

American Bibliographical Notes

EARLY OREGON IMPRINTS IN THE OREGON STATE ARCHIVES

In the Oregon State Archives in Salem rests a vast collection of papers of the provisional and territorial governments of Oregon. The Oregon Historical Society and the University of Oregon Library have microfilms of the collection on twenty-eight reels, filmed in 1946 as part of a national project sponsored by the Library of Congress and the University of North Carolina.¹

In the 1950s I checked two randomly selected reels while working on my *Oregon Imprints 1845-1870*, published by University of Oregon Books in 1968, and found only manuscript documents. So I turned my efforts elsewhere, before and after the publication of my book, until 1979 when a scholar friend looking for something else reeled through another reel and found microcopies of several unrecorded Oregon imprints.

The collection is chaotic in arrangement, with little dependence on chronology or subjects. This is not the result of mishandling in recent years. In 1878 J. Henry Brown commented, with specific reference to the papers of the provisional government: 'The papers . . . are packed up loose in boxes without any system, not sorted or arranged according to dates and subjects.'² The provisional government papers are also mixed

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¹ See *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 48(1947):350-51.

² 'Settlement of Willamette Valley,' manuscript in Bancroft Library, University of California, p. 33. Quoted in David C. Duniway and Neil R. Riggs, 'Oregon Archives, 1841-43,' *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 60(1959):213 See also Hubert Howe Bancroft, *History of Oregon*, 2 vols. (1886-88), 1:474, n. 10.

with papers of the territorial government, and a few state government papers turn up here and there (see no. 708a, below). I solved the problem by reeling through all twenty-eight reels looking for printing, collected hard copies, drafted tentative descriptions, and checked against the originals in the State Archives.

The collection, after statehood, was in the custody of the secretary of state until 1931, when the then-secretary, Hal Hoss, concerned about its security in the hazardous capitol building, sponsored an act of the Legislative Assembly transferring custody to the Oregon Historical Society in Portland until fireproof quarters were available in Salem.³ In 1952, after the capitol had burned in 1935 with disastrous destruction of some other archives, the collection was returned to Salem and placed in the Oregon State Archives, then housed in the Oregon State Library building. The 12,281 distinguished items are serially numbered by stamp in order of the long-existent arrangement (some numbers cover groups of related documents), which numbering is reproduced on the microfilm. The stamping was probably done before the collection left Salem in 1931, since a typed receipt from the historical society acknowledging the transfer includes the 12,281 figure. In the 1940s a card index of names and selected subjects tied to these numbers was prepared by the historical society. The society and the Oregon State Archives have copies of the index cards, the University of Oregon Library a microfilm on six reels.

This article describes forty-seven previously unrecorded imprints in the collection and one previously unrecorded lost imprint on the basis of collection evidence (no. L130c). Included are five imprints that are noted in *Oregon Imprints* as lost: nos. 80a, 241c, 292c, 292d, 292e. The following imprints in the collection are described in *Oregon Imprints* from other copies: nos. 9, 12a, 24 (number changed to 319a in my master copy of the

³ Oregon Laws 1931, chap. 85, p. 121.

book), 214, 294, 300, 316, 349, 504. Finally, two pieces are described in published addenda from other copies: no. 80a, *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* 66(1972):179-80 (misnumbered, now renumbered no. 80c); no. 142a, *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* 86(1976):136-37. These descriptions are not repeated here, though examination of the Or-Ar copies has required some revisions in my master copy of *Oregon Imprints*.

1848

OREGON (*provisional government*). *Laws, statutes, etc.*

An Act | amendatory to an act, | entitled | An Act to Provide for Assessing and Collecting the | Revenue, | and for other purposes. | [*tbick-thin rule*] | [Oregon City: Spectator Office. 1848.] [12c]

6 p. 17.6 x 25 cm. Caption title (second caption title on p. 3). Text printed in 2 columns.

Second caption title, p. 3: An Act | to Authorize the Judges of the Several County Courts | in Oregon Territory to Divide their Respective Coun- | ties into Road Dis- tricts, and Appoint Supervisors.

On Dec. 28, 1847, the House of Representatives resolved: 'That the committee on printing be, and they are hereby authorized to contract for the printing of 200 copies of the road and general revenue laws.' Oregon Archives (*Oregon Imprints*, no. 98), p. 251.

The Revenue Act (pp. [1]-3) was also printed, from a different setting of type, in the Jan. 6, 1848, *Oregon Spectator*. Art. 1 of the Road District Act (pp. 3-5) was printed in the Jan. 20 *Spectator* from a different setting of type; arts. 2-3 were printed in the Feb. 10 issue from the same type as in the pamphlet (pp. 5-6). The complete Road District Act is included in no. 83, pp. 17-22.

Or-Ar (serial no. 1580). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1850

OREGON CITY, OREGON. *Citizens.*

To the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon: | The under- signed, your memorialists, would most respect-|fully represent that they regard with great concern that | portion of the Act of Congress of Sep- tember 27, 1850, | which distinguishes between persons who have derived from | Dr. John McLaughlin a title to lots previous to March 4th, | 1849, and those deriving titles from him since that time. | . . . | Spectator, Print—Oregon City. | [*71 names printed in 4 columns*] | [1850.] [29a]

Broadside. 21 x 31.6 cm. Text divided into 2 columns by vertical rule.

