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## LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE OF THE OREGON CAPITOL

the fact that not a century ago, a defensive and destructive war ier, J. S. Smith, captain. The first vice will be long remembered by much as all the present railroads bia river should have canals and 248 are engaged in agriculture vantage of nearly 50 per about the time when Lewis and against bears, womes, panthers, regular boat sent to Salem and the state. Clark were making their celebrat- ctc. At the latter date a com- Corvallis was the Multnomah in The Willamette university, lo- while here in the wilds of Oregon, transportation is a necessity that ing, mining, mechanical indus- from indebtedness, not less than ed exploration of the grand Co- mittee was appointed to take 1851. She was built like a bar- cated in Salem, was founded in the sturdy pioneer was asking for is demanded by every considera- tries; 5522 in professional and \$75,000,000 worth of taxable lumbia river, the members of a measures for the civil and mili- rel, of staves and hoops, having 1844 and stands today among the congressional aid to build an in- tion of duty toward the inhabilearned society in Europe were tary protection of the settlements. first run on the Chesapeake bay. first of the educational institusitting in judgment upon Ameri- In March, 1843, the Canadian and having then been taken to tions of the state. It is now more Michigan to the Pacific ocean. It Make the Columbia river the out- the population is more dense than above this figure. At present the ca, and their verdict was that seri- inhabitants of Oregon met at pieces and shipped round the flourishing and popular, though was here in the valley of the Co- let for the producer, and every- in others. This is the case in the returns are below it. With these ously it was a question whether. Champoeg and nobly declared a Horn. The Canemah followed the always successful, than at any foron the whole, the discovery of unanimous expression of senti- Multnomah. She was an Oregon mer period. This is the first in- of empire pitched her tents and time to come. And let the upper pare some portions of this valley the interest of our state now fully America had been of advaniage ment of "cordiality, desire of enterprise, and may be regarded stitution of learning organized in exclaimed Eureka! "I have found Columbia share in this honor by with older states. For instance, at work, with the confidence that to the world. Evidently they had un on and inexhaustible peace as the pioneer in the regular Oregon. Following this pioneer it!" Halting in her noble strides being tributary to it. learned that China was in Vene- between all the people," and steamship business above the falls. in the cause of education, colleges westward where the sun dips into zuela and that Japan was in New- also expressed a willingness to Her machinery was procured in and high schools have grown up the sea, and not up the tow path, ing its way westward from Lake submit to any lawful government 1850 at New Albany, Indiana, by in almost every county in the near the waters of the Atlantic, Superior to the Pacific ocean, foundland.

tive rights and triv. eges."

The first professional teacher

The first steam vessel that is

known to have entered the waters

came to Vancouver as a sailing

couver after her arrival. After

who came to Oregon was Mr. Silas

Vancouver.

Is it strange, then, that Oregon that might be extended over them. Captain Hedges of Oregon City. state. is "comparatively unknown in 1844 the executive committee The Multnomah and Washingabroad? Her explorers, her trap-pers and her traders knew but lit-lative assembly that had been the fails. The Multinomah rat in Russell and W. I. Bailey, compos-sity than that the shores of the need and value our pioneer fathe of her wonderful resources. chosen, recommending that the the trade from Portland to As- ing a "triumvirate," called the ex- Atlantic should be connected with Before the settlement of Califor- executive power should be vested toria. The Washington, which was ecutive committee, who governed those of the Pacific by that wonnia, Oregon was the terminus of in one person, and further ex- also built abroad, crossed the Co- the people until the executive derful agent in our progress, the western civilization. Today by pressed themselves as follows: "It lumb a bar in 1853 under com- power was vested in one man. The railroad. many in distant parts, and, per- is a duty which devolves on you mand of the late Captain S. D. governors who followed were haps by some in that state, she is and us to use as much discretion. Hinsdaie, an accomplished gentle- George Abernethy. Joseph Lane, supposed to be a county in Cali- vigilance and caution in maturing man and seaman, and went into John P. Gaines, J. W. Davis, aid of Oregon. In March, 1847, tion with this scheme. Embarfornia. We were once asked off and adopting measures for pro- the Umpqua river and engaged in George L. Curry, John Whitaker, the coast of that state, by a pro- moting the interests of this little trade there. In February, 1870. A. C. Gibbs, George L. Woods and fessional gentleman traveling colony as if we expected our the steamboat Swan, under charge L. F. Grover, all of whom are now 'round the world if Oregon was names and acts woull be carolled of some gentlemen of Gardiner, living except O. Russell, John P. not an uninhabited region near in the pages of history or in- made a trip to Roseburg from the Gaines and W. J. Davis. the White Pine mines. Near the scribed on pillars of stone when mouth of the Uumqua river, dem- Perhaps an apology is due for not to exceed one hundred thou- ing of unforeseen incidents and years ago, we were asked if wheat have passed away."

