

shall we Have a Postal Telegraph?

One year ago the Post Master General, in his Annual Report, recommended the establishment of a Postal Telegraph system, to be controlled by the Government.

The previous discussion of the subject develops the fact that it has many implacable opponents as well as many ardent advocates.

For ourselves we are opposed to a Postal Telegraph system controlled by the government, on economical and political grounds.

We do not think the government the proper party to invest in such enterprises. We do not believe, as a governmental investment, it would pay.

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A Subject that Should be Agitated—A Government Army.

The Herald of the 7th inst. contains the following suggestions: "The growing importance of the Pacific States makes it necessary that the Federal Government should turn more of its attention in this direction than it has hitherto done."

It is a suitable place for the manufacture of fire-arms and all the machinery needed for the purpose of defense in case of foreign aggression, and for such protection as our already great and growing commerce demands.

Fortunately we have just the place, with all the necessary local advantages, near this city. The falls of the Willamette at Oregon City afford one of the finest water powers to be found in any part of the world.

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State News.

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From the Scene of Indian Troubles.

ASHLAND, Dec. 5.—George Nurse arrived last night from Klamath. He left there at five o'clock on Tuesday evening bringing the news of further murders by the Indians. In all, so far as ascertained, eleven men have been killed, named as follows: William Brotherton, W. K. Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton, William Brotherton.

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Telegraphic News.

MIAMI, Dec. 5.—A terrible accident occurred on the Pennsylvania Central Railroad on Tuesday evening. The second section of the Cincinnati express train, bound east, ran into a car of the first section and telescoped into a Pullman palace car.

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Literary Notices.

BRADNARD'S MUSICAL VOYAGE, for November, fully sustains a high reputation as a literary and artistic journal of the first rank, and is a welcome addition to our table.

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THE CHRISTIAN MESSENGER.

A First-Class Family Journal, will be sent to any address until January 1, 1874, for \$4. Address, WILLS DRURY, Publisher, Monmouth, Oregon.

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