

lost on the Southerner.

The papers are discussing the propriety of again dividing the territory of Oregon, with the view of creating another new Territory.

The capital of the Territory has been removed from Salem to Covvallis, and the University from Covvallis to Jacksonvslle.

THE CASE OF BACKUS.—The *Eve. News* says that the examination of Backus, charged with killing Frederick Oldman *alias* Simon, was concluded on Wednesday last, and the prisoner committend to the county jail to await the action of the Grand Jury. In the evening a writ of *habeas corpus* was sued out of the Court of Sessions by the counsel of Mr. Backus, the petition on which the same was granted alleging that bail was improperly refused by the Recorder, and asking for the complete discharge of the accused, on the ground that the mittimus writ of commitment in the Recorder's Court specified no offense.

Thursday morning a trial on the writ of *habeas corpus* was had before Judge Freelon and his assistants, which, after a long argument by the opposing counsel, resulted in an order sustaining the decision of the Recorder. The prisoner was therefore remanded to jail.

INDIAN DIFFICULTIES.—From the *Yreka Herald* we learn that the Indians on the Klamath river, from Happy Camp to the ocean, a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles, including those in Trinity Valley, on the Bald Hills and Red Wood creek, numbering in all about one thousand warriors, have taken the war path against the whites, and unless aid is immediately extended, the Klamath river and Trinity valley must be entirely abandoned by the whites. The news published of the massacre of the whites is fully confirmed, as twelve of the missing bodies had been found. It is the opinion of old residents on the Klamath

river that the outbreak had been meditated for the past two years, during which time they had been collecting ammunition, provisions and fire arms.

MECHANICS' Fire Company No. 14, is the title chosen for a new fire engine and hose company in San Francisco. The *Evening News* says the Board of Assistants, on Tuesday night last, by a vote of seven to one, decided to admit it into the department.

EARTHQUAKE.—At Iowa Hill, on the 28th January, the shock of an earthquake was felt, and lasted about five minutes. The miners in the tunnels and shafts were considerably alarmed, and broke for higher ground as quickly as possible.

Gov. PEASE, of Texas, has published new proposals to build the Atlantic and Pacific railroad through that State, on the terms provided by the legislature.

WELLS, FARGO & Co. were first with the *Mountain Herald* and *Marysville Herald*, yesterday.

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