where it is obtained. They care evial civilize! and enlightened aa- Francisco. The future promises a returns." not whence it comes. Hence it is tions, proud of their national ib- breakwater at Port Orford, and As we look back upon this col- on each ship, after she would be that those who purchase the prod-

ucts of our state, as well as those In 1845 the executive commit- tivity and greatness. of whom Oregon purchases, are almost entirely ignorant of her re- tee and legislature petitioned con-

sake of policy it has been deemed Methodist mission. issential to success by jobbers and

in commerce, not only to put up- City by George L. Curry. The J. C. Ainsworth, R. R. Trompson the past had its charm, and that rates of fare on the steamships, on their purchases a false name, press was made here, and also the and S. G. Reed. to facilitate, as they claim, the display type, which was wrought sale of the article, but also to be- out of wood. This was the first little the pretensions of Oregon. Thus our state has stood a beggar, literally, in another market of America.

In February, 1849, the govern- the annual fairs have since been were descending and ascending in even with all her gold. When she parted with that she did as a slave ment of the "colony was so op- held. The society is a great suc- beauty upon their ladder of hepe parts with his last farthing. She pressed" by trading gold dust at cess. eleven dollars per ounce that the was the first president of it. has passed up and down the Bosphorus, so to speak, for over 30 legislature concluded to coin the years and has paid dear tribute dust for circulation and fix the to thousands for things which value of coin, and at once passed the falls of the Willamette oppo- treasures sacredly kept in remem- was so great and the demand for mate. Four hundred and fifty none could produce or manufac- the necessary laws for that pur-ture better than herself. This pose. Messrs. James Taylor, T. P. that river open to communication to take final leave of their resting San Francisco really became the

capital of this nation, but a few our days and generation shall onstrating the fact that that river thus particularizing and referring sand dollars per annum. Compen- dreams of blue misfortune concould, with necessary improve- to a few incidents connected with sation on the contract was to com- sume the hours. Great public These steps may be regarded as ments, be made navigable to Rose- our history, really more than our mence from the time when the concerns and business requirecould be raised in Oregon, at a These steps may be regarded as ments, be made navigable to Rose-time when our flour was selling the first that were taken to found burg. Within a few years past, time will admit of, but our ex-time will admit of, but our exat a premium in the markets of a government for those who, to the waters of Coos bay and Co- cuse for it is this: A copy of this the agreement for the service were pletion of the work. If one man the east! Purchasers are usually use their own words, were "situ- quille river have had small pion- address is placed in the box in the pready for duty and placed at the cannot do it another will. No railpurchase Oregon flour in distant the original proprietors of the soil, liff. A regular line of steamers the plains of death to that "coun- the navy was authorized to admarkets - they never inquire in a country staimed by two pow- are running from Coos bay to San try from whose bourne no traveler vance to them the sum of twenty-

> ercies and jealous of their respect for this region generally a large ony, so young and promising, our launched. But the money so adand useful field of commercial ac- mind recurs to the place of "out- vanced was not to exceed one fit." It is from this point that year's compensation. The condi-

