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News Summary.

Almond trees are blooming in Ashland. The Medford Journal has made its appearance. Peach trees are blossoming in the Umpqua valley. Measles are prevailing in different parts of Jackson county. Klamath county expects a large emigration in the spring. A wool growers' association effected organization at Heppner a few days ago. A saw mill with a capacity of 10,000 feet per day is being erected at Roseburg. Frank Beach, of Linkville, has purchased a half interest in the Lakeview Examiner. The saw and grist mills at Independence have shut down on account of high water. Of the 384 bills introduced in the last session of the legislature, only 105 passed. The experiment of raising tobacco has been tried in Linn county with good success. Judge Deady has been re-appointed a member of the Board of Regents for the State University. Hon. J. S. Herrin, of Ashland, last season put up 8,000 pounds of superior bacon and lard. Milwaukee made a million barrels of beer last year, and yet wont give over 12 1/2 cents a pound for hops. The railroad repair shops at Grant's Pass has been closed for the present, owing to trouble among employes. Sheepmen near North Powder, Union county, have been feeding their flocks since Dec. 16th, and will continue doing so until March 1st. A Marshfield lumberman predicts that in less than ten years all the lumber on the Pacific Coast will be carried on steamers constructed especially for that purpose. A Yamhill correspondent says: "Bunches of sound apples are lying on the ground in some of the orchards of this county, and yet we boast of a fifteen days' blizzard last winter. The bounty law cost the Territorial treasury nearly \$12,000 in 1884 for the scalps of wild animals. During the year there were killed 547 bears, 133 mountain lions, 5,410 wolves and 1,621 coyotes in Dakota. In the State of Oregon there are 463 post-offices; one office of the first class, one of the second class, thirteen of the third class, and 448 of the fourth class. There are fourteen presidential offices and sixty-two money-order offices. A correspondent of a Kentucky paper asks the editor why Christmas is celebrated, and in reply the editor expresses astonishment that anybody in this enlightened age should ask such a question, and then says it is in commemoration of the crucifixion of Christ. A missionary is needed in that locality. They are having abundance of rain in the Coeur d'Alene country, and as the snow is rapidly disappearing, the prospects for an early and prosperous mining season is extremely flattering. The miners feel perfectly satisfied that they will make as good a showing as any placer mining country in America. The location of the Indian school at Salem will result in putting something like \$15,000, more or less, into circulation there, used in the construction of the building, and \$25,000 or \$30,000 annually for the running expenses. It is intended by the secretary of the interior to make this a large school for the education of Indians from an extensive district. The peach growers of the country again announce that all the buds have been killed by the blizzards of the winter. We shall again be obliged to eat our peaches without buds. You can hardly tell the difference now. The peach buds have been regularly annihilated by the winters ever since the memory of the oldest inhabitant commenced to work. The State Agricultural Society is now assured of success, says the Salem Statesman. The Governor will soon appoint the necessary eight members of the Board on the part of the State. The society has already named as its four, A. J. Apperson of Clackamas, M. Wilkins of Lane, R. A. Irvin of Linn, and R. E. Bybee of Multnomah. A striking argument in favor of small farms is found in the following: "On Russian river, Cal., ten years ago, 100 acres of wheat land brought an annual profit of \$1,000 to the farmer owning the tract. He cut it into five-acre lots and sold it to hop and fruit-growers. Last year there was a profit of \$32,000, one acre realizing \$600 from plums. Eleven families are now supported on the 100 acres." The California and Oregon unearned land grant consists of 3,000,000 acres, principally in California. A resolution was recently introduced in the California Legislature requesting the representatives and instructing the senators in congress to vote for the forfeiture of unearned land grants. The resolution was adopted, after exempting by amendment the California and Oregon land grant. It was passing kind on the part of the California legislators to preserve the public domain in other States than their own. This is a case in which charity did not begin at home.