The reference is to sec. 11 of the Oregon Donation Land Act (see *Oregon Imprints*, no. 33), which robbed Dr. McLoughlin of his Oregon City claim and invalidated deeds to lots sold by McLoughlin since Mar. 4, 1849. The memorialists were lot purchasers. The memorial pleads only for the relief of such purchasers through deeds issued by the territorial treasurer, not for justice to McLoughlin—which would doubtless have been beyond the power of the territorial government. The Assembly took no action. 1850–51 Council Journal, p. 27; House Journal, p. 46.

The list of memorialists is headed by J. Quinn Thornton, who probably wrote the memorial. See *Proceedings of the American Antiquarian Society* 86(1976):134, no. 32a. In *Oregon Imprints* an 1853 petition concerning the Oregon City claim was erroneously identified as an 1850 memorial from Oregon City citizens (no. 30). The error was corrected in *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* 66(1972):179–81. This left the real 1850 memorial in limbo, since no evidence that it was a printed piece had been found. A printed copy has now been found and is here described.

Or-Ar (serial no. 3523). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1852

LOWNSDALE, DANIEL H. AND NANCY.

Know all men by these presents, that we, Daniel H. Lownsdale and Nancy Lownsdale, his wife, at the city of Portland and territory of Oregon, in and for the consideration of | [blank] dollars . . . | . . . have bargained and sold at quit claim . . . | . . . unto [blank] | all our right, title and interest in all those town lots . . . in the city of Portland, to wit: . . . | . . . | . . . and we | will forever warrant and defend the same against the claim of any person whatsoever who may claim | the same through or by us or either of us. And we further covenant . . . | . . . that if we or either of us shall receive patent from the United States, | . . . we bind ourselves, or either of us, (as the case may be,) | to make a general warrantee deed to the said lots, for the consideration above described. | . . . | [1852?] [61a]

Form. 20 x 30.5 cm.

Concerning the early history of the donation land claim on the townsite of Portland, see *History of Portland, Oregon*, ed. H. W. Scott (1890), p. 119. Lownsdale had purchased the claim in 1848; by 1849 the land was owned by a company devoted to the development of the city, with three partners, Lownsdale, Stephen Coffin, and W. W. Chapman (see *Oregon Imprints*, no. 58). The partnership was terminated in 1852, with land still unsold divided among the partners. They all signed an agreement 'that so soon as they obtained legal title they would at once issue deeds to all previous purchasers.' See also Bancroft, *History of Oregon*, 2(1888):281–89.

The recorded copy of no. 61a, concerning sale of lots to the territorial penitentiary commissioners, is dated Sept. 7, 1853. The form was probably printed soon after the termination of the partnership in 1852.

Or-Ar (serial no. 9730). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (territory). *Legislative Assembly. Council.*

[Council bills. Fourth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1852.]

21.3 x 34.2 cm.

No. 4. To create a lien upon the property of criminals in certain cases. 1 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 4583). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [65a]

OREGON (territory). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

Mr. Ebey's Report | from the | Minority of the Committee | on | D. S. Maynard's Bill for Divorce, | made December 15, 1852. | [short rule] | [Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer.] [67a]

3 p. 16.2 x 24.4 cm. Caption title.

Dr. D. S. Maynard's petition for divorce by act of the 1852-53 Legislative Assembly was received by the House on Dec. 13, 1852 and assigned to a special committee of three, including I. N. Ebey. The committee reported on Dec. 15, recommending a divorce bill (H. B. No. 9), with Ebey dissenting. The House ordered 100 copies of Ebey's report printed (House Journal, p. 34) and referred the bill to the Committee of the Whole; on Dec. 21 committee approval was reported. On Dec. 22 the bill failed to pass: 9 yes, 11 no, 1 excused, 4 absent. Later the same day it was reconsidered and passed: 8 yes, 7 no, 2 excused, 8 absent. And on the same day it passed the Council, apparently without difficulty. The House record seems to reflect moral and legal misgivings concerning legislative interference with the marriage contract, which is the burden of Ebey's report; for some details of the House debate, see *Oregon Statesman*, Jan. 1, 1853. Legislative divorces were common during the territorial period (see *Oregon Imprints*, Index under 'Divorce'), though the Assembly, later in 1852-53, passed a law providing for divorces also through the district courts (General Laws, pp. 49-51). Dr. Maynard was the first physician to settle in the Puget Sound country. See O. Larsell, *The Doctor in Oregon* (1947), pp. 145-149.

Maynard's manuscript petition is in Or-Ar (serial no. 4780). Ebey's report was reprinted in House Journal, Appendix, pp. 5-7, from a different setting of type. Ebey was a member of the Legislative Assembly from Thurston County, where Maynard also resided, which became part of Washington Territory in 1853.