The Multnomah made several we watch its progress. These pio- tion of this advance was that the sources and interests. The money gress for relief, setting forth their trips to the Cascades, the little neers-like the patriarch Jacob. contractors should be required to they make in the trade is all that grievances at length. During the Mary, Wasco and Col. Wright when he left the tepts of his fa- stop and deliver and take mails at is visible or valuable to them, Or- same year Hon. Geo. Abernethy were the pioneer boats above. But thers receiving their blessing, and San Diego, San Francisco and egon has exported without having was chosen governor, and his first the great enterprise of the lower promises of success in another Monterey in California, if required the name of an exporter. Her message, which was full of inter- Willamette and lower and upper country where he intended to set- to do so by the secretary of the products have gone into the marts est, was sent to the legislature Columbia rivers is accredited to the wandered from their homes navy, with the concurtence of the of the world accredited to others, then in session. In February, the Oregon Steam Navigation in the east to this hunting ground postmaster general. The secrewhile those whom she has en- 1846, the Oregon Spectator, a company, which commenced a suc- of the savage, bringing with them tary of war was authorized by law riched have not respected her even semi-monthly newspaper, was cessful career of steamboating in a yow to remain united as one to furnish arms and ammunition for what she has done. For the started at Oregon C.ty by the 1857, and is still engaged in the family and one people. A journey to persons emigrating to Oregon same trade. The principal men, of hope only, for they knew not at the actual cost of the articles In March, 1848, the Oregon whose skill and energy have ac whither they were going. By day to the government, niddlemen to destroy all rivalry Free Press was issued at Oregon complished this work, are Messrs, realizing from sad experience that "This plan, together with the low

five thousand dollars per month

memory was not a fiction or a offered a great inducement to A state agricultural coclety was dream; at evening they lay down those who desired to come hither erganized at Oregon City in 1861. to rest upon the bare earth for a and settle on the North Pacific weekly newspaper that was pub- and the first state fair was held bed, there to pass the night, weary coast, to avail themselves of the lished on this side of the continent at that place. It was removed to and careworn, in the dreamy as- trade with Asia still glowingly de-Salem the following year where surance that their guardian angels picted by our statesmen and to possess themselves of the unsurpassed agricultural lands of this The late Simeon Francis that reached from earth to heavgarden of the west. But before en. With bodies refreshed, though this enterprise had passed to an

Since 1870 a canal and locks with pangs of regret for an aban- experiment, gold was discovered

In Oregon. He wrote this letter locks upon its banks to facilitate and farming; 8603 manufactur- favor of Oregon. There is, free

thousands of miles to the east. demonstrating the importance of while Massachusetts has 186.84 that we have passed over all The first executive officers of Nothing to our pioneer fathers a transcontinental railroad to persons to the square mile. Lane quicksands and dangers of these thers saw and felt. Yes, today we may welcome in the commenceis in the whole state of Oregon. ment of this enterprise. Railroads are so many arteries in the body

In response to these appeals of a commonwealth. We regret congress began the work for the to hear of mistortunes in connecprovision was made for a mail ser- rassments flourish in every under-The value of farms in Massachu- them as with toys. vice across the Isthmus of Pana- taking, as if they were a conspicusetts is \$116,432,784; the value ma to Astoria, or the mouth of the ous part of it. But after all they Columbia river, by steamer. The dwell but a short time where expenditure for said service was nothing but the terrible happenue of those in Massachusetts. quite so large as Douglas county and we find a moment for refla contented with the article pur- the contractors to finish them. The former by Contain ing to be read hereafter when we chased; they never ask whence it from the civilization among the them. The former by Capta'n ing, to be read hereafter when we enable the contractors to finish begun, all things being equal as sons to the square mile and an mining. The two latter are comes; and so it is with those who it is make all shall have emigrated across their steamships, the secretary of to its feasibility and its necessity, aggregate population of 537,454. particularly confined to its feasibility and its necessity. can permanently stop on account Douglas county has but 132,657 and southern Oregon. The salar of reverses. It may take time to acres of improved land. Connect- (or fish) and lumber traffic are move it, still it will finally go jout has 1,646,752 acres-more

> checks that for a moment threat- farms in Douglas county is \$1,- especially now to industries in the ened its destruction. Everything 791,723; the value of farms in Interior of the state. The agriculthat prospers in the end is an "up Connecticut is \$124,241.382. hill business," so to speak; it is Take eastern Oregon with its are subject to great fluctuations, necessarily so. To climb implies rich grasses and unsurpassed in- and we depend very much for sucenergy, strength, determination to fluences so beneficial to mankind cess upon what we call "good succeed. To go down requires but and animals. It has an area larg- luck." Markets for surplus cereindifference and lassitude. To a er than the state of Michigan or als are liable to periods of depres-certain extent, and for a short New York or Ohio or Wisconsin sion and fluctuation, and are time, the prosperity of the state or Iowa. Eastern Oregon has 57,- therefore more or less unreliable is affected by misfortunes hap- 461 square miles of area but not What, then, is the effect of the pening to large interests immedi- .25 of a person to the square mile; ebb and flood of our commerce? ately concerned in its welfare. Na- while New York has 93 persons to Are we not prospering with the ture, it is said, has wisely provid- the square mile; Michigan 20.97 flood really against us? The flood ed a remedy in every clime for and Ohio 66.99.

