

A KNOTTY TEXT.—There was once an itinerant preacher in West Tennessee, who possessing considerable natural eloquence, had gradually become possessed with the idea that he was also a great Biblical scholar. Under this delusion he would very frequently, at the close of his sermon, ask any member of his congregation, who might have a "knotty text" to unravel, to speak it, and he would explain it at once however much it might have troubled "less distinguished divines." On this occasion, in a large audience he was particularly pressing for some one to propound a text. No one presuming to do so he was about to sit down without an opportunity of showing his learning, when a chap by the door announced that he had a Bible matter of "great concern," which he desired to be enlightened upon. The preacher, quite animatedly, professed his willingness and ability, and the congregation was in great excitement.—"What I want to know," said the outsider, "is, whether Job's turkey was a hen or a gobbler?" The "expounder" looked much confused, and the congregation tittered, as the questioner capped the climax, by exclaiming in a loud voice; "I fetched him down on the first question." From that time forward the practice of asking for "difficult passages" was avoided.

NICE JELLY OR SPONGE CAKE.—A lady writer in the Ohio Cultivator,—"Sun Bonnet"—gives the following recipe as one suitable for either jelly or plain cake: One tea cup of sugar three eggs well beaten to a foam, one teaspoonful of cream tartar, and half teaspoonful soda. This will make paste enough for two baking plates full, for jelly cake, or one plain cake, which should, of course be made thicker. For jelly cake, bake thin on plates, and while the cake is hot, spread the jelly over it, and then roll the cake into a kind of cylindrical coil. When wanted for use, cut it across indiscriminately. You will find this a quick made and palatable jelly cake. If you use this recipe for plain cake, add such spices as you like best, to the above. This is particularly convenient for people who cannot obtain milk at all times, for making up pastry.

CASH AND CREDIT.—If you want to get rich, don't deal in pass-books.—Credit is the "tempter in a new shape." Buy dry goods on trust and you will purchase a thousand articles that cash would never have dreamed of. A dollar in the hand looks larger than ten dollars seen through the perspective of a sixty day due bill. Cash is practical, while credit takes horribly to taste and romance. Let cash buy a dinner, and you will have a beefsteak flanked with onions; send credit to market, and he will return with eight pair woodcocks and a peck of mushrooms. Credit believes in double-breast pins and champagne suppers; cash is more easily satisfied. Give him three meals a day, and he don't care much if two of them are made up of roasted potatoes and a little salt. Cash is a good adviser, while credit is a fellow I do not care to be on visiting terms with. If you want double chins and contentment, do business with cash.

ARREST OF A SUPPOSED GOLD DUST ROBBER.—George H. Wendell was on Monday arrested on a charge of having stolen \$40,000 at San Juan from the steamer *Sierra Nevada* in February last. The evidence against Wendell is purely circumstantial, but is said to be strong. He was second mate of the steamer, and had a certain custody of the room in which the treasure was kept. It is said that he had several boxes, like the treasure boxes made in this city, just before the sailing of the steamer, and filled with iron scraps—that he left the steamer immediately on arriving at San Juan—that he had no property when he went on board the steamer—that he was flush with money at Philadelphia and New York—that he deposited money under false names in the east and here, &c. He returned on the *Stephens*, and was arrested as soon as his return was known.—*Cal. Chron.*

NEWSPAPER WRITING.—Among our hosts of writers for newspapers and periodicals, how few authors have we, in the larger sense of the term. Scribblers, paragraphists, loose sketch writers, and pretentious critics, there are in abundance; but strong, manly thinkers, how few. "From the hour," says some one, "that a young man begins to write regularly for a newspaper, farewell thought, study, leisure, and the hope of excellence! The stream that might have coursed brightly through the valley, fertilizing many fields, charming many eyes, is turned now to feed a mill-race, grinds the corn it might have grown." And there is truth in the assertion.—The newspaper writer, while he remains such, can never attain a high literary excellence. The hurried, superficial way, in which he must necessarily treat all subjects that come within his range of thought, necessarily precludes this.

