WHAT LOVE SAID.

Love said—"A beauty not of earth, but heaven,
Still seek in thy Beloved's glances bright;
For love to man as his best strength is given,
A guiding star—not a false, wandering light."

Love said—"In the sweet eyes where thou dost see
Pure light, not flame—there shalt thou seek thy fate;
So a clear lamp to light thy path shall be,
No wasting fire thy heart to desolate."

Love said—"This blessing to thy life is given,
To draw thy heart from things of little worth;
Wings shall it give, to lift thy heart to heaven—
Not chains, to hold it closer to the earth."

NEVADA LETTER.

CAMP HALLECK, Nev., Apr. 23, 1874.

ED. INDEPENDENT.—Although there has been some change in the weather and depth of snow we are not as yet fairly convinced that Spring has come. All the indications we have is April and the birds are beginning to sing and occasionally we are favored with a few warm sunny days. We are still surrounded with snow which is from one foot to eighteen inches deep on the parade ground. March and April so far have been quite cold and windy with continual snow, and hail showers. Yesterday the snow fell three inches. Farmers and people in general are waiting anxiously for the snow to leave as they say they are much behind the regular season for gardening and grain sowing. I understand from a very reliable source that there has not been a furrow plowed inside of five miles of this garrison which is surrounded by quite an extensive farming country. The weather has been so very cold the snow has settled pretty slowly. Occasionally you can see a bare spot of ground on the south side of the mountains but they are a long distance off from us. How I long to see the ground once more with its green hills and valleys. The great question that agitates the Ranchers is, when will we get our crops in. Many think it will be too late to sow grain when the snow leaves. It is now quite evident the past winter has been the longest and most severe ever known to old Nevadians. Travel and business of all kinds has been suspended since Dec. Stock, what survived, is very poor and commands a high price. The beef contractor at this garrison finds it a rather difficult matter to furnish suitable beef for issue to the troops. It is the general opinion that stock will be high this coming season. The amount of stock that has perished this past winter in this county is unknown.

It is officially rumored amongst millitary men that this camp and that at McDermott will be abandoned this coming season.

I am in receipt of the INDEPENDENT quite regularly. It comes to hand every Saturday. I don't know what I should do if it did not. I do wish I could receive it oftener. It makes me feel so to read of the pleasant weather and of flowers, and peach trees in bloom, when this country is sad and dreary.

There are still two companies of regulars stationed here, one Cavalry and the other Infantry or "Dough-boys" as they are sometimes called. The garrison is dull. We are now learning our new drills. The old Stars and Stripes still floats to the breeze, and seems to never get tired.

Hoping this may prove worthy of your kind notice and that you will always remember the Soldier Boy,

JOS. G. MARTIN.
Co. I., 1st. U. S. Cavalry

SPRING DAYS.

Spring the youngest daughter, the petted darling of the year, comes lightly in with joyous step and radiant face sure of a welcome, for the stern old father, Winter, has yielded her the throne and with a right royal grace she wears her emerald crown, giving us days of golden sunshine all so fresh, so fair. One of these tender spring days is like an exquisitive picture framed in gold and azure to be hung forever in memory's halls—a beautiful landscape, green meadows, surrounded by far dark snow crowned hills, softened into a dreamy pazy blue by the glimmering golden sunshine that pervades all the air and thrills through every vein with a new sweet joy, as though we drank an elixir of life. Mayhap these golden sunbeams draw their light from some Fountain of Youth. Oh! sweet spring days, that sing your happy songs in the voices of merry birds ringing out through the shady greenwood, and murmuring in the gladsome breath of south winds that kiss cheek and lips and lift the hair from our brow with touch as soft and gentle as though the spirit of some loved one "gone before," were laying a cool hand there to exorcise the heat and passion of life. No song so sweet as this: amid all its light gay joyousness, here mingles a vein of sadness; for the ringing laugh and merry step of those who last year greeted your coming with joy and treasured the offerings laid at their feet, the first wild flowers this year bloom above the bright eyes that last year hailed their coming with eager joy. Then comes interludes of silent starlit nights when al, nature sleeps under a calm so holy so pure one might almost fancy he had passed unknown the river of Death and entered a world fresh from the hand of its Creator, forgetting in the drink of Lethe all sorrow of a past life, remember it only as a forgotten poem brought to mind by a beautiful chant flowing faintly through the mind. Yet amid all this beauty and serenity of nature hearts can suffer and hate as bitterly as though all were stormy. Ever and anon there comes a day when the tender heart of spring is greived at fear of the coldness of winter and the grey clouds veil the blue eyes of the sky and weep themselves away in a mist of tears, and for every tear that falls there springs up a bright-eyed little elf to comfort the heart of the mourner. These spring days are peans of praise to the wise and beneficent Goddess, Nature, when every breath we draw is an inspiration and a prayer of thanksgiving for the gift of life. DIANE.