> the diseases incident to it. In our business relations and embarrass- 16,000 square miles and has the our commerce, and it sweeps over ments the remedy we mostly rely upon is population, which we so tants, but it is CAPABLE OF and expansive power of a full much need to increase. Nature SUSTAINING SEVERAL MIL- spring tide. When the waters rewith us has provided for the sus-LIONS.

tenance of millions. Southern Oregon contains 19,-The route of the North Pacific railroad-that which was the ideal of our pioneers-traverses rich mineral lands, valleys of surpass- other portion of the states. It insuires hope in us to know

ing fertility and the great Columthat our state is in the first stages shores, where the contents are disbia plains; a region well watered have been built with state aid at doned childhood home, and its in California, and the excitement and possessed of delightful cli-We have nearly 62,000,000 acres land at a heavy cost to the purof land. Take an old country for chaser. If we will look for a

Lane and Linn countles together our prosperity inspires in us, con-There is now a railroad work- have about the same area as Mas- stantly reminding us of the imsachusetts; and yet they have but portant trust in our hands, and two persons to the square mile, with the belief which we enjoy and Linn counties together have turbulent waters of our beginning 376,265 acres of improved land; we are apt to furl our sails, seek Massachusetts has 1,736,221 acres our ease and say "Float on, ship -more improved land than there of state, the current is with thee Indeed, the current seems to be which is a third larger than all with us now, but what of the tide? New England. The two counties All currents sooner or later meet in Oregon just mentioned, have a tide that checks their moment. the largest number of acres of im- um, and with a few strokes of reproved land of any in the state. sistance at its flood, plays with

> We feel thankful for what we of farms in Lane and Linn coun- now enjoy. We are moving along ties is \$6,129,365, while the value pleasantly, and all are content of all the farms in Oregon is \$22,- and happy. An unprecedentedly 352,989-not one-fifth of the val- large harvest is at our door, and a liberal demand is made for it. The state of Connecticut is not It is moving out with the current

in this state. Yet Douglas county tion as it passes by. In this state has a population of only 6154, or there are but three interests that not to be overlooked in this conahead again and throw off these than all Oregon. The value of nection, although we refer more

tural, wool and mining interests of our business flow brings into The Willamette valley contains our harbors everything known in

benefit of at least 60,000 inhabi- our marts with all the freshness cede, we are reminded of what has appeared and passed away with-595 square miles and a population out being of any great benefit in over 14,000. In thrift, wealth and the development of the state. The climate it is not excelled by any tide bears upon its swell this Pandora's box from abroad, as it floods and surges up to many

tribute money is paid to those who appreciate her gold and nothing L. Curry were chosen officers of Shall we ask, when will the mint. But before this scheme our state be free from the crush- was put into operation congress ing exactions of our present policy had taken action and given to Oreof purchasing everything abroad? gon a territorial form of govern-When will she turn her attention ment, and President Polk had apto the development of her own pointed a governor for the terriabundant resources? If to add to tory. This fact becoming known the wealth of other states by ex- here, the coinage of gold dust fell porting our gold for articles of into other hands and became a food and raiment, for the imple- private enterprise, and the "beavments of husbandry, in short, for everything we use, almost, except a circulating medium. On the secthe air we breathe, is required of ond day of March, 1949, the gova new state like this, let us feel ernor, General Joseph Lane, arnow that the time of our servi- rived at Oregon City; on the third tude is up, and that capital shall he extended the laws of the United come to the relief of our people States over Oregon by proclamaand raise up all the aids needed tion, and proceeded to organize to make our state a manufactur- the territory of Oregon. He was ing as well as a producing one, received with every mark of es-This is demanded of us, not only as being vital to our advancement there were ten counties-Benton, in population and wealth, but also Champoeg, Clackamas, Clatsop, as being absolutely necessary for Lewis, Linn, Polk, Tuality, Vanthe welfare of our young men who couver and Yamhill, having a total need to be trained in a knowledge population of "citizens" of 8785 of the various branches of industry.