A TEXAN'S FAVORITE DRINK.—Take one pint of good whiskey, stir in well one spoonful of whiskey, then add another pint of whiskey; beat carefully with a spoon, and keep pouring in whiskey. Fill a large bowl with water and set it out of your reach. Take a small tumbler, pour in two spoonfuls of water; pour out the water and fill up with whiskey and add to the above. Flavor with whiskey to your taste.

VARIETIES.

A man with a moderate appetite dined at a hotel, and after eating the whole of a young pig, was asked if he would have some pudding. He said he didn't care much about pudding, but if they had another little hog, he would like to pitch into him.

A showman, in exhibiting a picture, said—"Ladies and gentlemen, there is Daniel in the den of lions. There are the lions, and that is Daniel, whom you can easily distinguish from the lions by his having a blue cotton umbrella under his arm."

The following is the inscription on the headboard of a grave on the plains:—"Mr. J.—H.—was carried away By the diarrhea and cholera."

They have a strong man down in Texas. He has raised a family of fourteen children, and once broke a horse. He has also frequently held out strong inducements.

Many a poor old man could build a house over his head with the price of the cigars and tobacco he has used.

A disconsolate citizen of New Orleans puts the following questions to one of the papers published there. As the "dog days" are approaching, his inquiry comes home to our "fellows" in a most distressing manner:

"Mr. Editor.—That what I wish to ask you is whether strychnine what the police gives to dogs won't plizen the human being after sassingers has been frido. Please put in the paper how this is, for if frido strychnine is plizen, I go agin sassingers. Yours till plizened."

The following is a copy of an epitaph upon an old tombstone in Winchester, England:

"Here lies Sir John Trollop, He made the stones roll up, And God took his soul up, And his body filled the hole up."

He who tells a lie is not sensible how great a task he undertakes; for he must be forced to invent twenty more to maintain the one.

A Dutchman who stabbed himself with a bar of soap, because his knout would not "schmell," has joined the know-nothings.

To keep skippers out of bacon in the summer—eat the meat early in the spring.

When does a man look like a cannon ball? When he looks round.

The fellow who kept a "stiff upper lip" regretted afterwards that he didn't give it to some pretty girl. A lesson for future practice.

A gentleman is defined to be one who can walk by a brick wall without biting a piece out of it.

"What is the meaning of a backbiter?" asked a parson, at a Sunday school examination. This was a puzzler. He went down the class until it came to a simple little urchin, who said, "Perhaps it be a flea."

"None of your reflections," as the ugly girl said to the mirror.

The man who "retracted" the past is supposed to have been a harness maker.

An exchange gives a recipe how to make tin the color of brass. The latter is more generally employed to give folks the appearance of tin.

Love is a theatre in which women distribute the checks.

Some poor fellow affected with the mites, gets off the following con: Why is the heart of a lover like the sea serpent? Because it is a secretter (see critter) of sighs (size.)

A country chap, who was caught in the water wheel of a grist mill, and had the good fortune to escape with no more damage than a slight ducking, says he intends to apply for a pension, on the ground that he is a survivor of the revolution.

The have, as the following announcement shows conclusively, a silk manufactory "out west" that is "some pumpkins!" Mrs. J. Silk of Galena, Illinois, lately presented her husband with three little boys.

A lady on being asked to join a division of the "Daughters of Temperance," replied, "It is unnecessary, as I intend to join one of the sons, soon!" Sensible lady, that.

A man up in Vermont, the past winter who went to drink through a hole in the ice, caught a trout weighing two and a half pounds, with his nose!

If mahogany wood will make a nice table stand, what will make one fall?

A young lady was told by a married one, that she had better precipitate herself over Niagara falls into the basin below, than to get married. The young lady replied, "Well if I was sure of finding a husband at the bottom I would." Ye gods!