Or-Ar (serial no. 4779). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON. *Citizens.*

To the Honorable, the Legislative Assembly, of the Territory of Oregon: | The undersigned citizens of the County of Washington, in said territory, respectfully and earnestly request that | bill . . . supplementary [*sic*] to an act entitled, "An Act to provide for the selection | of places for the location and erection of the Public Buildings of the Territory of Oregon," may not become a | law . . . | . . . | Washington County, December 30th, 1852. [70a]

Broadside. 22 x 32.5 cm. Below text, sheet divided into 2 columns for signatures by center double vertical rule.

The petition concerns House Bill No. 40, 1852-53 session, which would have reopened

the question of the location of the penitentiary, located in Portland, Washington County, by the 1851 Location Act. One point stressed in the petition is that 'the whole "Location Law" has received the unanimous approval of the Congress of the United States.' See W. L. Adams, *Treason, Stratagems, and Spoils*, ed. G. N. Belknap (1968), p. 12. The legislative history of Bill No. 40 is too complicated for attention here. What survived after massive amendments reaffirmed the Portland location of the penitentiary. See 1852-53 session laws, pp. 31-34.

See no. 88a, below.

Or-Ar (serial no. 624). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1853

OREGON (*territory*). *Auditor*.

Report | of the Auditor of Public Accounts, made Dec. 12th, 1853. | [*rule*]
| To the Honorable the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon:
| [Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer.] [80a]

6? p. 16.8 x 22.5 cm. Caption title. The recorded copy consists of pp. [3]-6; as printed, the pamphlet probably had a title-page with blank verso.

100 copies ordered printed by House, 25 by Council (1853-54 House Journal, p. 21; Council Journal, p. 15).

Recorded as lost imprint in *Oregon Imprints*, no. L80a.

Or-Ar (following serial no. 9095). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Citizens*.

Petition. | [*thick-thin rule*] | To the Legislators of the Territory of Ore-
gon: | We, the undersigned, legal voters of the Territory, do petition
your Honorable Body to grant us a strin-|gent law for the utter suppress-
sion of the sale of all intoxicating liquors as a beverage. We respectfully
but | urgently pray for the enactment of such a law for the following |
Reasons: | . . . | [1853.] [80b]

Broadside. 20.1 x 30.7 cm. Below text: [*double rule*] | Names. Names. | [*wavy rule*]
Petitions were received by the Council on Jan. 6, 1854, by the House on Jan. 9. H. B.
70 emerged and was tabled after a second reading on Jan. 23 (1853-54 House Journal,
p. 129).

Or-Ar (serial no. 5470). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House*.

[House bills. Fourth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Asahel Bush,
Territorial Printer. 1853.] [84a-84c]

21.3 x 34.1 cm.

No. [8]. Amendatory to an act entitled an act directing the mode of proceeding [*sic*]
in chancery. 1 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 4404). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).
[84a]

No. 13. Providing for taking the sense of the people on the question of the formation
of a state government. 2 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 4413½). OrHi (microfilm). OrU
(microfilm). [84b]

No. 38. To amend an act entitled, an act authorising [*sic*] Sylvester Hall and John B. Hall to open . . . a wagon road from the eastern base of the Cascade Mountains to Philip Foster's. 1 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 4434). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [84c]

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

[House joint resolutions. Fourth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1853.]

21 x 34.2 cm.

No. 27. That our delegate in Congress . . . is instructed to use his influence . . . with the Congress of the United States, to procure an appropriation of three hundred thousand dollars, to construct a military road from "Olympia," on Puget's Sound . . . to some point on or about "Loose Lake," at the foot of the Blue Mountains . . . 1 p. On the recorded copy 'Loose' is changed to 'Goose' by pen and ink. 100 copies ordered printed Jan. 17, 1853 (House Journal, p. 108). Adopted Feb. 1 (House Journal, p. 198; Council Journal, p. 175). Or-Ar (serial no. 10293). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [84d]

OREGONIAN, *Portland, Oregon.*

Oregonian Newspaper and Job Printing Establishment, | Corner of First and Morrison Streets, Portland, Oregon Territory. | [*wavy rule*] | Book and job printing executed with neatness and dispatch. | [*wavy rule*] | . . . | Portland, [*blank*] 1853. | Mr. [*broken rule*] | To the Oregonian, Dr. | . . . [85d]

Form. 20 x 15 cm. Omitted lines before 'Portland, [*blank*] 1853.' in decorative border. During the early 1850s the Oregonian Office reprinted its billing form nearly every year, giving special attention to job-printing promotion, with variations of wording, arrangement, and elaborate typography to interest customers. See nos. 215g and 247a, below. See also no. 95d, below.

Or-Ar (serial no. 10169). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

PORTLAND, OREGON. *Citizens.*

Notic[e.] | [*thin-thick rule*] | The citizens of Portland a[re] [invited] | to meet at the School House | this evenin[g] | at 6 1-2 o'clock, to take into consideratio[n] [the expediency of] | applying to the Legislature for a new City [Charter.] | By request of man[y] [citizens.] | Portland, Jan. 15, 1853. [86a]

Broadside. 21.6? x 22.9 cm. The located copies are damaged, with loss of letters and words along the right side. The bracketed words are, to some extent, guesses.

