The Weekly Gazette.

SCOTTSBURG, FRIDAY, MAY 12, 1854.

THE UMPOUA RIVER .-- We expect ere long to be able to lay before our readers a correct statement of the depth of water from the bar at the mouth up to Scottsburg. All thankfully received ; as we are inclined to not accustomed to write. believe that our river has been badly misrepresented, and its advantages overlooked self and your readers, some of whom may motive.

OUR WAGON ROAD .- This work is progressing rapidly. The gentlemen who contracted for the bridges are up and at their business manfully. All know the impor-Winchester, and accordingly all, with few the wheel

OF We learn from a gentleman recently arrived from Coose, that the party who were in pursuit of the murderers of Venable and Burton, captured three Indians at Coose Bay, and took them back to Ran. er Crescent City. dolph city, where they were tried. Two of them confessed that they were guilty of the crime, but stated that the third was innocent. These two were accordingly ex- that claim the head of navigation for sailecuted ; and there being no evidence against ing vessels or for steamers of any size ; and the third, he was set at liberty.

AGENTS FOR THE GAZETTE .- The following persons are authorized to act as agents for the Umpqua Weekly Gazette :- every success in his undertaking. Geo. T. Allan, Esq., Coose Bay; Burns & Wood, and Major E. B. Ball, Randolph; Col. W. W. Chapman, Elkton ; Jesse Applegate, Esq., Yoncalla ; Joseph Reynolds, The channel from Marshfield to Panama is Canvonville: Harrison Pinkston, Green Valley ; Mr. Flood, Winchester.

To CORRESPONDENTS .- W. N. G.'s communications will be attended to in order. "Stella" can't shine. Her verses are

too pathetic. During their perusal at the office, our devil, who is a rather hard hearted specimen of humanity, stood knee deep could make him for his kindness, was to in his own tears, and had to use quite an assure him of a warm reception when he effort to dry up.

A commun dion relative to the Shan our next number.

CT The San Francisco papers state that graph station at Point Lobos.

05 In another part of the paper will be found interesting communications from Coose Bay and Jacksonville.

The proceedings of the Whig Convention at Elkton will be found in another column.

Important Decision.

We take the following from the Oregon

Our Correspondence. Coose BAY, May 2d, 1854. Editor of the Umpqua Gazette :

der their services in rendering you some account of what is now doing or likely to done at the Bay, I believe that I must en-

by one of those routes to the Coquille, and saddle. from thence to Randolph and Coose by another of them.

From the ceal mine we proceeded up to Mr. Tolman's residence, where we passed the night, and were most hospitably entertained by that gentleman and his lady. I consider being sheltered from the strong N. W. winds that generally prevail at Coose during the summer, I conceiverit to be a good site for a town ; and understanding that Mr. Tolman designs to make it one, I wish him

From Marshfield, the name of Mr. Tolman's town, we proceeded next morning twelve miles further, which brought us to the Isthmus, or Panama, as it is styled. both narrow and intricate, but I believe navigable by such a boat as the Washington. At Panama we were entertained with the greatest hospitality, by our friend and fel-low traveler, Mr. Carter, who fed us on bar meat, which I enjoyed exceedingly, and could not help saying-"Life in the woods for me." Mr. Carter is one of the boys whose tent is always open to friends and travelers, and the only remuneration I