Byron's partiality toward America is well known, but perhaps never more strongly expressed than in a letter to Tom Moore, where he says:—"I would rather have a nod from an American than a snuff-box from an Emperor."

A wag says he knows only one thing better than love, and that is to be thrown into a pond of mush and milk with the privilege of eating your way ashore.

Four brothers are now in prison for counterfeiting in Ohio. One of them rivals Jack Sheppard in the matter of escapes. He has got out of three prisons and twice escaped from the hands of officers—once by giving his captor a dose of chloroform. The brothers originally came from Vermont.

BUSINESS CARDS.

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CORNER COMMERCIAL ST. AND PLAZA
SCOTTSBURG, O. T.
WHOLESALE DEALERS IN
**DRY-GOODS,
GROCERIES,
PROVISIONS,
CLOTHING,
HARDWARE,
TINWARE,
Stoves, Liquors and Cigars.**
Together with a general assortment of Merchandise, adapted to the wants of Farmers, Miners and others. [May 10-11.]

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GROCERIES,
PROVISIONS,
HARDWARE,
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Queensware Tinware &c. &c.**
COMMERCIAL STREET,
SCOTTSBURG, O. T.
Dec. 30, 1854. [30ly]

HER STEEL & FOX,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
Merchants,
SCOTTSBURG, O. T.

HAVE RETURNED TO SCOTTSBURG
with a large and extensive assortment of
GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
And is now prepared to supply
MERCHANTS, PACKERS,
and others with goods.
April 14, 1855.—11.

Just Received
Per Schooner "LOOCHOO,"
AND FOR SALE AT LOWEST RATES,
An Assortment of
**GROCERIES, DRY GOODS,
Hardware, Farming
Tools,**
GARDEN SEEDS, &c. &c.
LORD & CO.
Commercial Street, SCOTTSBURG.
April 14, 1855.—11.

NICHOLSON & MOORE,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
DEALERS IN
**Dry Goods, Groceries,
Hardware, Queensware,
&c. &c.**
CORNER COMMERCIAL
AND SKELLYN STREETS,
SCOTTSBURG.
April 7, 1855.—4911.

SAMUEL S. MANN,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
**DRY-GOODS,
GROCERIES,
Hardware, Queensware, Clothing,
&c. &c.**
Front street, at McTavish's old stand,
SCOTTSBURG, O. T.
Dec. 30, 11

The Eyes! The Eyes!!
J. L. Coombs, M. D., Corvallis, pays, in addition to the ordinary branches of his profession, particular attention to diseases of the Eye. His treatment for diseases of this organ differs materially from the ordinary mode. Dr. C. cures all cases of blindness, where not dependent upon organic disorganization. He also operates for Cataract with eminent success; and without a single failure, corrects the deformity commonly known as cross-eye, squinting, (strabismus.) Office, at Graves' Hotel. June 9-54.

AMOS E. ROGERS,
EMPIRE CITY,
HAS on hand a well assorted stock of
**DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,
BOOTS AND 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, 1854-11

EXCELSIOR
WILL make regular trips as heretofore, from Scottsburg to the mouth of the Umpqua, touching at Providence Gardner, Umpqua City, Pyramid rock &c.
Dec. 30, 11.

BILL-HEADS.
A LARGE lot of Bill-Head paper, on hand. Bill-Heads executed in the best manner, and on the most reasonable terms, at
THIS OFFICE.
May 4.

Fresh Butter, Eggs,
FLOUR, Pork, etc., will be taken at this office on subscription, advertising and job work.
May 12.

BUSINESS CARDS.

R. H. DEARBORN,
CLERK U. S. DISTRICT COURT,
Douglas County, O. T.
OFFICE—At Bradbury's store, Deer Creek.

W. W. CHAPMAN,
Attorney and Counselor at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, and Proctor in Admiralty.
Will practice in the Courts of the Third Judicial District and the Supreme Court of the Territory.
Office at Elkton, Umpqua County, O. T. Feb. 24, 1854.