There are about 8000 bushels of wheat in the warehouse at Lebanon awaiting shipment, and some 10,000 bushels of oats. Most of the oats is still held by farmers, while the wheat is in the hands of the mill-men. The barn of G. W. Ebbert, about one mile east of Springfield, Lane county, was burned Thursday at 9 o'clock. It contained about 1,000 bushels of oats, 400 or 500 bushels of wheat, about 200 bushels of barley, ten to fifteen tons of hay, and all his farming utensils except a wagon and two saddles. There was but slight insurance and Mr. Ebbert's loss is a serious one. The Swain court-martial is finished at last. Brig. Gen. David A. Swain has been sentenced to twelve years suspension on half pay from rank and duty, and the President has approved the sentence. This will carry him past the time of his possible retirement from the army. The sentence was upon the charge of conduct to the prejudice of good order and military discipline. The last case of smallpox, which was developed some time ago at Baker City was that of a girl twelve or fourteen years of age. The case, like the one which preceded it, proved fatal, the girl dying in a few days. Every precaution was observed to prevent further spread of the disease by the authorities. The patient was isolated, and after her death every care was taken in the treatment of the body. No new cases have been developed, and the quarantine has been raised.—Vancouver Independent. The Salem Statesman says, The superintendent of the Indian school at Forest Grove has received instructions from the department at Washington to take possession of the ground north of this city, near the fair ground, which has been donated to the government for the purpose of constructing a building for the Indian school there. It is understood that a number of the male students will shortly be set to work clearing the ground preparatory to the work of construction. The work of construction of the building will probably be commenced with the opening of spring. The work of improving the Columbia has begun. There is a large lot of preliminary work necessary before the actual work of the jetty is begun. The magnitude of the undertaking makes it requisite that plans sufficient shall be built and collected, and nearly all the important parts of this preliminary work are now contracted for and building. It is probable that the appliances necessary to make ready for the work proper will absorb the \$100,000 appropriated, and if congress appropriates half a million before adjourning next Tuesday, considerable progress can be made. This summer will see a good deal done that is necessary to get in proper shape for getting at the real work of building the jetty.

Temperance Department. EDITED BY THE W. C. T. U. Many well-meaning people in our churches talk of the social problems of the day, bewail the sad state of things, theorize and speculate as to what ought to be done, but meanwhile do nothing, absolutely nothing, to improve them. Eliphaz, the Temanite, once asked concerning a wise man, "Should I be reason with unprofitable talk, or with speeches wherewith he can do no good?" The Apostle James also had such in mind when he said, "If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, and one of you say unto them, depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body, what doth it profit?" We need on all hands to press the oil adage "Deeds, not words alone." "Christianity," says Bishop Butler, "is to be very particularly regarded as a solemn trust deposited with us in behalf of mankind, as well as for our instruction. No one has a right to be called a Christian who doth not something in his station in discharge of this trust; who doth not something in keeping up the profession of Christianity where he lives." Are we not commissioned to "Go work in my vineyard." The field in which work needs to be done is the world. Survey its moral condition. "Darkness covers the earth and gross darkness the people." The dark places of the earth are full of the habitations of cruelty, drunkenness, stealing, cursing, lying, impurity and inhumanity of all kinds, abounds in our midst, where shall we go and find the hideous monster, evil? The voice of the Master who called to prophets of old, is calling to the Christian people to-day. "Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us." Who like him is ready to respond, "Here I am, send me." The age in which we live is one of activity. Satan is actively at work, his agents are all over the wide earth. Who are God's agents? What is the duty of Christians to-day? "Am I my brother's keeper?" It would be well for us to weigh this sentence well. If it is to be answered in the affirmative, what is your responsibility? what is mine? Without hesitation I call upon every Christian whose heart has been touched with the power of God to be up and doing; to begin at once to ask in the sanctuary of his own spirit, and with a deep sense of his own responsibility, the question, "Lord what wilt Thou have me to do?" For we all, even the least of us, may do something. God help us to find out what that something is and at once do it.

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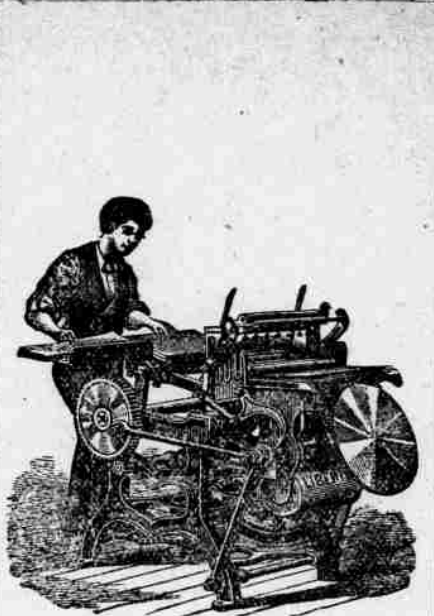
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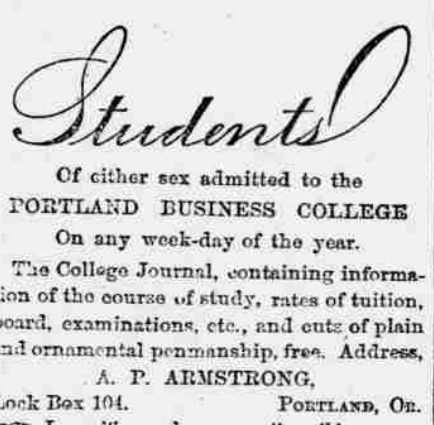
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