But the continent of North America has been explored, and a trans-continental railroad has brought the shores of the Atlantic | was elected a delegate to the conupon the east and the Pacific upon the west quite together, Light- first member from Oregon. ning has annihilated space be- hurston in that capacity served tween them. North America is his constituency well and faithfulnot only a part of the world, and ly. He was instrumental in givof great benefit to it, but is indeed the central continent of it, condition of affairs in the terriand Oregon holds some of the tory, which culminated in bring most important keys to her commarce. With these commercial advantages, with the f nest of agriguitural lands, abandantly waturn in 1851 and before he could tered, which not only insure never failing crops, but are able to susreceive the welcome of his family tain a very dense population, the or the applause of a grateful contime will come when our state stituency. The state has perpetuwill realize the fondest hopes of ated his memory by a monumental her early friends, who predicted testimonial in the cemetery at the for her a future of so much greatcapital of this state, negs and wealth.

Passing over that portion of the Shephard. He crossed the Rocky history of Oregon which commountains in 1834 and settled at mences with the discovery of the Columbia river by Capt, Gray in 1792, three hundred years from the discovery of the eastern of Oregon was the Beaver." She shores of this continent by Columbus, and ends with the permanent vessel, bring ng her machinery as settlement by Americans in 1832. freight which was set up at Vanwe proceed to enumerate some of events connected with our demaking several trips for pleasure velopment since the last mentionod period.

The first permanent American American women that had crossed to be seen at Victoria, V. I., and have as a testimonial of our for a donation land law, desiring laries for the accomplishment of the most favorable auspices. In and we have this result: Califor-

In 1840 there were about 250 vice, but looks a little peculiar. inhabitants in this country, exclus- the wheels being forward the cen-

ley-at the American mission sta-ley at the American mission sta-of Vancouver's island daily mail service from Portland, road from the eastern states to straight. Nothing but the pecul- es, and in her efforts to promote cereals, or 353 bushels for every this relation there is a mutuality The first American steamship Oregon, to San Francisco, Califor-that came to Portland was the night the California Stave company size this (do now nearly 30 years in exigencies of the cause of science and litera-the cause of science and litera-person so engaged, at an outlay of interest which is advantageous of first an outlay of interest which is advantageous formation of laws and election of that came to Portland was the nia, the California Stage company since this idea was entertained by mit of a curve. Hence railroads ture, and to develop all the means of \$23,646,706 consisting in price Several meetings were Massachusetts in 1849. The first placed daily stages upon the the Orogon fathers, prior to the are more favored in our day than and appliances of our civilization. of farms, implements and machin-chinery, etc., can be manufactured for more favored in our day than and appliances of our civilization. For a moment let us look at the ery or \$1785 for each individual chinery, etc., can be manufactured for what held in 1841 for the purpose of bratting a constitution and code of laws, but failed to accomplish of laws, but failed to accomplish of laws but failed to accomplish the laws for the laws for the laws for the laws for accomplish of laws failed to accomplish the laws for anything. In February and March. 1843 mublic monthing ware hald above the falls and the first to Stout these a member of congress of the James River and Kanawha proportion of treight. That the Columbia river should be have 95,468 square miles of raised almost as many bushels of have the work done in Oregon to the work done in Oregon to the second biology of the second b 1843; public meetings were held above the falls, and the first to stout, then a member of congress for carrying on reach Salem was the little Hoos- from Oregon, whose valuable ser- sity; a work that cost nearly as question. That the upper Colum- population. Of this number 13,- farmer at a cost of \$3062, an ad-(Continued on page 4)

Powers, W. H. Willson and George with rivers below forever; an en- place, which they praised for its terprise reflecting great credit upon those who projected it and carleading spirits of this enterprise. Land transportation has re-

er money" made its appearance as teem and confidence. At this time There were \$527 females of all ages, and 271 toremers. What is now Washington territory was

then part of Oregon. 'n June of and perseverance of Ben Holladay. the same year Samuel R. Thurston gress of the United States, the