ADDISON C. GIBBS,
Attorney and Counselor at Law, Solicitor in Chancery, and Commissioner for the State of New York.
Office and residence at Gardiner, Umpqua County, O. T. [Dec. 2-11.]

R. E. STRATTON,
Attorney and Counselor at Law, and Solicitor in Chancery.
Office at his residence near Winchester, Douglas county. [Dec. 2-11]

STEPH N. F. CHADWICK,
Attorney and Counselor at Law, and SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY.
SCOTTSBURG, O. T.
June 23, 1854-11.

DELAZON SMITH,
Attorney and Counselor at Law and Solicitor in Chancery.

Will promptly attend to all business pertaining to his profession in the First Judicial District, and before the Supreme Court of Oregon.
Albany, Linn county, O. T.
N. B. When not at his Office, or absent on professional business, he may be found at his residence, five miles south-east of Albany, on what is known as the "Grand Prairie." n11.

HARDING & GROVER,
Attorneys and Counselors at Law, and Solicitors in Chancery.
Office near the Court House, Salem, O. T. n11.

GEO. K. SHELL,
Attorney and Counselor at Law, and SOLICITOR IN CHANCERY,
Will practice in the Courts of Oregon and Washington Territories. Office Salem, Oregon Territory. n11.

E. W. FISKE, M. D.
Physician and Surgeon.
OFFICE—At his residence, between Upper and Lower Streetsburg. n11.

A. B. HALLOCK,
ARCHITECT, Portland, O. T. Designs, plans, specifications, furnished on reasonable terms. n11.

Lumber! Lumber!!
THE proprietors of the Lower Mill are prepared to fill bills for lumber of all kinds. Prices ranging from twelve to twenty-five dollars per thousand. A large lot of
Laths and Pickets
On hand and for sale Cheap.
SHIP & BOAT BUILDING
Done to order. Orders for mill-work or machinery for mills will receive prompt attention. A share of the public patronage solicited.
JAS. CLARK,
C. W. BAKER,
Mill Creek, Feb. 24-11.

Roseburg Hotel.
THE undersigned having recently erected a large and commodious hotel in the flourishing town of Roseburg, solicits a share of public patronage. The table will always be furnished with the best market affords, and the bar will be supplied with the CHOICEST LIQUORS AND CIGARS.
Roseburg, Jan. 13, '55-91. A. ROSE.

PROBATE COURT.
REGULAR terms of the Probate Court of Umpqua County, will be held on the first Tuesdays in each month, at Scottsburg precinct. Persons having business in vacation will call at the office on Long Prairie, where the Judge may be found.
S. F. CHADWICK, Judge.
July 17, 1854-11.

Leland Creek House.
BY
TWOGOOD & HARKNESS.
JAS. H. TWOGOOD. M'DONAH HARKNESS.
(Formerly known as the "Grange Creek Ranch," kept by Bates & Twogood.)
THIS house is situated on the main road leading from Oregon to California, half way between the Canyon and Rogue River. Travellers will always find good accommodations. The table will always be furnished with the best of the country affords; and the bar with the choicest liquors and cigars.
And we also keep constantly on hand a variety of groceries and provisions, clothing, boots, shoes, hats, miner's tools, &c.
N. B. There is a stable connected with the house which will always be well supplied with hay and grain.
Ranching, fifty cents a week for horses and mules. n11.
March, 1855.—4711.

SCOTTSBURG HOTEL
(Main Street.)
THIS well-known house has been recently fitted up in splendid style. Persons or families can be accommodated with rooms at all times. The subscriber will be happy to meet his former friends and patrons.
May 12-11 H. WM. CRAZE.

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H. HALE & CO.,
Commission Merchants.
NO. 99 FRONT ST., NEAR WASHINGTON,
SAN FRANCISCO.
May 17-11 H.

GEORGE HOWES & CO.,
Commission Merchants.
NO. 135 BANSOME ST., NEAR JACKSON,
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
May 12-11 H.

