April 28, 1854.-tf

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OF every description, such as PAMPHLETS, CARDS, HANDBILLS, POSTERS, BILLS OF LADING, BLANKS OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS, &c., &c., neatly and cheaply executed at this Office. Also,

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April 28