Mr by those before mentioned, and ing an impetus to the unsettled to the wealth and importance of ing material aid and prosperity to our people. He was ambitious and devoted, but all his concern was for Oregon. He died on his re-

was built in 1855; it extended from Portland to Lafayette. The tion, and share in her greatness. and description. This field is large produce, according to the popula- 1873 is estimated at from five to main telegraph through the state When the pioneers of Oregon ask- and inviting, and the state should tion of the United States at that seven million bushels. This is a was the work of the California ed for the protection of the gov- have its bureau of mining. as well time, the sum of \$5,000,000, while larger crop than was ever before work simultaneously at the two jance which they bore to their the demands of science and indus- far exceeding that of the whole extremities of the line, meeting country. They felt that they had try. and completing their labors at an imperishable property in that Roseburg March 1, 1864. It was government, which they could regarded as an occasion of great

interest as the following corres- had an interest in its preservation "Roseburg, Or., March 1, 1864. To David Logan Esq., Mayor of

the City of Portland: "Sir: The residents of Roseburg send their compliments this region, then wild and almost through you to the citizens of uninhabitated by the white man. rived in Oregon with their fami- ship to navigate the waters of the duce, and feeling exhilarated by the white inhabitants of Oregon mated, paralyzed for a season this were founded all over the inhabship to navigate the waters of the occurrences of the hour, we were petitioning congress for aid, great plan and diverted the auxil-Pacific ocean. The Beaver is still have as a testimonial of our were petitioning congress for aid, great plan and diverted the auxil-itable portion of the state under from the census report of 1870.

security and protection, and Oregon scarcely felt the benefit moved on toward the land where of it for some time afterwards;

them the laws and customs of ities of Oregon that promised so water and nourish the roots of it requires time to build up a counceived a marked attention also. In their country touching property much to the immigrant, were now commerce. They make their own try." Very true; but those who ture for our country. 1869 the Oregon and California and government. They all stood absorbed in the golden idea that support by bringing without ex- offer outlets to overcrowded comrailroad fairly began its work at upon the same leval in regard to California would bestow wealth change through transportation of munities should not consider time East Portland and has now tra- the soil here, the title to which upon all who would ask it. Of men and means to open up the in filling them up. Transortation versed the entire length of the was virtually in the Indian. They course, Oregon was lost sight of, earth and cultivate it. They are is all that is needed. There are power. This in some sense may Willamette valley, upon the east brought with them their modes of and our neighbor became the pow- qu'ck on time and punctual, and nearly 79,000,000 acres of land in be true; we should remember that side, and at present terminates at worship and systems by which er of the coast. We have some- inspire corresponding action in the Great Britain and Ireland. Roseburg in the Umpqua valley, a schools could be opened and edu- times doubted whether Oregon propelling power of man: there is distance 200 miles from its initial cation difused. Family fies, pa- was really benefited by the dis-written upon every locomotive as own half the land of England; point. Ben Holladay, Esq., is rental love and filial obedience covery of gold in California, con- it speeds its way through the land thirty-four own half the land of president of this road. Since this were all strengthened by the ad-sidering the plans which were "There is no one so far from a Ireland, and twelve own half the of industry will not support a date a railroad has been com- versity through which all had then on foot for her rapid settle- market as he who has nothing to land of Scotland. They possessed a knowl- ment, and which were partially sell," a motto not altogether de- population of over 30,000,000, side of the Willamette river, and edge of farming and mechanics; frustrated by that event. We are void of interest to the economist. 60,000 persons own all the land has been completed as far as St. they were self-reliant and con- constrained to believe that twen- Our fathers could not believe that of England, Ireland, Scotland and Joe, a distance of 45 miles. Wil- scious of their ability to overcome ty-odd years of experience show this essential auxiliary to civiliza- Wales. In Oregon the land can liam L. Halsey, Esq., is president all obstacles. There was no turn- that these gold excitements have tion, rightfully used, could be oth- be owned by the settler-as it is of this road. Both roads are un- ing back. We admire their ener- retarded rather than promoted the erwise than a blessing. Capital, in almost every case. It is profinished as yet, and it is hoped gy. How much is accomplished development of our state. Her in any form, may become a ty-cured at a price within the means that they may soon be built their often through feeble efforts! Un- foundation is upon the rock of ag-inductor is the handmaid of of almost every able-bodied man. entire distance; a consummation dertakings' small in themselves riculture, farming, manufactures, industry and enterprise, when Every inducement to labor is opimperatively demanded. The cred- may and sometimes do so change which a rapid rush for hidden for- properly controlled. it for this great work of building the current of affairs that their tunes, found oftener in the misthese roads is due to the energy influences and results are felt fortunes that follow these excite-