Cabinet and Chair MANUFACTORY.
MISER & DEAN

WOULD respectfully inform the citizens of Southern Oregon generally that they have commenced business in Scottsburg. Where they intend to manufacture all kinds of furniture, Chairs, sofas, doors and window blinds, and intend keeping on hand a general assortment of Bureaus, stands, tables, bedsteads, chairs, sofas and ottomans. Orders for anything in our line will receive prompt attention.
If Wagons repaired at shortest notice, and at reasonable prices.
MAY 19 H. MISER & DEAN.

Pacific Express Company.
THE LATE EMPLOYEES OF
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IN consequence of the disruption of that firm, have organized themselves into a joint stock company, for the purpose of transacting a general
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A regular Express for
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Collections of all kinds promptly attended to—
R. G. NOYES, President,
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Portland, Oregon.
Portland, April 27, 1855. 11.

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NOVELS,
STATIONERY,
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April 21, 1855. n11 H.

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HAVING made advantageous arrangements with the United States and Pacific Mail Steamship Companies for transportation, we are now prepared to forward Gold Dust, Bullion, Specie, Packages Parcels and Freight, to and from New York, New Orleans, San Francisco and Portland, and the principal towns of California and Oregon.
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Offices—New York, No. 16, Wall st.; New Orleans, No. 11, Exchange Place; San Francisco No. 114, Montgomery street.
JAMES O'NEILL, AGENT.
Portland, O., July 24, 1854. 11.

California Farmer
AND JOURNAL OF USEFUL SCIENCES,
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WARREN & SON.
[Office—on Fourth street, between J and K, Sacramento.]
Terms—Six dollars per annum, in advance. For a club of five new subscribers, we will send a sixth copy gratis.

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KNOWING themselves indebted to call at the old stand immediately and pay their accounts to Henry Casey, who is authorized to receive all monies due me.
PETER JOHNSON.
May 26. n11 H.

BUSINESS CARDS.

DR. S. HAMILTON,
OF INDIANAPOLIS.
HAS located in Roseburg, Douglas County, O. T., and offers his professional services to the people of said county and the adjoining counties, in which he will pay particular attention to all cases entrusted to his care. His office is on Main street, opposite Bradbury's store, where he may be consulted at all times, except when professionally called away. [1111].
July 20, 1855.

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JACKSON ST., BETWEEN MONTGOMERY AND KEARNEY.

THIS NEW five-story Brick Hotel is centrally located near the steamboat landing, convenient to the Post Office, Theatres, &c. &c., and one of the best in the State. It contains 150 rooms, capable of accommodating 250 guests. All who will patronize this hotel shall go away satisfied, or we will do the best we know to make them so. Persons from Oregon visiting our city, and the public generally, are respectfully invited to give us a call.
PECK & FISHER,
July 20, 1855. 103aa Proprietors.

Dr. J. T. Coombs,
(Late of Philadelphia)
HAS permanently located in Corvallis, and offers his professional services to the people of Oregon Territory. His office is at Graves' Hotel, where he may be consulted at all times. Rooms and attendance furnished patients who wish to remain some time under treatment.
June 23, 1855. 7111.

J. W. SULLIVAN'S GREAT PACIFIC DEPOT
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FOR THE SUPPLY OF
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Bills of Lading,
Steamboat Bills,
Stamps of all kinds,
&c., &c., &c.
Job work done in
BRONZE,
AND
RED, BLUE OR BLACK
INKS
to suit customers. Orders solicited.
Feb. 3. BOYD & BLAKELY.

Amos E. Rogers
IS desirous of closing up his business, in order to get a fresh start for the spring trade. He has no doubt but his old customers who have unsettled accounts will readily interpret this as a hint, to call up and settle. Gold and silver taken at cash value, and stone coal at par.
Cooks Bay, Jan. 22d, 1855.—3911.

Justice's Blanks.
JUST printed, and for sale at this office, a large lot of Justice's blanks of various kinds, also blanks for the District Court county orders, &c., &c.