

Gatherings by the Wayside.

Secretary Turney, on Monday last, assumed the duties of his office, and those of Acting Governor.

The new Jewish synagogue, in Portland, was consecrated on the 15th inst. The ceremonies were said to have been very imposing.

The Portland *Times* has news of the capture of the Indians implicated in late murders of the whites in the Walla Walla country. One was killed in taking them. The Indian matters are very unsettled yet.

The new Sunday law is received with much disfavor in California. The legality of the law is to be tested.

The overland telegraph line has been extended to Reese river, 140 miles east of Fort Churchill.

Col. Baker has been appointed a Brigadier General in the U. S. army.

The number of Federal troops killed at Manassas Junction is now given at 380, and the wounded 600.

Mr. Bush of the *Statesman*, writes from Washington, under date of July 10th, that upon examination of the books of the disbursing officer he finds that Jo Lane *did* draw double mileage—as both Delegate and Senator—during the session of Congress of 1858-59. That paper, in 1858, after the adjournment of Congress, declared that Lane had purposely prevented the passage of the Oregon State admission bill in the House, to secure his election as Senator, and thus draw double mileage. Lane was “virtuously indignant,” and published an eight-page pamphlet declaring with sledge-hammer emphasis

that he *could not* draw mileage both as Delegate and Senator. Witness the result. Is it not in unison with the treasonable course of the "Mary Ann of Mexico"?

Jeff Davis threatens to kill all prisoners if privateers are treated as pirates.

The appointments of the late Oregon Conference of the M. E. Church, for Puget Sound District are, as follows: Presiding Elder, N. Doane. For Olympia and Mound Prairie, C. Alderson, G. W. Roork; Seattle, B. C. Lippincott; Claquato, J. S. Douglas; Gray's Harbor and Shoalwater Bay, W. J. Franklin. Whidby's Island and Port Townsend to be supplied.

The *Oregon Sentinel* says that the Land Office of Washington Territory has been removed from Olympia to Vancouver. The *Sentinel* is mistaken. The Land Office recently opened at Vancouver is only for Columbia river district.

The schooner *Gen. Harney* arrived at Olympia wharf on Wednesday last.

An Indian by the name of Sampson was shot by a white man by the name of James Reed, a few miles below this place, on the 18th inst. Reed delivered himself up to the proper authorities, but was *discharged for want of evidence!*

A. J. Cain, an employee of the Indian Department at Walla Walla writes to the *Advertiser* that "none of the Indians have any confidence in the Government, and the dissatisfied ones told me they would make this arrangement with me [to maintain amicable relations with the whites] as they believed I was

their friend, but they want nothing from the government! Magnanimous Cain! Had not the Administration better continue this modest youth in office? Wonder if the "sympathizers" don't derive their opinions from their Indian brethren? Both profess to have "no confidence in the Government."

The *Victoria Press* has been the victim of a most outrageous joke. Some one issued an "extra" declaring in bold capitals the "Privateer Jeff Davis Captured!" "Bloody Fight in Missouri!" "Beauregard Badly Wounded!" "Gen. Scott takes the Field!" etc., etc., which the *Press* with the usual flourish of trumpets copies in its daily edition. The next issue of that paper condoles dolefully of man's inhumanity to man, in the perpetration of such a heartless joke.

Mr. Wallace, pilot of the *Anderson*, informs us that a volcano has made its appearance upon the summit of a mountain on Hood's Canal. The blaze could be seen from the deck of the *Anderson*, and was accompanied by a rumbling noise.

The *Advertiser* contains a letter which warrants the hope that the children taken by the Indians at the Salmon Falls massacre are still alive, and will ere long be released from captivity.

The *Overland Press* objects to Republican thunder. So did the *Pioneer and Democrat* make the same complaint six months ago; so did a portion of the community on the evening of the 8th of July.