PLATFORM
Of the Independent People of Oregon.

Resolved, 1. That extravagance and corruption have become so prevalent in the administration of the affairs of this State and nation as to burden the people with taxes that are not necessary to good government, make politics a trade and debauch the morals of society; that there is no good to hope for a remedy for these evils through the two political parties that have heretofore ruled the country, and that the welfare of the people demand that every citizen, laying aside all party prejudices and differences of opinion upon immaterial points, unite in selecting for the public service men who will exert themselves to secure public economy, retrenchment and reduction of taxation in every practicable way.

2. That we view with alarm the reckless course of the State and National Governments in the multiplication of officers beyond the requirements of the public service, many of whom, while receiving salaries from the public treasury, are devoting themselves to their private pursuits. And we demand that officers paid do give their time exclusively to the service for which they are appointed.

3. That we favor the adoption by the National and State Government, of all reasonable measures of securing cheap transportation; and to this and we favor liberal aid from the General Government for the opening and improvement of our harbors and rivers; for the construction of the Portland, Dalles and Salt Lake Railroad; the completion of the Oregon and California Railway to the Southern line of the State, and the extension of the Oregon Central Railway to Junction City. That the interest of the State demand the completion of the Oregon Central Railway to Astoria; that we favor such aid as may be consistent with prudence and public economy; for the construction of roads across our mountain chains. And we favor the immediate construction of a wagon road along the south bank of the Columbia river from the mouth of Sandy to the Dalles.

4. That all property rights, individual and corporate, should be subject to law; that we would give all proper aid, encouragement and protection to corporations, companies or persons engaged in transportation, commerce, or any other legitimate pursuit; but we would hold all subject to law; and we demand that the rates of freight and fare on railways within the State be fixed by the Legislature of the State, and on inter-State railways, by Congress.

5. That we demand a return to the salaries fixed by the Constitution for State officers, and we condemn all the schemes that have been devised to increase such salaries by indirection. That the compensation of all officers should be only such as would pay them fairly for the services they perform; that County Clerks and Sheriffs should have salaries fixed by law according to their services; that the law increasing their fees should be repealed and a law enacted providing reasonable fees to be charged by them in cases where private parties alone are concerned, such fees to be paid by officers into the County Treasury. That we demand the passage of a law to protect the public against unreasonable charges for the State printing.

6. That we favor a liberal system of public schools, but we condemn the act creating a monopoly in the sale of school books, and demand its repeal.

7. That we demand the repeal of the Litigant printing law.

8. That we demand equal rights for all citizens, and accord special privileges to none.

9. That the interests of the people demand competition in the transportation of freights to and from our seaboard; that we are opposed to the purchase or leasing by the State of the Canal and Locks at the falls of the Willamette, but would hold both the State and Lock Company to a strict compliance with their existing contract.

10. That we especially condemn those acts of the Legislature that they have enabled speculators to obtain the public lands of the State in large tracts, to the exclusion of poor men and men of moderate means, who would take them for homes.

11. That the removal of a faithful and competent officer, merely because of his political opinions, is a gross abuse of power. That the use of the appointing power to reward politicians for services in conventions and elections, is no less corrupt than any other species of bribery. That the removal of faithful public officers for the conscientious performances of their duties is an outrage upon good government.

12. That personal character is the proper criterion by which to judge of the fitness of men for public position, and it dangerous business to men of disreputable private character.

13. That the General Government should pay all the expenses, losses and damages necessarily arising from its course of dealing with the Indians; and we demand that our fellow citizens in Eastern and Southern Oregon be indemnified by the Government for their losses and damages in the late Modoc war.

14. That we are in favor of such legislation on the subject of the liquor traffic as will allow each precinct to decide by a vote of the citizens thereof whether liquor shall be sold in that precinct or not, and which shall make the venders of intoxicating drink responsible for damages which may be done by the abuse of that privilege where sale is permitted.

15. That the uprising of the agricultural class, and their organization into a compact society for mutual protection against the extortions of oppressive monopolies, commends itself to the favor of every just mind, and cannot but result in ultimate good to the whole people.

(Signed) W. S. ELKINS Chairman.

MARY AND I.

Twas evening in May; and the soft zephyr sighed
Through branches low bending above
My Mary and I, as we wandered along,
And whispered of beauty and love,
"We'll make us a nest like the birdlings," I said,
"And never shall part any more."
"Oh, yes," she rep'ied, "and can furnish it nice
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."

