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Organic laws of Oregon (with proposed amendments)

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Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall for ever be encouraged. The utmost good faith shall always be observed towards the Indians, their lands and property shall never be taken from them without their consent, and in their property rights and liberty, they shall never be invaded or disturbed unless in just and lawful wars authorized by the representatives of the people. But laws founded in justice and humanity shall from time to time be made for preventing injustice being done to them and for preserving peace and friendship with them...

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Section 5th No person shall be deprived of the right of bearing arms in his own defense; no unreasonable searches or seizures shall be granted; the freedom of the press shall not be restrained; no person shall be twice tried for the same offence; nor the people deprived of the right of peaceably assembling and discussing any matter they may think proper nor shall the right of petition ever ~~xxx~~ be denied.

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...Done by the House of Representatives of Oregon Territory this 14th Day of August, 1845.

Adopted by the people at a general election held in Oregon the last Saturday in July A.D. 1845. Attest I.E. Long, secretary.



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In the Senate of the United States, July 22, 1846. Mr. Niles, from the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads reported the following bill; which was read and passed to a second reading.

A Bill

To provide for transporting the mail of the United States to Oregon.

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Sec. 2 And be it further enacted, That all letters conveyed to or from Chagres shall be charged with twenty cents postage; and all letters conveyed to or from Havana shall be subject to twelve and a half cents postage; and letters carried to or from Panama shall pay a postage of thirty cents; and letters to or from Astoria shall pay forty cents postage. The postage on all letters going from the United States to any of said places shall be prepaid.

Sec. 3 And be it further enacted that said contract shall provide for the purchase of said steamships on the part of the United States, at its option, agreeably to the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide for the transportation of the mail between the United States and foreign countries, and for other purposes," approved the third day

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