The notice was probably delivered to selected citizens, principally Whigs. At the Jan. 15 meeting the text of a proposed charter was read and unanimously approved, though there was Democratic opposition when the proposal reached the Legislative Assembly. See Or-Ar collection, serial no. 4504, which includes a report of the meeting, copies of the printed notice, the text of the proposed charter, and opposition petitions (manuscript), all presented to the Assembly. The charter received legislative approval late in January, but with a provision that the mayor of Portland must submit it for a vote of

the people and that it must receive a two-thirds majority for final enactment. The vote was taken on Mar. 19, after notices were published in the Feb. 19, Feb. 26, and Mar. 12 *Oregonian*. The *Oregonian* gave the measure strong support in long editorials on Feb. 12 and Mar. 12, protesting only the requirement of a two-thirds majority. On Mar. 26 it reported overwhelming approval. The Democratic *Oregon Weekly Times* had reported the Assembly action briefly and on Feb. 12 had printed the text of the proposed charter but was editorially silent. Nothing about the question has been found in the *Oregon Statesman*; publication of the *Oregon Spectator* was suspended while the question was before the Assembly and the voters. A broadside edition of the charter was published after legislative action but perhaps before the popular vote (*Oregon Imprints*, no. 86).

Or-Ar (serial no. 4504). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

WASHINGTON COUNTY, OREGON. *Citizens.*

To the Honorable, the Legislature of the Territory of Oregon: | The undersigned, citizens of the County of Washington and territory aforesaid, | see with surprise a remonstrance to your Honorable Body requesting that a bill introduced | into the House, supplemental to an act entitled, "An act to provide for the selection of pla-|ces for the location and erection of public buildings of the Territory of Oregon," may | not become a law, and setting forth reasons therein which we deem to be utterly unfounded . . . | . . . | [1853.] [88a]

Broadside. 20 x 25.2 cm.

'We whose names are hereunto annexed (that appear on the remonstrance referred to) would say that we signed it hastily, under a misapprehension of its intent and meaning.' See no. 70a, above.

Or-Ar (serial no. 4517). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1854

DEMOCRATIC STANDARD, *Portland, Oregon.*

[*Wavy rule*] | Portland, [*broken rule*] 185 [*blank*] | M [*broken rule*] | To the Democratic Standard, Dr. | . . . | Rec'd payment. | [*broken rule*] Publisher. | [1854.] [95d]

Form. 21 x 8.8 cm.

Left of text in decorative border: 18 Democratic Standard 54 | Book and | Job Printing Establishment, | Front St., Portland. | A. Leland, Proprietor. | [*wavy rule*] | Every variety of | Printing | neatly and promptly executed. | [*wavy rule*] | Strict attention paid to orders. 'Democratic Standard' in arc; curved rule over '18' and over '54'.

A variant is from the same setting of type, with '54' changed to '55'. There are five copies of no. 95d in Or-Ar, all for charges against the territorial penitentiary, one with '54' (serial no. 5927), four with '55' (serial nos. 5852, 6487, 10183, 11495).

Or-Ar (see serial numbers above). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Citizens.*

To the Honorable the Council and House of Representatives, | of Oregon

Territory:— | The undersigned petitioners respectfully represent unto your Honorable Bodies | that they are informed . . . that the Clackamas River Bridge Company . . . | . . . has constructed | a bridge over the Clackamas river . . . | . . . | . . . Wherefore, your petitioners, | . . . | . . . respectfully pray your Honorable Bodies to establish a territo-|rial road from the northerly end of said bridge, on the most suitable and direct route, | to the territorial road "leading from Oregon City to Des Chutes river," aforesaid. | [1854.] [98b]

Broadside. 20.5 x 28 cm.

See act of Jan. 23, Special Laws, 1853-54 session, p. 71.

Or-Ar (serial no. 5466). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly*.

To [blank] | Secretary of the Territory of Oregon. | This is to certify, that the sum of [blank] dollars is due to | [blank] of the Council, being for [blank] days attendance at | the present session of the Legislative Assembly, from the fifth day of December, 1853, to the [blank] | [blank] day of [blank], 1854, both days inclusive, at [blank] dollars per | day, and mileage for [blank] miles traveled, which you will pay on this warrant. | President of the Council. | Attest: | [blank] | Chief Clerk. [102a]

Form. 20 x 34 cm. Receipt form at bottom of sheet.

There are two variants, from different settings of type, the second concerning compensation for House members in the 1853-54 session (Or-Ar, serial nos. 9956, 9899).

Similar forms, with the same variants, were also printed for the 1855-56 session (Or-Ar, serial nos. 11289, 11303) and the 1856-57 session (Or-Ar, serial no. 11245).

There were also printings, from different settings of type, with both years blank—for the 1854-55 session (Or-Ar, serial no. 11336), for the 1857-58 session (Or-Ar, serial nos. 11394, 11395).

Or-Ar (see serial nos. above). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. Council*.

[Council bills. Fifth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1854.] [102b-102d]

21 x 34 cm.

