

# THE OREGON QUESTION.

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## LETTER I.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES.

“ Sir,

“The pugnacious Mr. Owen, whose warlike declarations on the subject of the ‘the Oregon’ you animadverted upon in your paper of the 20th, has, without doubt, truly represented the state of feeling among a very large proportion of the population of the United States, when he said: ‘We must have the valley of the Columbia—the Oregon is our land of promise—and England must and will take herself off.’

“Those sentiments are not, as you assume, confined to ‘half a dozen provincial newspapers, such as Americans only can edit, and to two or three squatting or freebooting mobs,