visited Empire City., From Mr. Carter's, who, by the by, holds the claim at Panama, we walked across the claw river has been received, the publica- isthmus next morning; a mile and a half, find of which, we are compering to defer till and reached the head of a slough leading down to the Coquille River, and about sar miles in length. In passing through this slough, which we did in a good boat. called the "Kate Noble," we encountered slight shocks of an earthquake were felt, many obstacles in the way of brush and on Monday, the 24th inst., at the Tele- overhanging bushes, so that we had to keep a sharp lookout for our eyes; and we also met with frequent obstructions in the shape of Beaver dams, which, notwithstanding our respect for the industry of thess little animals, we were obliged to demolish before we could pass. I could not help being struck with the industrious hahits of these four-legged animals, from whose example I think the two-legged ones might sometimes take a useful hint. In the space of one night, the beavers in this slough will repair all damage caused by the ruthless hand of man; so that they must either be very industrious, or their name is legion. On arriving at the mouth of the slough, the Coquille opened to our view. We immediately engaged a canoe, and descended the river to its mouth; and a more beautithe Commissioner of the General Land ful river, or one better fitted for steam na-Office, at Washington, in refferene to cer- vigation, I have not yet seen in Oregon. 1 tain points of construction of our Land am informed, also, that for twenty-five miles further up, that is to the forks, it is exactly the same. From the slough to the month is called twenty-five miles. On arriving at We are pleased to publish this decision, as the mouth of the Coquille, we slept there, it materially affects the rights of many Cit. and next morning examined the entrance, which I consider impracticable for sailing vessels; but I doubt not but that in calm weather a small steamer might enter with safety-always, of course, choosing the proper time and tide. From the mouth, or a little above it, we were ferried over the ularly, as here we have now Monday, and a little above it, we were ferried over the unity, as here we have now atomay, and name how atomay, and interview of the gazette, nor of and liberty of the people, sympathizing latice Assembly of the Territory of Oregon, to Randolph. During this walk, and on our letters by last Friday's mail. I shall with the enslaved and oppressed abroad That there shall be elected by the qualified to Randolph. During this walk, and on nearing Randolph, we had an opportunity of examining the mines, and the men at ferred by you to this office, on the 14th inst., for my opinion upon the legal points raised by your correspondent. • • • The question there raised is: Can an old settler, or resident, prior to the 1st of Decmber, 1850, abandon one claim, or settlement, and acquire a title to claims....the scarcity of water rendering claims-the scarcity of water rendering many otherwise valuable claims almost if not entirely useless. On arriving at Randolph, we were much pleased on two accounts-the appearance of the city, and its situation, which is really would make its appearance on the first of man ought to vote according to his political pretty; but our greatest reason to be satis- May. Presuming that to have been the fied was with the idea that our journey, for case, I venture to give you an item or two 1st of December, 1853. In this removing that day at least, was at an end-as how- concerning matters here. however, he canderive no benefit from his ever romantic it may appear to walk along the beach, the feet appear not to go into seriously affected by the Indian war-so that idea at all.

make places of far longer standing bow as witness Scottsburg.

Ball, and took the mule trail, which I must the distance from Randolph, and made both Agent. Mr. Culver, are untiring to keep Gazette and the Oregonian for publication. deavor to do so myself, craving at the same ourselves and horses groan during the per- them so. information concerning the matter will be time your indulgence for a correspondent formance. At the same time I give full

As some idea of the different routes from whom, I understand, belongs the honor of returning to their old, but never failing field hence to the mines, may interest both your. first projecting and carrying out this route, of labor, with strong hopes of success in U. S. District Court, May Torm. and which must have been some expense. the mines about here. by those in office, through some sinister prohebly wish to travel this way, I believe We reached Empire City in the evening, cannot do better than give a sketch, al- so thoroughly tired out, that I only man- little interest, it being Court week. Yet I though a rough one, of a trip I lately made aged with difficulty to descend from the believe that but little business of importance