"Fair creature, there's many a wealthier man
Would gladly have you for a bride;
But no one can love you more fondly than I
—My Treasure, my beauty, my pride!
Oh, had I a mansion, with carpets of gold
And silver, I'd cover the floor!"
But, smiling, she said, "You can purchase the best
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."

"I'll spread you a couch upon which to recline
When evening shall call us to rest,
Of the fleeciest down." "But," she said with a sigh,
"I like hair mattress the best."
"Then so it shall be, love; the tables inlaid,
And seats from some far distant shore."
"Oh, no," she exclaimed. "They have elegant sets
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."

"But, Mary, alas! I must sadly confess
My means are but slender as yet;
To furnish a house in the style you demand
Would hopelessly plunge me in debt—
To ask you to share my poor lodgings and board
Is something that I should deplore."
She said, with a smile, "You can buy very cheap
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."

"To-morrow, then, love, let us journey along
To the corner of Alder and Front street—
'Tis numbers **98** and **100** (river side,)
Where lovers so happily meet;
How many fond souls might be severed for years
From those they so fondly adore,
Were it not for the beautiful furniture they have
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE."

They have marble-top bureaus and elegant sets
Of Bed-room furniture new,
With center-tables, and what-nots, and mirrors great,
And an endless variety of chairs, not a few,
They do a cash business, and with money in hand
To purchase every style of furniture lower,
Are able to supply all the public demand
At HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE.

We went, Mary and I; and can I ever forget
The pleasure that beamed in her face,
As she gazed at the marvels of beauty displayed
In HURGREN & SHINDLERS place!
We furnished our home in an elegant style,
Have been married a twelve-month or more
And Mary is singing this song to her babe,
Of HURGREN & SHINDLER'S STORE!

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(Sheriff's Sale Concluded from Second Page.)