No. 55. To prevent the sale of ardent spirits to Indians. 2 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 6817). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [102b]

No. 64. To repeal the exclusive ferry privilege conferred on James B. Stephens. 2 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 6651). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). Lost in the Council on Jan. 25, 1854. On Jan. 26 H. B. No. [89], with identical text from same setting of type, was introduced in the House. With a few minor changes it passed in the House on Jan. 27 and in the Council on Jan. 28. See no. 104b, below; and see *Oregon Imprints*, no. 70. [102c]

No. [65]. To regulate the fees of certain officers and other persons. 12 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 6653). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [102d]

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

[House bills. Fifth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1854.]

19 x 21 cm. (?). The recorded copy of H. B. No. [89] is a paste-up of portions of two copies, with the top of p. [1] and the bottom of p. 2 torn off.

No. [89]. To repeal the exclusive ferry privilege conferred on James B. Stephens. 2 p.

See no. 102c, above. Or-Ar (serial no. 6028). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [104b]

OREGON (*territory*). *Penitentiary.*

[Poster concerning escaped convicts. Portland: Democratic Standard Office. 1854?] [L130c]

Clipping from Standard Office Apr. 4, 1855, invoice for printing 50 'small bills,' \$6.00, attached to Aug. 5 letter to the territorial auditor. Letter and attachment in Or-Ar have serial no. 11495.

1855

OREGON (*territory*). *Governor (George L. Curry).*

§ [blank] | Received, Corvallis, Oregon, [blank], 1855, of the Treasurer of the United | States, by the hand of Geo. L. Curry, Governor of Oregon, a draft on the Assistant Treasurer of the | United States, at New York. No. [blank] For [blank] in my favor. | Witnesses to signature. | [Corvallis: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer.] [153d]

Form. 19 x 30.3 cm.

This routine printed piece is of interest for two reasons: (1) it is an addition to the brief record of territorial printing in Corvallis during the brief 1855 Corvallis sojourn of the territorial government (see *Oregon Imprints*, no. 154); (2) *as printed*, the text was set four times for the production of four copies on a single sheet, which were later cut apart. The four settings show minor variations. The first, alone, has a comma after the blank in line 2 and a capitalized 'For' in line 4. The second has no comma and a lower-case 'for'. The third shares the special features of the second, but line 2 ends with 'United States'; in line 3 'Draft' is capitalized and the line ends with 'United'; and there is no period after 'No' in line 4. The fourth agrees with the second except that 'Draft' in line 3 is capitalized. Or-Ar has numerous used copies of the separated forms, doubtless about equally distributed among the variants. The piece as printed and recorded here is, of course, unused.

Or-Ar (serial no. 10795). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGONIAN, *Portland, Oregon.*

Oregonian Newspaper, Book and Job Printing Establishment, Portland, Oregon, Oregon Territory. | [rule] | All kinds of printing executed in a neat manner and on short notice. | [wavy rule] | . . . | [thick-thin rule] | Portland, [broken rule] 1855. | M [broken rule] [215g]

Form. 19.7 x 31.3 cm.

Three lines following line 2 provide subscription and advertising rates. See no. 85*d*, above.

Or-Ar (serial no. 11281). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1856

OREGON (*territory*). *Citizens*.

Memorial, to the Hon. the Legislative Council and House of Representatives | of Oregon Territory assembled: | The undersigned, citizens of Oregon, believing that the use of all intoxicating li-|quors, as a beverage, is not only unnecessary for persons in health, but absolutely injurious, and tends directly to pov-|erty and crime in the case of a great majority of all those who use them, they ask | . . . | [1856.] [233*b*]

Broadside. 18.9 x 30.4 cm.

Requests a law 'to prohibit all drugged, forged, or spurious liquors' and a referendum on 'the question of entire and total prohibition' at the next general election. Note at end of text: 'Please Circulate and obtain signatures -- and return to Hon. Geo. W. Brown, Salem, at an early day -- at latest by the 10th of January.'

Petitions received by the House on Jan. 6, 1857 (1856-57 House Journal, p. 58); H. B. No. 88, providing for a prohibition referendum, was introduced (*ibid.*, pp. 103-104) but seems to have died unnoticed.

Or-Ar (serial no. 7662). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Citizens*.

To the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon: | The petition of the undersigned legal voters of Oregon Territory respectfully repre-|sents: | That the mode now prescribed by law in this territory for obtaining license to retail | ardent spirits, subjects both the applicant for license and those opposed to its being grant-|ed, to a great amount of inconvenience . . . | . . . | [*double rule*] | [1856?] [233*c*]

Broadside. 18.7 x 30.5 cm.

Proposes that the question of the granting of liquor licenses be presented to the voters in each precinct in the territory at each general election 'and that the voice of the majority of those voting thereon shall be decisive for or against the granting of license in and for each precinct, for the year next ensuing after such general election.'

