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News Summary.

Marshfield has 278 persons of school age. Messrs. Best & Althouse of Albany have started an ax-handle machine in connection with their agricultural works.

The school clerk in his annual report gave the number of school children in Ashland district as 613, showing a material increase in population within the year.

It is generally expected that the Oregon Southern Improvement company will run a railroad to the Coquille river this season to secure timber for their mill at Empire.

A reduction was made in the employees at the railroad shops at The Dalles, on the first of the month by which about sixty men are thrown out of employment.

The site for the new light house at the entrance of the harbor will be on the south side of the channel, on what is known as Point Robinson, and will consist of three or four acres, to be purchased of Glen Peterson.

Beallview, the new town near Central Point, Jackson county, now promises to loom up and soon put on city airs. The new warehouse will be commenced at once and several other improvements are in contemplation.

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The following is the business of the U. S. land office, at Roseburg, transacted during the month of February: 651 acres sold for cash; 22 homestead entries embracing 2788 acres; 7 final homestead entries covering 372 acres; 22 pre-emption filings and 1 timber application.

Linkville and vicinity claims to have made improvements during the year 1884 to the amount of \$20,000, and still, although the county seat of Klamath county, and not behind her sister towns in many enterprises, she cannot boast of a single sidewalk wide enough to accommodate two persons.

Mr. Ashby Pearce, ferryman at Albany, and M. Raney, in attempting to board the steamer Occident, at Albany, from a skiff last Friday, were thrown into the water by the capsizing of the skiff. A rope was thrown from the wharf by which Mr. Pearce was enabled to reach the shore in an exhausted condition.

The people of Washington county in general and Forest Grove in particular are displeased over the order for the removal of the Indian school to Salem. In fact, they claim that as Salem has the Capitol and Legislature, the insane asylum, the penitentiary and the State Fair, it is hogwash to gobble the Indian school too.

The recent Legislature declares that the following shall be legal holidays: Every Sunday, the first day of January, 22nd and 30th of May, 4th of July, 25th of December, every day on which an election is held throughout the State, and every day appointed by the President or Governor as a day of public thanksgiving, fast or holiday.

There arrived over the Northern Pacific in January at points west of Spokane Falls 361 immigrants, and January is the duldest month of the year. The Northern Pacific bureau of immigration have received since January first an average of 200 letters of inquiry per week, almost every one from persons who intend to go to Oregon or Washington before May 1st.

Lieut. Schwatka thinks the day is not far distant when a man may take a ride from Minneapolis to the mouth of the Yukon river in a Pullman sleeper. If it should be in the winter season he may pass over Behring's straits on the ice in the same sleeper, and thence extend his excursion to St. Petersburg.

There was received here yesterday several specimens of magnetic iron ore from the Gardfield mine in Jackson county. The mine is located at Gold Hill station, on the O. & C. road, very close to the railroad track. Assays show that the ore contains 63 per cent., and its richness may be understood when it is stated that 72 per cent. is the highest known.

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A French financier of some renown predicts that a few years hence the European continent will be nothing but casino for the white races of America, Africa and Australia. Agriculture in Europe is played out, he says, and her factory and mining industry will be similarly supplanted by the vast coal fields and infinite petroleum of Russia in Asia, and by the mineral wealth of America, China, Australia, and the still unexplored mountains of New Zealand.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 27, 1885.

Washington is rapidly filling up with visitors. Among them are notable who will see the inaugural ceremonies. The hotel proprietors are happy and unhappy at the same time. Happy because of the bright business outlook for next week, and unhappy because they cannot draw upon all outdoors to accommodate the thousands who are appealing for quarters.

The few days which now intervene before the 4th of March will be full of the busiest preparation for the pageant and ceremonies of that occasion. For a week past the streets have shown evidence of the coming in the decoration of the buildings with bunting and flags, and the wooden stands erected along the line of march from which spectators will view the parade.

Vice President Hendricks, and his party arrive last evening in a private car. They were met by a committee and escorted to their quarters at Willard's hotel. Mr. Cleveland will not come until the 3rd of March.

Some time ago word came that rich silver mines had been found on the Trask river, in Tillamook county. Now it is reported by private letter that rich gold diggings have been found. Good placer mines would start an old fashioned stampede down that way.

The topics on Capitol hill are Cleveland and the currency problems; a possible extra session, and the doubtful Cabinet. Gossip in regard to the latter takes no more definite form than it did two days past. At the eleventh hour Congress is trying to avoid an extra session by hard work and night sessions.

Democrats in pursuit of office are arriving here in large numbers. Every aspirant is armed with petitions and recommendations of various kinds. In the corridors of the Capitol they may be seen and smelled too.

The stage line from Drains to Scottsburg and the coast goes tri-weekly, with mails and passengers for Coos bay. And since the winter storms it is the only route to the coast for vehicles. On the other mail route pack animals are used.

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