Towards the end of April, I started from brown Empire City or Coose Bay to found an indictment against him, at this Empire City up the Bay, in company with the Coast or Randolph mines, and of the Court, upon that charge, upon which he tance of a wagon road from Scottsburg to a friend; and in going along we did not fail two I greatly prefer the route ria Panama was tried, convicted, and sentenced by to keep our eyes open. At the distance of and the slough, notwithstanding the beaver Judge Deady, to hard labor in the Peniten-Winchester, and accordingly all, with few exceptions, have placed their shoulders to coal mine, on a claim owned by Mr. Lock. pany here have lately commenced building by S. C. Graves, Esq., and Messrs. Brenan hart. This mine has been opened, and a wharf, which asen to be going ahead; and Prim. The prosecution was conductlately supplied thirty tons of coal to the and at Marp & coal mine work also seems of by S. F. Chadwick, Esq., Prosecuting schooner Cynosure, now at the entrance of to move along all events, they have the Attorney, assisted by L. P. Mosier, Esq. the Bay; but has been since abandoned, at right sort of our at work there to dig and Lieut. Ogle, after ten days' search for least for the present, by the miners, who produce coal, if it is to be found in the Type Tipsy, returned without finding him. are now at work in Mr. Marple's mine, be- bowels of Coose Bay; and from what I The continuance of peace depends in a low the city, getting out cos for the steam- have myself observed, I begin to believe great measure upon the death of this rasthat it may yet be fortheoming.

Yours, sincerely, COOSE T.

Coose Bay, May 8th, 1854.

To the Editor of the Umpqua Gazette :

Oregon form the same opinion of your enterprise and exertions, displayed in your first number, they will, as I now do, congratulate you on its appearance; and without flattery, of which I am never guilty, I think you deserve great praise for your items of local, and selections from foreign news contained in that number, making due allowance for not yet having yet had time to regulate your exchanges. The printer and his devil are also entitled to their full quantum of praise.

I had long ago adopted your own motto, and Justice to all parties, both as regards politics and locations; and I had also formed seem to have jumped to the same conclusions. Farmers are undoubtedly the bone Judge McFadden, to receive an answer and marrow of Oregon; but at the same time from him on the subject of his running. they must be liberal, in order to keep up us poor merchants to suck a little of their much that it could not have can will savor more or less of Liberality and his work on the meridian line. Yours, Z.

I am glad to observe that the citizens of Scottsburg are pushing along their wagon Umpqua Co. Whig Convention. road, which, in my opinion, cannot fail to reward their exertions, and remunerate them and settlers for the expenses incurred in carrying it into effect. Every public road made, or every public road improved, look upon as a benefit to Oregon in general, and to take a more just and expansive view of the matter, even to great Uncle Sam himself; and if he is now entitled to ly is, he may thank the enterprise of his tlemen were unanimously nominated : citizens for it.

It pleases me greatly to see things move ahead on the Pacific coast, and I think Coose Bay well deserving of notice. There is now here an extensive wharf in progress of erection, several stores are going up, and coal is being taken out; so that a brisk trade is only wanting, to show that the Coose Bay people are prepared to do bu- tington. siness.

recent growth as Randolph, and might even prosperous days of Jacksonville. The valey never looked finer, and in no part of county continues in its present boundaries, their heads and acknowledge the corr - Oregon does there appear to be an equal we believe the mouth of Elk'River is about amount of enterprise ; and, considering the the contre of the county, and of the popu-DEAR SIR:-Observing from the last number of the "Gazette," that not one of the Coose boys have come forward to ten-

The Indian troubles are no doubt at an say is a rascally road for the first half of end, and the efforts of our efficient Indian ings of this meeting be sent to the Umprova

Our merchants are much encouraged by eredit to the Coose Bay Company, to the appearance of miners, who are daily

The present week has been one of some was transacted. One Patrick Starr, a sol-I have now, Mr. Editor, given you my dier, shot David Harris, with intent to kill

cal Tipsy, who is the perpetrator of nearly all the theirs in the valley. Capt. Smith, of Fort Lane, is very mindful of his duty, and the settlers have full confidence in him, and believa him equal to their demands at

any moment. The political conventions have met, and Sin :-- Should all the citizens of Southern for District offices, nominated the following gentlemen. The Democrats nominated R. E. Stratton, Esq. of Douglass, for Proseenting Attorney. The Whigs nominated Mr. Prim, of Jackson, for the same office. Ex-Judge McFadden received the nomination for Councilman, at the Democratic Convention. This was intended as a mark of respect to Judge McFadden, with the understanding, as I am credibly informed, that when made, the Judge would resign in favor of another gentleman of his party, Capt. Mosier, which was accordingly done, and Capt. Mosier is in the field. The Whig as expressed to your subscribers, Liberality Convention nominated Dr. Cleveland, a gentleman of ability and standing, who, it is said, will decline to run, should Judge the same opinion of farmers; so that we McFadden change his mind. A committee of Dr. Cleveland's friends have waited on