The petition was presented at the 1856-57 session of the territorial Legislative Assembly (see House Journal, p. 134). An identical petition, except for change of 'Territory' to 'State,' was presented at the 1860 first regular session of the state Legislative Assembly (*Oregon Imprints*, no. 504). The two petitions have the same typefaces and most line breaks are identical. No. 504 was certainly set from an edited copy of no. 233*c*. In its third paragraph, 'secretary of the Territory' becomes 'Secretary of the State,' with 'the' erroneously retained.

Or-Ar (serial no. 9122). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. Council.*

[Council bills. Seventh Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1856.]

19 x 30.2 cm.

- No. 3. [Original and printed copies burned with Capitol, and bill ordered re-printed.]
To amend "An act to provide for the public printing and distribution of the laws and journals.[]" 2 p. Line concerning Dec. 30, 1855, capitol fire printed in brackets. See no. 240*b*, below. Pen-and-ink revisions and deletions indicate that the located copy of no. 239*d* was a draft for printer's copy of the act in the 1855-56 session laws (*Oregon Imprints*, no. 239, pp. 63-64). No copy of the 1855 printing of C. B. No. 3 has been located. Or-Ar (serial no. 3810). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [239*d*]

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

[House bills. Seventh Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1856.] [240*b*-240*c*]

18.9 x 30.1 cm.

- No. 11. [Original and printed copies burned with Capitol, and bill ordered re-printed.]
To amend an act, entitled "An act relating to elections of Justices of Peace, and Constables, and to proceedings in Justices' Courts." 1 p. Line concerning Dec. 30, 1855, capitol fire printed in brackets. See no. 239*d*, above. No copy of the 1855 printing of H. B. No. 11 has been located. Or-Ar (serial no. 7253). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [240*b*]
- No. 29. Providing for the permanent location of the seat of government of Oregon Territory. 3 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 7959). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [240*c*]

OREGON (*territory*). *Penitentiary.*

Report | of the | Commissioners | for the | Erection of a Penitentiary, | at | Portland, Oregon. | [wavy rule] | In House—Dec. 15, 1856—Laid on the table, and 200 copies ordered printed. | [wavy rule] | Salem, Oregon: | Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. | 1856. [241*c*]

9 p. 17 x 24.5 cm.

Recorded as lost imprint in *Oregon Imprints*, no. L241*c*. Reprinted in 1856-57 House Journal, Appendix, pp. [51]-58, from different setting of type.
Or-Ar (serial nos. 9798, 12125). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGONIAN, *Portland, Oregon.*

[Thick-thin rule] | The Weekly Oregonian. | [wavy rule] | . . . | [thick-thin rule] | Portland, [broken rule] | 1856. | Mr [broken rule] | To the Weekly Oregonian, Dr. | . . . | Received payment, | [thin-thick rule] [247*a*]

Form. 19.3 x 10.5 cm.

Left of text, printed vertically in elaborate decorative border: The Oregonian | Book and Job Printing Establishment, | Portland, Oregon, | T. J. Dryer, Proprietor. | [short

broken rule] | Every variety of job printing executed in a | neat manner and on short notice.

See no. 85*d*, above.

Or-Ar (serial no. 8051). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1857

OREGON (*territory*). *Ladies resident*.

To the Honorable the Councilmen and Representatives of Oregon, in Legislative | Assembly met: | The subscribers, ladies resident in Oregon, respectfully represent . . . | . . . that the use of intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and especially as now publicly sold | and used by license of law, is a great evil to the good people of this territory . . . | . . . | We therefore, as wives, mothers, sisters and daughters . . . | . . . appeal to your honorable body as legislators and as men . . . | . . . to abate and remove this source | of crime and suffering. And your petitioners, as in duty bound, will ever pray, &c. | [*wavy rule*] | [1857?] [270*a*]

Broadside. 20 x 30.8 cm. Space below text divided into 2 columns for signatures by center vertical rule.

1856-57 House Journal, p. 85: 'Wednesday, January 14, 1857 . . . Mr. [T.J.] Dryer presented sundry petitions of citizens of Portland, and also, from the ladies of the same place, and also, of Joseph Pearl and others, on the subject of submitting the liquor traffic to a vote of the people.' Dryer, though he played political games with the temperance faction, was a notorious heavy drinker. His nickname in the *Oregon Statesman* was Toddy Jep. See *Papers of the Bibliographical Society of America* 66(1972):181-82. He was doubtless confident that there was no chance at all that he would be deprived of his tipple.

Or-Ar (serial no. 9595). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House*.

[House bills. Eighth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1857.] [274, 274*b*]

19 x 30.3 cm.

No. 32. To establish Montville Institute. 2 p. Opened at Washington Butte (now Lebanon) in 1857, closed in 1858. Sponsored by the Congregational Church. No. 274 in *Oregon Imprints* has been renumbered 274*a*. Later in the same session, a House bill was introduced to legally establish Corvallis Institute, a Baptist school that had opened in 1856. The sponsors of this bill, No. 68, did not bother to write their own measure but provided the House with an edited copy of the printed No. 32, changing by pen and ink only name and place and deleting 'No. 32.' This is the copy of H. B. No. 32 that has survived. There is, however, a manuscript copy of edited No. 68 in Or-Ar (serial no. 8567). Corvallis Institute closed in 1859. Concerning the two institutes, see H. Earl Pemberton, 'Early Colleges in Oregon,' *Oregon Historical Quarterly* 33(1932):230-31, 239; Clifford L. Constance, *Chro-*

- nology of Oregon Schools 1834-1958* (1960), pp. 48, 57. Or-Ar (serial no. 7733). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [274]
- No. 90. To incorporate the town of Corvallis. 4 p. (p. 3 misnumbered 4). Or-Ar (serial no. 7824). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [274b]

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

[House joint resolutions. Eighth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1857.]