The Portland, Dalles and Sait No pioneers by their achievements terest of our state is one of great el. A land grant was asked for, session than the sovereign of any The Portland, Dalles and Sait is ploneers by their achievements importance, notwithstanding, but the land to be conveyed no faster dynasty in Europe. Inducements prise calculated to open up many themselves and their country than it is not paramount to all others. than the road progressed. There to immigration should be offered.

of nations of old by sending forth eastern and southern Oregon. And er number could issue to any one population has not been augmentthe state at large and particularly from her territory colonies to it is to be hoped the day will come person. All share holders were to ed from this source. of the eastern portion. This de- found new states and raise up the when our mountains, gulches and participate equally in the control, sired object is fostered by that standard of the American empire. Streams in the mining regions of honor and profit of the road." The been one of great plenty to our energetic pioneer, Col. W. W. This is left to individual spirit and Oregon will be profitably search-right to purchase it was to be re-people. We are informed that the

ritory receive her aid and protec- of precious metals of every name 25 cents per share was expected to lion dollars. The wheat crop of ernment of the United States they as agriculture, or any other that the public lands granted would be raised in Oregon. But who is dobut made known the true alleg- may be brought into existence by enhanced in value to an amount ing all this work?

transmit to the children. spirit which led me to reveal the and perpetuity which could destroy. Here the restless Amenican found a lodgment and port every measure for her benefit with her present boundaries, a bor has 6.218,133 acres of imtry, and in a few years moulded

to take final leave of their resting San Francisco really became the from the eastern terminus westterminus of this steamer route and ward, connecting the Great Lakes with the Missouri river.

should. The agricultural, me- also, as one of the evidences of These fathers brought with chanical and manufacturing facil- the greatness of a people. They may be said that "we must wait-

through many generations. This ments than otherwise, cannot to be built, though perhaps not and proprietor of it. He is more were to be 20,000,000 shares, and with proper safeguards, by our The government of the United tible of becoming, with proper aid, "every applicant for a single share state. Our history shows that for as every branch of industry. Let which if successful will add much States does not follow the example a leading interest, especially in was to be supplied before a great- the last ten years our increase in governments in her name and ter- fossil remains, but for the deposits commence with an assessment of amount to upwards of one milrequired sum. With this assess- children" between the ages of 4 It was during this year (1847) ment and the land grants made as and 20 drawing school money in that Col. Benton wrote to the peo- fast as the work progressed, the this state. There are about 13,ple of Oregon saying: "The same road was to be built."

nothing grand destiny of Oregon in arti- tion Oregon prospered so rapidly fourth of the number similarly occles written in 1818, and to sup- that in 1859 congress gave her, cupied in California. Our neighsince, this same spirit animates me state government, and she was ac- proved land in farms; Oregon has and will continue to do so while cordingly admitted into the union. but 1,116,290 acres. The value I live, which I hope will be long The population and wealth of the of farming implements, machinand business on the Columbia riv- Portland, and congratulate you into the form and proportion of an atic commerce at the mouth of country had risen from a tefri- 000; in Oregon, \$1,292,717. The your river, and a stream of Asiat- torial pupilage to an independent value of farms in California is settlers came here in 1832. In Sound and the different ports of land to the castern states, Fa-Rocky mountains were celebrating of the Mississippi through the done to establish confidence and more than in Oregon, the value of Spaulding, both missionaries, ar- This was no doubt the first steam- day as pleasant as May can pro- ing over newly acquired territory, covery of gold, as we have inti- its proper attention, and schools 989. channel of Oregon." But the dis- security. Education had received farms in Oregon being \$22,352,-