There will be a ball at the Robinson with the times; and be so not only in pa- House on the 10th inst, which no doubt twelve o'clock last night, the sentinel near tronizing the Gazette, but also in allowing will prove a good one. It is regretted very marrow, especially when we sell cheap, ring the session of the Court, thereby giving With such sentiments, Mr. Editor, as I our friends from abread an opportunity to have just-endeavored to express, you will enjoy themselves. M. Ives, Deputy Sor find, I believe, that all my communications veyor, has arrived in on valley, and began

The convention met, pursuant to previous notice, at Elkton, May 10th, 1854.

The convention was called to order by JESSE APPLEGATE, Esq., and organized by the election of IRA WELLS, President, the rope in two, and made his way ont.

The Convention then proceeded to nominste condidates to he supported at the the appellation of great, which he assured. coming June election. The following gen-

For Representative-I. S. Thompson. For County Commissioner-E. Spicer. For Probate Judge-Jesse Applegate, For Co. Superintendent-N. W. Allen. Resolved, 3d. That so long as Umpqua

Resolved, That a copy of the proceed-On motion adjourned, sine dic.

IRA WELLS, President. J. B. Cowles, Secretary.

JACKSON COUNTY, O. T. HON. M. P. DEADY, Judge, J. W. DREW, Esq., U. S. Marshal, R. E. STRATTON, Esq., U. S. Attorney, S. F. CHADWICK, Esq., District Attorney. ATTORNIES IN ATTENDANCE .- Meason. Vault & Kinney ; Mesars. Graves & Pierson ; Messra, Brenna & Prim; R. E. Stratton, Esq.; S. F. Chadwick, Esq.; T. F. McPatton, Esq., and S. F. Mosler, Esq. **Ferritory of Oregon vs. Thomas Ander-**

Indictment for rape. Not found. Discharged.

Territory of Oregon en Isaac Cor "det Recognisance discharged. Territory of Oregon vs. Jacob Dolson,

Indictment for murder, atias bench searrant. Territory of Oregon, vs. Rouse. Indict.

ment for maliciously killing hogs; aliar bench warrant.

Territory of Oregon vs. Mitchel. Indictment for murder ; alias beach warrant. Territory of Oregon vs. Patrick Starr.

Indictment for shooting with intent to kill. Tried. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to ten years' hard labor in the Penitentiary.

Territory of Oregon vs. Samuel Kinney, Indictment for aiding and abetting. Continued.

Samuel Smith vs. P. U. Stowe. Motion to quash suit. Allowed.

Samuel Kincaid vs. Morgan W. Davis. Judgment for plaintiff, \$61,50.

T. S. Harris vs. Jamos Russel. Continued.

Samuel Weeks vs. John F. Miller. Continued.

Wm. Yates vs. Daniel Langdon. Assucceptil. Defendant withdrew plea and demurror. Damages assessed by Clerk of the Court.

R. W. Shockly vs. John Huber. Dismissed.

Avery Stearns was admitted to the bar upon certificate.

DESCRUCTION OF THE POPE'S OFFERING TO THE WASHINGTON MONUMENT .--- About the Monument became conscious of the rubbing of comothing against the side of the watch-box, which he at first thought was open the odde, has where he may take which had been drawn tightly round box. Immediately after, he perceived that some persons were pasting paper over the windows. He called to them, and asked what was meant, and was told to hush. He asked if they intended to injure him, and received the same answer as he did to all other questions.

He then heated an iron poker in his stove, He soon found that his dog had been poisoned, and was dead; and on examining the ground carefully, he discovered that the beautiful piece of marble, that had been presented to the Monument Association by the Pope, had been broken into a thousand fragments.