Names.	*Description.*	*Tax*
Moss, *Heirs of*	3w	
Oregon, Real Estate *Co*	100 acres, sects. 13, 14, 23, & 24, T 1, N *R* 3 w.	
.. ..	Part of George Smith's Don. 87 acres, sect. 4, s *R* 2 w.	
.. ..	W ½ of N E 1-4 and w ½ of s E 1-4, 160 acres, sect. 9, T 2. s *R* 1 w.	
.. ..	s E 1-4, 160 acres, sect 30, *T* 1, s *R* 1 w.	
.. ..	Cornelius, Blk. 14 Lots 6, & 7.	
.. ..	" Blk. 9	
.. ..	" Blk. 15 Lot 10.	
.. ..	" Blk. 26 Lots 1, 2, & 3.	
.. ..	" Hotel, Blk. 16, Block 6.	
.. ..	Beaverton, Blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 17, 20, 22, 26, 27, 29, 30, 31, 34, 36, B, & B.	$ 102 30
Oregon *Central* R. R. *Co*	Twenty Four Miles of *Road* Bed, Three stations Houses, Three Hand Cars.	1989 90
Porter Lucinda	*Part* of W. Stokes Don. 232 acres, sect. 31, T 1, N *R* 3 w.	41 25
Pierson J. F	E 1-2 of the Don. Claim of T. *Pierson*, 160 acres, sects 34, 35, T 1, N *R* 1 w.	10 56
Phillips J. D	N E 1-4, 160 acres, sect. 32, *T* 1, *N R* 3 w.	16 50
Powers F. M	*Part* of Woods Don., 25 acres, *T* 1, s *R* 2 w.	$ 6 43.1-2
Richardson *Charles*	Part of J. D. *Richardson's* Don., 110 acres, sects. 24 & 26, *T* 1, s *R* 1 w.	8 25
Raymond *H. C*	*Part* of the Marvel Don, 80 acres, sect. 9, *T* 2, s *R* 1 w.	
.. ..	Don., J. Whetstone, 160 acres, sects. 22, 23, & 27, *T* 1, s *R* 3 w.	
.. ..	Part of the Bullocks Don., 160 acres, sect. 24, *T* 1, s *R* 4 w.	
.. ..	S w 1-4 of S E 1-4 & Lot 8, 80 acres, sects. 10, & 11, *T* 1, s *R* 3 w.	
.. ..	Hillsboro, Blk. 9 lots 7 & 8.	24 42
Richardson *Henry*	*N* 1-2 of *N* w 1-4, 80 acres, sect. 26, *T* 1, s *R* 1 w.	5 95
Roberts Nelson *Heirs of*	Part of Nelson *Roberts* Don, 160 acres, *T* 2s *R* 1 w.	4 95
Rider G. *C*	200 acres, sect. 3, *T* 2, s *R* 1 w.	8 25
Risley O	*N* 1-2 of *N* E 1-4, 80 acres, sect. 8, *T* 2, n *R* 1 w	1 65
Stitzel and Upton or Unknown *Parties*	640 acres, sect. 31, *T* 1, s *R* 3 w.	
.. ..	*N* 1-2 of Theo. Cartwright Don., 160 acres, *T* 2, s *R* 2 w.	
.. ..	Husband's 1-2 of F. Walker's Don, Claim, 160 acres, sects. 4 & 5, *T* 2, s *R* 3 w.	34 65
Shattuck S. F	His own Don. Claim, 320 acres, sects, 2 and 3 *T* 2, s *R* 2 w.	13 20
Shattuck and Killin or Unknown persons	80 acres, *T* 1, s R 1 w.	4 95
Spaulding Nancy	Part of Hudson's Don. Claim, 160 acres, sect. 29 *T* 2, s *R* 2 w	3 30
Skelton Emily	N E 1-4, 160 acres, sect. 16 1s Ts, *R* 4 w	3 30
Snodgrass Mary E	*Minto* Donation, 320 acres, T 1, s R 2 w.	14 85
Shultz *Herman*	*N* E 1-4 of *N* E 1-4, 40 acres, sect 7, T 6, *N* R 1 W.	1 65
Sebastian Daniel	*Part* of own Donation, 160 acres, sect 27, T 2, S R 1 W.	6 60
Smith James	Part of S. Albee Donation, 80 acres. T3, *S* R 2 w	4 95
Size John	Undivided 1-2 of *S* 1-2 of *S* E 1-4, 40 acres, Sect. 33, *T* 2, *N* R 2 *W*.	1 65
Tice J. M	Part of W Graham's Don. 15 acres, T 2 *S*, s R 1 w	4 95
Todd *C. W*	" " Doremus' Don., 106 acres, sect. 31, T 1, S R 1 W.	4 95
Unknown *Persons*	Part of Pinart & Smiths Land, 320 acres, T 2 *N* R 2 & 3 W.	9 90
.. ..	*N* E 1-2 corner of *Phillip* Harris' Don., 80 acres, T 1, *S* R 2 *W*	6 60
.. ..	Beaverton, E 1-2, sect. 15, T 1S	
.. ..	*Pt.* of *Madison's* Don. 20 a[illegible] T 1s, R 4w	1 15
.. ..	1-2 of 1-2 of *N* 1-2 of *N* [illegible] and *N* 1-2 of S W 1-2, *N* W 1-4 and S 160 acres sect. 15, T 1 & 2, S R 1 & 4 W.	14 02.1-2
.. ..	*Pt.* of John Gault Don., 80 acres, T 1, *S* R 1 W	2 47.1-2
Upton *C. B*	160 acres, T 3, *S* R 1 w.	9 90
.. ..	240 acres, T 1, *N* R 3 *W*	19 80
.. ..	Pt. of Ritchey farm, 320 acres, sects. 15, & 24 T 1, *S* R 3 w.	49 50
.. ..	320 acres, sects. 15, 24, T 1, s R 3 w.	49 50
.. ..	235 acres, sects. 18, 19, 13, 24, T 1, s R 2 & 3.	38 77.1-2
Unknown Owners	Pt. of Kelley's Don., 120 acres, T 1, *N* R 4 w.	8 25
.. ..	" " R. Walker's Don., 50 acres, T 1, s R 3 *W*	1 65
.. ..	" " R Freeman's Don., 100 acres, T 1, *N* R 3 *W*.	4 95
.. ..	" " *L.* Hall's Don., 19 acres, T 1, s R 3 *W*.	14 10
Whitmore Lucinda	Forest Grove, Blk. 12 Lots 1 and 2.	3 30
Wade *J. P*	" " Blk. 40 Lot 4.	6 60
Whetstone *Heirs of*	Pt. of Whetstone Don., 160 acres, T 1, s R 2 w.	4 95
Whitley A	*W* 1-2 of s 1-2 *S* w 1-4 and *W* 1-2 of *N* w 1-4, 120 acres, sect. 29, T 2, s R 1 W.	8 25
White R. A	*Pt.* of O S Hall's Don., 160 acres, T 1, s R 1 W.	13 20
White Dr	*W* " *N*. Hearty Don, 140 acres, T 1, s R 1 W	4 95
Wagoner C. G	" " W. Gibson Don. 208 acres, T 2, *N R* 2 W	6 60
Walker *F. M. Minor*	*F. M.* Walker's Don, Wife's 1-2, 160 acres, sects. 2 T 2, S R 3 W	4 95

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