19.7 x 30.4 cm.

- No. 10. Joint Resolutions. In House—Jan. 6, 1856 [i.e., 1857].—500 copies ordered to be printed, and made the special order of the day for Monday, January 12. Primarily a spirited defense of the motives and conduct of Oregon volunteers in the Rogue River Indian War. Addressed to the territorial delegate (Joseph Lane), the Secretary of War, and the President of the United States. Introduced by Delazon Smith. 2 p. Tabled in the House; see 1856-57 House Journal, pp. 60, 78. Or-Ar (serial nos. 7520, 9747). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [290a]

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

[House memorials. Eighth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1857.] [291a-291b]

18.5 x 30.1 cm.

- No. --. Memorial. To the Honorable the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress assembled: To establish a military road from Coos River to Scottsburg and Myrtle Creek road. 1 p. Jan. 1857. A number was never assigned to this memorial or to no. 291b, below. Or-Ar (serial no. 7545). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [291a]
- No. --. Memorial. To the President of the United States: For official survey of harbor of Coos Bay. 1 p. Jan. 1857. See no. 291a, above. Or-Ar (serial no. 7545). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [291b]

OREGON (*territory*). *Penitentiary.*

House.—Jan. 12—Laid on the table, and 100 copies ordered printed. | [rule] | Report | of the committee appointed to visit the Penitentiary. | [wavy rule] | [1857.] [292c]

3 p. 17.4 x 24 cm. Caption title.

Reprinted in 1856-57 House Journal, Appendix, pp. [61]-62, from different setting of type.

Recorded as lost imprint in *Oregon Imprints*, no. L272a.

Or-Ar (serial no. 12125). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Penitentiary.*

House.—Jan. 20—Laid on the table, and 200 copies ordered printed. | [rule] | Report | of the select committee to whom was referred sundry papers | relating to the Territorial Penitentiary. | [rule] | [1857.] [292d]

3 p. 17 x 24.6 cm. Caption title.

Reprinted from same type in 1856-57 House Journal, Appendix, pp. [105]-107.

Recorded as lost imprint in *Oregon Imprints*, no. L292a.

Or-Ar (serial no. 9722). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON (*territory*). *Penitentiary*.

Important to | County Commissioners, Contractors, | and others. | [*thick-*
thin rule] | The undersigned—by authority of an act of the late Legislative
Assembly—hereby | offers for sale the following-described property, to
wit: | Six Wrought-Iron Cell Doors, | . . . | Two Four-Fold Iron Doors,
| . . . | Written proposals for the purchase of the above will be received
until the first day of | August, next. Bidders must specify the number of
doors they will require, and the price per | pound. Address | Joseph Sloan,
| Superintendent of the Penitentiary, | Portland, Oregon. | Portland, May
20th, 1857. [292e]

[4] p., printed on first page only. 19.5 x 24.8 cm.

Sloan's 1857 annual report, dated Dec. 8, 1857, 1857-58 House Journal, Appendix, p. 26: 'I was authorized to "sell iron doors or other property belonging to the Penitentiary, ascertained to be useless," and for that purpose I caused to be printed and forwarded to the County Commissioners of every county in this and Washington Territories, circulars stating the weight, size and full description of the iron doors for sale, but as yet have received no written propositions for their purchase.'

Recorded as lost imprint in *Oregon Imprints*, no. L292d.

Or-Ar (serial no. 10836). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON. *Citizens*.

Petition | To the Convention for framing a State Constitution for Oregon
| [*short rule*] | The undersigned, legal voters of Oregon Territory, re-
spectfully represent to your | Honorable Body, that | . . . | We . . . pray
you to insert in the Constitution which you may frame, a clause | clearly
stating that it shall be constitutional for the Legislature, at any time, to
enact a | prohibitory liquor law, or to frame and submit such a law for
ratification by the people | of Oregon . . . | . . . | [*thick rule*] | [1857.]
[294d]

Broadside. 9.3 x 30.5 cm. Printed on ruled paper. Center vertical rule following text divides the sheet into 2 columns for signatures.

The text of the petition was reprinted in the July 18, 1857, *Oregonian*.

No such provision was included in the Constitution. See Charles H. Carey, *The Oregon Constitution* (1926), p. 34.

Or-Ar (serial no. 6783). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

OREGON. *Constitutional Convention*.

Y | Applegate [*dotted rule*] | Anderson [*dotted rule*] | Brattain, of Linn
[*dotted rule*] | . . . | [Salem: Asahel Bush, Printer to the Convention.
1857.] [298a]

Form. 6.4 x 32.2 cm.