We have no information as to whom suspicion rests upon in connection with this deed. We are informed that a very large number of persons visited the Monument yesterday, and that not one-half of them registered their names. We have no doubt a large reward will be offered for the aphanded depredators .-- Washington Sentinel.

Statesman :

Below is a portion of a Correspondence between General Lane, our Delegate, and Laws, submitted by the former, at the suggestion of A. Campbell, Esq., of Portland izens in Oregon, and is understood to be contrary to the decision and advice of the former, as well as the present Surveyor General of Oregon :-

GENERAL LAND OFFICE, FEB. 16, 1854.

Sig .--- I have the honor to return herewith, the letter of A. Campbell, Esq., reraised by your correspondent. The question there raised is:

another ?

As I construe the laws of 1850 and 1853 above referred to, he can, provided it be up-on surveyod lands, as no right can be acquired by such a one to unsurveyed land without, as an indispensable requirement, having filed notice of his claim prior to the previous occupancy of the abandond tract, but must proceed, in all respects, to ac quire a title to the new location, as he would have to the original one.

With, &c., &c., JOHN WILSON. Com. of Land Office. paper. It has grown up like a mushroom, so rapid has been its rise ; and I trust it may would not disgrace even San Francisco.

Coose Bay citizens should unite in procu-ring an Indian to carry an express to and from the mouth of the Umpqua, in order to receive and forward letters and papers reg-ularly, as here we have now Monday, and

JACKSONVILLE, May 5th, 1854.

MR. EDITOR :--- A few days since, information was received here that the Gazette

Our valley, for the past year, has been. nuch so that a great pressure has been felt

We remained one night at Randolph, during the past winter, throughout the eu-where we met with every kindness from tire valley, both in money and in merchan-

For County Treasurer-L. L. Williams, For County Assessor-W. A. Mills. For Wreek Master-Jas. Maxey. For County Surveyor-J. W. Perit Hun-

The following resolutions were present-Randolph is also worthy of notice in your ed by Jesse Applegate, Esq., and adopted : Resolved, 1st. That we the Whigs of so rapid has been its rise; and I trust it may have unshaken confidence have a much longer duration. Little & Co. that the Whigs of the United States will be have opened a saloon there lately that found supporting the true interests of the Republic, by guarding the rights and honor It strikes me that the Scottsburg and of the government and people against ag we publish again the first section of the Coose Bay citizens should unite in procu- gressions from abroad, and encouraging Probate Act, by which it will be seen that

cheerfully contribute my mite towards such and at home, and asserting the right of all

the supporters of liberty and equality, and his successor be elected and 'qualified."are the real democracy of the United States.

Resolved, 2d. That while we believe that in the election of Legislative officers, every

Election of Probate Judges.

As some question has been raised as to whether Judges of Probate now in office, hold over after the new law goes into effect,

electors in each of the organized counties of understanding to exercise the right of self-government, and maintain undiminished have the qualification of a voter. The pertheir rights and liberties ; and thus proving son duly elected and qualified snall hold to the world that among the political par- his office for three years, unless sooner ties of the United States, they constitute removed for mal-conduct in office, and until Statesman:

FROM CALIFORNIA .--- Col. Fremont arrived on the 26th at San Francisco, having opinions, the introduction of party tests in left his whole party in good health, enpurely ministerial, we consider improper Colonel Babbit of the loss of life, and faufand injurious; and that honesty, capacity, and a faithful discharge of the duties of the office should be the qualifications only to be considered in the choice of such officers; and a faithful discharge of the duties of the office should be the qualifications only to be considered in the choice of such officers; and a faithful discharge of the duties of the office should be the qualifications only to be considered in the choice of such officers; and as we believe honest and patriotic citi- original number of the party. Col. Fre-Major Ball and Mr. Conolly. The latter of these gentlemen keeps a hotel, which certainly does henor to a place of such upon the same footing as they were in the