American women that had crossed to be seen at Victoria, V. 1., and they the plains, and their children were other ports in that vicinity. She thanks, fired one hundred guns one as much like that which they the desire of this great man, who every house, in every cabin, there min has 47,863 inhabitants enhad themselves framed as possi- passed away, mourned and be- was to be found a reading person gaged in agriculture, who raised ble, granting 640 acres to the set- loved by Oregon, and leaving his or family. Cultivation of the soil, during that year 17,303,139 bush-"Portland, March 1st, 1864. ther and wife. They also asked object in the hands of those who as well as of the mind, engaged els of cereals of all kinds, or 362 "S. F. Chadwick, Esq., Rose- that navy yards and marine de- possess this fair land to be carried the attention of our people. A de- bushels to every person so enlive of Indians, 140 of whom were ter of the boat, instead of far aft burg: The citizens of Portland nots should be established on the out as wealth and enery will per-Americans. Among them was S as they are now built. An esti-fully reciprocate the pleasure ex-Columbia river and Puget sound, mit. The then projected route up for the other. In looking back 718 invested in farms, farming im-When they arrive in our are loaded H. Smith of Clatsop county, the mable lady, now the wife of one pressed by you at the consumma- and petitioned also for a naval the Missouri river to the Colum- from our present standpoint we plements and machinery, or the oldest American ploneer now liv- of our most esteemed citizens, and the for a naval the consecting course for military protection and bia, thence down that river to its can see nothing in the past to dis-<sup>10</sup> The February, 1841, there was John McLoughlin, one of the and our great union. David Lo-rive and depart monthly. More bicherary to the larger eities of presistion of the fact that we live business during the same year. us with different parts of the state for a public ma'l service to ar- mouth, is almost wholly lost in courage us, but everything around ist. Whereas, in the state of Orehabitants of the Willametic val- of our early emigrants, was born. In 1859, by virtue of an act of then considering in a serious light the world. It is a law of com- in a country unsurpassed in her 13,248 persons, who produced

example: England proper is not The pioneers of Oregon regard- Wales are about three-fourths as It is the farmer at first! it is the ried it through. Messrs, B. Gold- all their families were to be never, as it was first intended she ed railroads, and we regard them large as Oregon, and their united farmer at last. When he thrives

> In to those who will avail them-The plan upon which the road selves of it. The man who tills

There are about 39,000 "school

248 persons engaged in agricul-Under the territorial organiza- ture in Oregon, or about one-

ment we shall find that agriculas large as eastern Oregon, and ture, with all its advantages and she sustains a population of 20 .- assurances of successful competi-000,000. Ireland. Scotland and tion in the world, pays for all this population is about 10,000,000. It all around him prosper; but when he fails, we declare in our disappointment that we can see no in

But just now we feel as if our fortune was fixed, and we are on

agriculture is our faithful beauf of burden, and we are loading if down with weights, which it may With their state. It may dazzle the eyes and swell the purse, but its allurement will be of short duration. It will not insure permanent incomes and fixed profits. There is no branch of industry that is not subject to embarrassment and bankruptcy. The causes of disaster may be hidden in the enterprise itself, in its province, or may be lurking in foreign markets, The great question is, "Can we live on bread alone?" When we export our surplus cereals, and good prices are obtained for them, the producer and the state are both bene-

fitted; but when there is no market for that which is not needed us hold fast to that which we now have, and turn our attention to building up of auxiliaries to

aid the state and insure her life against disaster. The world is about the same as it has been for ages, but men are not stationary; they possess the migratory spin that led most of us to this land of our adoption. Men are constantly looking up new grain lands and rich valleys in different parts of the globe, and with cheap freights and steam transportation, they will soon be competitors in your markets. So our prosperous farmers of today may take their chances in the future and battle with new rivals in trade. To meet these contingencies and to place our internal alfairs upon an immovable foundation, the farmer and the interests of the state demand that we should manufacture for ourselves more than we do. There is nothing that we need that cannot be raised or manufactured in Oregon. It is a lamentable and humiliating fact that all the implements of farming, nearly all the articles that we wear, and much that we consume, come to us over thousands of miles, from

the shops where they are made of places where produced, stopping on the way at convenient points to be again sold and resold, the profits of which sales continue to erect magnificently large and more we have of them the better.