Tally sheet for recording votes of members of the Constitutional Convention on issues before the convention. Numerous copies, all used, are in Or-Ar. In all cases, two copies of the sheet, as printed, have been pasted in parallel columns on a larger sheet, for the recording of Yea and Nay votes. The teller usually crossed out Y at the head of each column and wrote in 'Yeas' at the head of the first and 'Nays' at the head of the second.

Or-Ar (serial no. 7441½). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

STEAMER ENTERPRISE.

[*Wavy rule*] | [*broken rule*], 1857. | M [*broken rule*] | To Steamer Enterprise, Dr. | To freight on . . . [*broken rule*] | . . . | Received payment. | [*broken rule*] Clerk. | [*wavy rule*] [302a]

Form. 20 x 12.3 cm. Left of text, 'Enterprise' imbedded vertically in elaborate decoration.

The *Enterprise*, a sternwheeler, was built in the fall of 1855 for the Willamette River trade. See Lewis & Dryden, *Marine History of the Pacific Northwest* (1895), p. 56, where there is a picture of the ship.

Or-Ar (serial no. 11110). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

STEAMER EXPRESS.

[*Wavy rule*] | [*broken rule*] 1857. | M [*broken rule*] | To Steamer Express Dr. | To freight on [*broken rule*] | . . . | Received payment. | [*broken rule*] Clerk. | [*wavy rule*] [302b]

Form. 20 x 12.3 cm. Left of text, 'Express' printed vertically in decorative border.

The *Express* was launched at Oregon City in Dec. 1854 specifically for the Oregon City trade. It was the second sternwheeler built in Oregon. See Lewis & Dryden, *Marine History*, no. 302a, above, p. 51.

Or-Ar (serial no. 11110). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1858

OREGON (*territory*). *Penitentiary*.

Superintendent's Report. | [*rule*] | To the Honorable Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon: | [Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1858.] [397d]

12? p. 18.5 x 24 cm. Caption title. The located copy lacks a title leaf. That the pamphlet as printed was a 12-page production with a title page and blank verso is indicated by the fact that the located copy begins with p. [3] and that p. 9 has a signature P.R.—2.

On pp. [10]–12, Accompanying Report, dated Portland, Dec. 6, 1858, by Episcopal Bishop Thomas F. Scott, concerning religious services he had conducted at the penitentiary during 1858 on invitation by Joseph Sloan, the superintendent.

Recorded as lost imprint in *Oregon Imprints*, no. L397c.

Reprinted from same type in 1858–59 House Journal, Appendix, pp. [54]–63.

Or-Ar (serial no. 9793). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

1859

OREGON (*territory*). *Legislative Assembly. House.*

[House bills. Tenth Regular Session, Legislative Assembly. Salem: Asahel Bush, Territorial Printer. 1859?]

18.8 x 30 cm.

No. 36. Relating to roads and highways. Dec. 18, 1858. 13 p. Or-Ar (serial no. 11565). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm). [432b]

1864

OREGON. *Citizens.*

To the Honorable Members of the Congress of the United States and of the | Legislature of Oregon. | We, the undersigned citizens of [*broken rule*] county, Oregon, | hereby most respectfully call your attention to the military and national importance of | the proposed extension of the Pacific Railroad from Marysville, California, to the navi-|gable waters of the Columbia River, via the Sacramento and Willamette Valleys; . . . | . . . | [*thick-tbin rule*] | [1864.] [708a]

Broadside. 19.6 x 31.4 cm. Below thick-thin rule, sheet divided by center vertical rule into 2 columns for signatures.

' . . . and we most respectfully petition your honorable bodies for such legislation as will give to the companies proposing to construct this Railroad the same Government grants and aid as has been granted to the Central Pacific Railroad, and we will ever pray, etc.'

This printed petition, signed by citizens of Marion County, is one of many with the same plea from citizens of the several counties preserved in the provisional-territorial governments collection in Or-Ar; but the texts of all others in the collection are by pen and ink. Receipt of the Marion County petition is mentioned explicitly in the 1864 Oregon House Journal, p. 112: presented by 'Lewis Stout and twenty-one others.' Stout's signature leads the rest on the Or-Ar copy. Receipt of petitions from other counties is also noted in the 1864 House and Senate journals; in the Senate Journal, pp. 71-72, it is reported that the petitioners totaled about 1,000. The 1864 Legislative Assembly passed a law offering state aid (Special Laws, pp. 76-77) and the Senate a resolution requesting the secretary of state to submit the petitions to Oregon members of Congress (Senate Journal, p. 257). Concerning the federal response, see Bancroft, *History of Oregon*, 2(1888):696-97.

No. 708a and the pen-and-ink petitions are documents of the state of Oregon, in spite of the location of the recorded copies. There were beginnings of pressure for railroads in Oregon in the territorial period, but 'Central Pacific Railroad' in the text of all petitions and, on some pen-and-ink petitions, 'Legislature of the State of Oregon' led me to examine early journals and laws of the state. See also no. 698.

Or-Ar (serial no. 96). OrHi (microfilm). OrU (microfilm).

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