

## CIVILIZING FORCE.

The great power of the gospel lies in its transforming virtue. All things become new; the thief becomes honest, the liar speaks the truth, and the man who lived solely for himself, neglecting others, devotes all he is and has to the others, to the neglect, often, of his comfort and ease and—in many cases—of his health and temporal interests. When the gospel reaches the hearts of lazy, ignorant pagans whose life consists of little beside the supply of physical appetites and needs, it transforms them into industrious, energetic men and women, who become anxious at once to use their minds not only for the purpose of creating better material conditions for themselves and those about them, but in order to increase their knowledge of the intellectual and spiritual worlds into which the gospel lifts them. Hence the gospel is the greatest civilizing force on earth today.—The Indian's Friend.

## GATHERING FOR POTLATCH.

Lancaster Spencer of Toppenish states that he starts for The Dalles shortly to attend a big potlatch and races of many tribes of Indians. Immediately closing this grand pow wow the whole bunch, comprising representatives of the aboriginal race from various parts of the United States will assemble at Toppenish to hold their annual convention. Among the many tribes that will be present the Bannocks of Idaho and the Klamaths from Oregon will be in attendance. They have never visited this section before, and are reported to be a very interesting and intelligent class of "the true American." The convention will assemble at Toppenish soon after September 1.—Ex.

## MRS. JOSEPH BRIGGS.

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Mrs. Joseph Briggs, wife of one of the lifesaving crew here, died in Newport, August 14, after a brief illness. Mrs. Briggs gave birth to a daughter last week and her death soon followed. Mrs. Briggs, whose maiden name was Alice Saunders was considered the most beautiful woman of Indian blood on this Coast. She came of a fine Indian family, was a graduate of Chemawa Indian School and took a prominent part in every movement for the betterment of her race. She was 34 years of age at the time of her death, and had been married 13 years. Her daughter, Dorothy, died of pneumonia in California this last winter, and it is thought that this bereavement hastened her own death. Mrs. Briggs was buried Sunday in the wind-swept cemetery of her family situated on the height of Cape Foulweather.—Oregonian.

## LOCALS

Rena Mann left last week for Hood River, where she is visiting with friends.

Barnum and Bailey's mammoth circus was in Salem yesterday and quite a number of our people attended.

We are in receipt of a letter from John McCush, who is visiting at his home in Garberville, Calif. He states that his little party made the trip south on the steamer Roanoke and experienced nothing more sensational than sea sickness. At the time of writing John was making preparations to go on a hunting and fishing trip.